

Rap session:

OTIS event to strengthen town-gown relations

By TIM EYSTER
Collegian Staff Writer

The use of building codes and Community Development Block Grant funds to improve rental housing in State College will be among the topics discussed tomorrow at the Organization for Town Independent Students' 11th annual Town Day, the event's chairman said Monday.

Cheryl Olmstead and Bob Thompson said in addition to the discussion of those topics, invited guests also will speak about the best methods to increase communication and avoid conflict among all members of the community.

Also, speakers will examine the strengths and weaknesses of the student as a community member.

Olmstead said about 100 people have been invited to the event, being held at the Sheraton Penn State, 240 S. Pugh St. The program begins at 1 p.m., following a luncheon at 11:30.

The event is held annually in an effort to improve town-gown communications and relations, she said.

Among the invited guests are local government officials, student leaders, business representatives, home owners association members, landlords, University administrators, faculty and staff members.

Thompson said Mark Foley, a member of OTIS and the State College rental housing advisory committee, will lead the discussion on area housing codes and CDBG funds.

Leading the discussion on methods of managing

conflicts will be Raymond Studer, head of the University's department of environmental design in the College of Human Development.

State College Mayor Arnold Addison will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the student as a community member, Thompson said.

By meeting in a comfortable atmosphere, students will be aided in communicating with other community members and University administrators, Thompson said.

"Sitting down in a relaxed atmosphere and talking informally with the community members and University administrators helps us to get to know them better and opens up communicative channels," he said.

Hearing set for University exam theft case

By MIKE KINNEY
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A preliminary hearing is scheduled this morning for the University student charged with the theft of two electrical engineering exams.

David E. Schmidt (senior-nuclear engineering), 707 Stuart Hall, will be brought before District Magistrate Keith Beery at 9 a.m. in the Centre County Court House in Bellefonte.

Schmidt has been charged with theft of trade secrets, theft by unlaw-

ful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property, possessing instruments of crime (lock picks), possession of marijuana with intent to manufacture or deliver.

According to a police report, Schmidt was arrested after police searched his room April 5. The police then confiscated the exams, lock picks, wiretapping equipment, approximately 60 grams of marijuana, Schmidt in different bags, and records indicating Schmidt was dealing

in marijuana.

The police report said the exams were stolen from Room 110 of the Electrical Engineering Building, The EE369 and EE367 exams are the property of the University. The report alleges that Schmidt did enter, remove and sell the exams to another student.

In the report, a description of the events leading up to the arrest indicates that four other students were expelled if the charges are substantiated.

Schmidt, 21, from Acton, Mass., is being held at Centre County Jail in lieu of \$40,000 bond.

Conference to take a close look at labor

By ROBERT P. KING
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Employee concessions and labor's role in politics are among the issues to be discussed at tomorrow's conference sponsored by the Penn State Labor Studies Club, the club president said.

Michael Singer (senior-labor studies) said the 14th annual Student-Trade Union Conference will feature speeches and workshops by representatives of labor, industry and law. All interested students and faculty members are invited to attend the conference from 10 a.m. to 4:45 in the HUB.

The speeches will be given in the morning in 301 HUB and will cover topics such as the role of labor in Walter Mondale's presidential campaign and employee concessions in contract negotiations, Singer said.

Workshop topics will be "organizing service sector employees," "what impact are management consultants having on labor relations?" and "Employee takeover of business," Singer said.

Because each workshop will be given twice, Singer said participants will be able to attend any two of them.

A registration desk in 301 HUB will post the agenda throughout the day, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Ronald L. Filippelli, head of the labor studies department, said the purpose of the conference is to promote "cross fertilization" among trade unionists and interested faculty members and students.

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The keynote speaker will be Jane Slaughter, a union activist and labor journalist who became

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New plan hopes to strengthen Eastern baseball

By RON LEONARDI
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There is a time in the near future when Penn State Baseball Coach Shorty Stoner would like nothing better than to see his team play its schedule from April through June — and possibly July — in the midst of a new and healthy environment.

His thinking goes further. Penn State baseball, after years of playing second fiddle to dominant Southern and Western teams in all areas of the sport — success, recruiting, financial aid and scheduling — would finally be hitting the spotlight.

before the 13-member National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball committee in January when the American Baseball Coaches Association holds its annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

The proposal would effect all divisions with participation optional, and could, if passed, give Eastern teams a legitimate shot at a championship, something which isn't the case at the moment.

"You won't see Penn State or any other Northern team win the college baseball world series because we are at such a severe disadvantage with the way the structure is set up now," Stoner said.

"We're at a severe disadvantage getting the top northern players. They all go south or west and are enticed with financial support, a larger schedule, an earlier starting time for their season and the warm weather. And we are not getting the financial support because of all these disadvantages.

"If the proposal goes through, Northern teams would have better chance at equalizing the situation."

