

Limits on EDB should be stricter, Cuomo says

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Guidelines for EDB traces in food products should be five times lower than those recommended by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said yesterday in a letter to President Reagan.

Cuomo also called for a special panel from the National Academy of Sciences to make recommendations on EDB, or ethylene dibromide, standards to the president.

Cuomo said he would give Reagan 10 days to act on his request before ordering any "independent action" in New York state.

New York might order some food products pulled from store shelves by mid-February if the president doesn't follow Cuomo's spokesman for state Health Commissioner David Axelrod.

"We're extremely concerned about EDB," said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater, "but we haven't seen the (Cuomo) letter yet, so we can't respond."

In his letter to the president, Cuomo said that while the EPA's guidelines for EDB in foods were "a welcome governmental initiative," they "are deficient in adequately protecting the public from the mutagenic, carcinogenic and reproductive consequences" of the pesticide.

Cuomo also called on the national academy to recommend "actions to limit or suspend the use of EDB in leaded fuels."

The use of EDB as a grain fumigant — it helps prevent grain from rotting — was banned by the EPA on Feb. 3. Residues of EDB, which has been linked to cancer and reproductive disorders in laboratory animals, have been found in many food products. It is also used in leaded gasoline as a "lead scavenger" to reduce lead emissions.

On Feb. 3, the EPA recommended EDB residue guidelines for grain products which require looking before consumption — such as cake mixes and hot cereals — of 150 parts per billion. Axelrod said that level should be 30 ppb, according to Cuomo.

The EPA also called for a residue limit of 30 ppb for ready-to-eat grain products such as cold cereals, snack foods, bread and all baked goods. The New York officials said the limit should be 6 ppb.

Cuomo said he was delaying any further action by New York officials for at least 10 days "because I am concerned with the potential disruption of commerce and the ensuing chaos resulting from regulatory actions by individual states."

Several states — including Florida, California, Hawaii and Massachusetts — have already moved to force EDB tainted products off their grocery store shelves.

Graham key figure in Vatican decision

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — A spokesman for Billy Graham confirms that the evangelist played a behind-the-scenes role in President Reagan's decision to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Early in 1983, Graham was asked by the president and adviser William Clark to make informal, private inquiries among evangelical Protestant leaders about the likely response to such an action, said Donald Batly, media director for the Billy Graham Evangelical Association in Minneapolis.

He was interviewed by the Rochester Post-Bulletin for a copyright story.

"A number of leaders were consulted with the understanding their remarks would be confidential and would not be made public by Dr. Graham," Bailey said. "A summary of their views was provided to Mr. Clark."

Generally moderate evangelicals were described by Graham as presenting few problems, especially if the point were made that the Pope was being recognized as a political head and not in his religious capacity.

"I honestly don't know what I personally would recommend that the president do," Graham concluded his letter. But he said that the president "would need to cover his political bases" and bring into the picture "people who might cause him trouble."

Graham has had close relations with White House occupants since President Eisenhower. The evangelist and his wife, Ruth, have been overnight guests of several presidents.

Craft award upheld as judge denies retrial

By MARK PETERSON
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A federal judge refused yesterday to overturn a \$225,000 jury award to overturn a \$225,000 jury award to former anchorwoman Christine Craft, who claimed that she was fraudulently misled when a television station hired her.

In a two-page order, U.S. District Judge Joseph E. Stevens also denied a motion for a new trial.

Metromedia Inc., the former owner of KMBG-TV in Kansas City, had contended that jurors awarded Craft damages because they were prejudiced by widespread publicity. The motion also said Craft failed to prove her case, and any mental or

physical suffering was created by publicity she stirred up.

Stevens said that after reviewing the defendant's "87 allegations of error" in the second trial, which was moved from Kansas City to Joplin, Mo., with a sequestered jury, "the court finds no sufficient reason to disturb the verdict."

On Oct. 31, Stevens ordered a new trial on the fraud claim, ruling that Craft had not been the victim of sex discrimination, and let stand the equal-pay verdict.

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Craft filed suit against Metromedia after her demotion from the KMBG anchor desk in August 1981. She claimed her news director told her she was being dropped because

viewers found her too old and unattractive.

The Joplin trial was ordered by Stevens when he threw out a \$500,000 award given to Craft on her fraud claim by a six-member federal jury in Kansas City last summer.

That jury also found she was the victim of sex discrimination but not of violations of equal-pay laws.

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MacNeill responsible for strong aquatic program

By FELICIA ROSEN
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Most students go to the Natatorium to splash around in the pool. And most students don't realize as they turn over their identification cards and grab their towels, that high above them sits the office of a man who has been instrumental in building Penn State's aquatic program.

Aside from his numerous administrative duties, Lou MacNeill, 53, is probably most visible as head coach of the men's swimming team. But, he will not be visible much longer as he is ending his 19-year tenure at the University this June.

Over the years, MacNeill has been a dominant force in building McCoy Natatorium, developing an aquatic program and bringing intercollegiate swimming to the Penn State. Yet, he originally became involved in swimming as an afterthought.

"I was cut from the basketball team from Springfield College and asked to play with the junior varsity and I didn't want to do that," MacNeill said. "So, I went out for a lot of

sports. I was on the gym team for a while. I threw the hammer in the spring. And finally, I was looking at those idiot swimmers going back and forth, back and forth in the pool."

And so MacNeill's swimming career was launched. He graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts with a bachelor of science degree in Health and Physical Education and 49-career seconds off his swimming times. From there, MacNeill traveled to the University of Missouri to receive his Masters in Education. And in 1965, MacNeill joined the Penn State staff.

"Penn State wrote me a letter and asked me if I was interested in a job. I didn't know much about Penn State," MacNeill said. "So I wrote back saying 'I'm happy where I am.' They were shocked because there were 330 people applying for this job. They wondered why this one guy didn't want it."

"So they came down and talked to me. And then they invited me up here to take a look around. Then they offered me a job. They tripled my salary, so what was I supposed

to do. I came up here in 1965."

His job is formally titled Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education, Director of Aquatics and men's swim coach.

"Fifty percent of my duties was director of aquatics and 40 percent would be teaching the site instruction program and an intercollegiate program wasn't even mentioned. There probably wouldn't be a team. Now, it has come around that it's 50 percent administrative, 40 percent teaching and 30 percent coaching," he said.

That adds up to 120 percent — surely more than any man could give to his job and still remain sane.

MacNeill's achievements begin with nine awards of recognition, three books, 10 magazine articles, research in biomechanical studies in aquatic areas, six conventional presentations, 28 years of public swimming service, 14 years of academic swimming service and 24 years of participating in the swimming bureaucracy.

He has determinedly raised Penn State from having no reputation in aquatics, and no facilities, to having one of the best programs in the country. But, lately that program has been stifled to a halt.

For all the endeavors MacNeill has accomplished, there are still unfulfilled dreams. He leaves with many hopes for the Penn State aquatic program as several projects lost to administrative injustices have finally squelched his enthusiasm.

"It was the end of the era of building things. And then we went through an era of cut down things, save money and not go through with the plans you have," he said. "I became more and more — for want of a better name — a victim of the program. When you run out of money, my attitude was, shut the door of the Natatorium and let it go."

As to centralizing the aquatic personnel, he said the other portion of the aquatic program, such as synchronized swimming, should be based in the Natatorium because it will lead to a more comprehensive program.

Also, he feels that Penn State does not have enough funds to serve the students and athletes. "We are in dire need of water. Most universities

have pools, like Ohio State, have about six pools and recreation swim for students and faculty all day long," MacNeill said.

"But here, we have recreational swim at night. Students crowd in here and the faculty crowd in here. Now to alleviate the situation, we could cover the outdoor pool in the winter time. We'd have all that much more water."

Also, charging students for the use of Natatorium facilities was a shock to MacNeill's thinking. He will program often that "the pools are there to service the students" and the dollar charge is wrong.

But, as he stares out the office windows down at the men's team practicing, one cannot help but think that his heart lies with the 25 guys swimming back and forth, back and forth.

"We've got a great base now on the varsity swim team because it took us 19 years, growing a little more each year," he said.

In MacNeill's time, the team has lived through some highs and lows, with the greatest pinnacle to hopefully be accomplished this year. For

the first time, the Lions will be the favorites going into Atlantic 10 Championships. Every year has been a tenacious climb to this peak. And the coach hopes to leave in this moment of glory.

Looking back, MacNeill became coach of the team under the premise that it was there for the few participants and that swimming would not be a highly regarded team sport by the University administration.

For a few years, the team was content with the fact that they existed. And then came some funding and recognition. Consequently, MacNeill made one of the few mistakes that he'll admit to.

"When we started to get scholarships, I made a bad mistake. I went after the top swimmer regardless of his personality, regardless of reliability, regardless of how hard he wanted to work. These were prima donna type swimmers. They were great athletes — terrible personalities," he said.

After these athletes left the team, the only way to get back on course was rebuilding through hard-nosed determination.

"We came in second at Easterns last year and declared the most outstanding performing team on the campus and deservedly so," MacNeill said. "There's no rhyme or reason why a team that's not financed should take second at Easterns standings."

"This year the team is better. They have last year's experience. They're all together. They help each other. It's very rare that anyone misses practice anymore. There's never been a team like this one," he proudly said.

And in closing, for the rare joy of 19 years of hassles, accomplishments, lectures and ornery swimmers, MacNeill concluded with two things.

In retrospect, he said, "It's been a great 19 years, no doubt about that." And for all philosophical swimmers, he leaves a poem:

*Be good my friend and let who can, be clever.
Do noble things and not dream there all day long.
And so make life, death and that vast forever, one grand sweet sorrow.*

Photo by Randy Kenyon

Nittany Lion Mike Bolner slides through the water during a breaststroke event against Temple in action earlier this year. Bolner and his teammates will host Bucknell tonight at the McCoy Natatorium.

Photo by Randy Kenyon

Swimmers take on Bucknell tonight

The men's swimming and diving team will try to add its sixth win to the record when it takes on Bucknell at 7 p.m. tonight in McCoy Natatorium.

The challenge of winning the ninth meet should be easy because the coaches from both schools plan on leaving their swimmers compete in different events.

Already this season, Bucknell has won a big meet against Drexel in Philadelphia and, according to Penn State Head Coach Lou MacNeill, is looking past the Penn State competition.

"We're planning on swimming right through us," MacNeill said. "We're going to forget about the score and just swim people around."

While the Lions may be competing for fun, the meet should be exciting from the spectator point of view. Because the swimmers will be competing in off events,

the races will be closer and finishes more spectacular.

"With no pressure, the meets are more relaxed," said freshman Lion Mike Bolner. "And with our tough meets coming up it's nice to relax now. There's a lot more energy and enthusiasm in practices and they're more fun."

Bolner has something to be excited about in contributing his first points to a Penn State winning effort Saturday against Temple.

The Pittsburgh native placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke event, thereby gaining his first ever intercollegiate three-point placing.

So for the tough challenges yet to arise in this season, tonight's meet should be a confidence builder for the Lions.

— by Felicia Rosen

Optimism makes swimwomen a successful tradition

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Before 1964, no women's varsity sports existed at Penn State. Whatever competition existed was perpetrated through clubs. It wasn't until 1964, that Penn State women's sports hit the intercollegiate level. And overnight, clubs with advisors became varsity teams. But, the birth of the women's varsity swim team still remained six more years down the road.

The women's swimming team, now in its 14th year with the University, was one of the last club sports raised to varsity status with only track and volleyball behind it.

"The sports club program was really booming," said Della Durant, Penn State assistant athletic director. "And no longer did the participants want an informal scrim-

mage with local colleges. They wanted a set schedule. They wanted officials and they wanted more formal competition as we know it today."

Since the women's swim team entered national competition, it has amassed an impressive record. Since 1970, the Lady Lions have always placed in the top five at regional competition and within the top 40 in national competition.

Former Women's Swimming Head Coach Ellen Perry is one person instrumental in bringing the Lady Lions their reputation for excellence. By instilling a dream into her swimmers, 10 years ago, she forced the program to strive for that excellence. In her 12 seasons as coach, she accumulated a 99-28 record.

"The women's swimming program had a very fine and strong start under the leadership of Ellen Perry," Durant said. "She built a fine program and had an excellent record."

And this tradition continues — as the biggest story concerning the team is in the making right now.

What exactly makes this year's team different? Perry thinks that essentially swimmers are the same but as the sport became more established at the University, the female swimming athlete became more dedicated to her sport. And that was only to the Lady Lions' benefit.

"Women athletes put as much time into their training and preparation as the guys have over the years," Perry said. "These kids reflect a tremendous amount of time placed onto their sport."

"By virtue of that, they're a little zany and they have a good time," she said. "If I were to typify most of the swimmers we've had here over the years, I'd say they are interesting people and they know how to have a good time."

For the last three years, the Lady Lions have been under the orchestration of Bob Krimmel. Under his guidance, Penn State did something last year it has never done before. It captured first place at the Eastern Championships.

"Under his leadership, they've gone even farther and been more successful," he said. "Our first win over the Easterns and taking more swimmers last year than we ever had before to Nationals," Durant said.

But, it Krimmel led his swimmers to a first accomplishment, he still sees the need for new challenges and changes in the women's swimming circuit.

Because of the recent merger of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, budgets have been cut and the oblique angle of women's swimming is being forced to merge into the men's swimming format.

As of next year, women's swimming has lost the 50-yard backstroke, butterfly

and breaststroke events and the 100-yard individual medley. And Krimmel thinks that next, the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard freestyle events might be hoisted.

"Women's swimming has lost a great deal of its excitement," Krimmel said. "It's on the verge of losing the aspects that make it vibrant and different."

"Everyone welcomed the NCAA. They thought it was great that the NCAA was taking over women's sports," he said. "And in many cases it has been. The publicity is better, transportation to and from NCAA Championships — it saves a great deal of money."

"I realize that" the coach continued. "But, on the other hand the NCAA is chopping down the women's program, cutting out events in women's programs as unnecessary. And the real rational is that the men

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