Fulmer, under the current system, coaches cannot approach athletic directors and lobby for support arguing that the sport has excellent fan interest because it doesn't.

"The point is to find out what the majority of schools feel," Lucas said. "It sounds like such a great idea. I would see little reason why we (administration) wouldn't be in favor of it."

"I will discuss Shorty's position with the administration, weigh the plus and minus and that which pertains to finances, but right now, there appears to be a seven percent benefit coming from the proposal."

Under the proposal, Newman ad-



Lion Brian Brown slides safely into home yesterday against Duquesne. The baseball team took two from the Dukes, which put it over .500 for the season.

vocates, based on the 1984 calendar year, a 83-day season (an NCAA rule would require mandatory length) running from March 24-June 14, which would allow sufficient time for a 60-game slate. The NCAA Regional Tournament would be played June 21-24 and the college world series could begin June 30th.

By recommending this measure, Newman agrees with Stoner's reasoning as their prime argument against such a move.

According to the proposal, schools

could budget dollars from their spring trip, which would no longer be necessary, and put toward financing their summer stay.

Stoner remains optimistic, but admits change will not happen overnight.

"We must get it going now so we won't put it off forever," he said. "It should have been in place already."

Stoner has become heavily involved in this reasoning as their prime argument against such a move.

What the whole issue comes down to, according to Stoner, is this: "Baseball is a summer sport, a warm weather sport, so let's get back to playing it when it should be going."

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Lions take 2 from Duquesne

By MARK ASHENFELTER
Collegian Sports Writer

The baseball team went from one extreme to another in its double-header against Duquesne yesterday, but still managed to escape with a sweep over the visiting Dukes.

In the opener the Lions breezed to a 12-2 win behind the four-hit pitching of Mike Bellaman and the hitting of Bob Perks, who drove home two runs with a pair of doubles.

The nightcap, however, was a different story as the bats fell silent against the Dukes' Trace Bocan, until the Lions rallied over the final two innings to come away with a 5-4 victory.

With the victories the Lions improved their record to 8-7 and increased their Atlantic 10 Conference slate to 5-1. Entering the afternoon the Lions were a half game behind West Virginia for the lead in the conference's Western Division.

Penn State Head Coach Shorty Stoner said after game one he was pleased with his squad's offensive explosion.

"The nice thing about the game is that we are hitting well," Stoner said during intermission. "I was also

pleased that Mike settled down after the third inning and that we gave everybody a chance to play."

Duquesne tied the game in the third inning thanks to two unearned runs and a few bad pitches by Bellaman, who couldn't get his slider over. From that point on, though, Bellaman was perfect, retiring the side in order over the final four innings on his way to an eight-strikeout performance.

Despite winning the first game easily Stoner was worried that his club would have a letdown at the plate sooner or later — it came sooner than even he expected as the Lions managed only seven hits in the nightcap. Only a strong performance by freshman hurler Mike Farr kept the Lions in the hunt.

Farr struck out 10 Dukes during the course of the afternoon, but hurt himself with six free passes which allowed the visitors to strand eight men on the base paths despite managing just five hits.

The Dukes were held in check until the fifth when three singles, a walk, a wild pitch and an error gave the visitors at 4-2 lead.

The Lions pulled within one after the sixth and then managed to score two in the bottom of the seventh to come away with the win that pushed the club over the .500 mark.



Lion Head Coach Shorty Stoner gives instructions during Monday's game with Duquesne. Stoner supports a proposal which could move the baseball season back to allow Eastern and Midwestern schools to become more competitive on a national scale.

Pitchers pouring on victories for the softball team

By CHRIS RAYMOND
Collegian Sports Writer

"They claim that that's the pitchers' ball because it's a little softer," Smith said.

The Diamond is also more difficult to hold on to than the Dudley.

"If it (the Diamond) gets wet it doesn't travel as fast," Smith said. "And if the surface gets wet it's a little harder to hang on to."

Many teams keep only a couple of pitchers on their rosters because there is no NCAA rule limiting the number of innings or games that a pitcher can pitch. Penn State, however, has seven pitchers on its roster, five freshmen and two seniors.

Smith said the team usually gets only one or two freshmen a year. She attributes the increase in the number of pitchers recruited to the loss of one key player.

"With the graduation of Brenda (Frey) last year we were really looking for pitchers this year," Smith said. "When they're all healthy it gives us a chance to rotate them around," she said.

The young pitchers have definitely benefited from being placed into the lineup so quickly.

Freshman Beth Devlin, who has seen a lot of action on the mound this spring, said she has become more of a finesse pitcher since joining the Penn State team.

"My style has changed a lot in the last year," she said. "When I was in high school I was an overbearing pitcher and I didn't throw a lot of junk. But now I've been put into a situation where we have a good defense, so I've become more of a spot-pitcher. I can use more pitches."

Aileen Polanis said she has noticed an improvement in her pitching style as well.

"In high school I just mainly threw fastballs, sliders and risers and stuff like that."

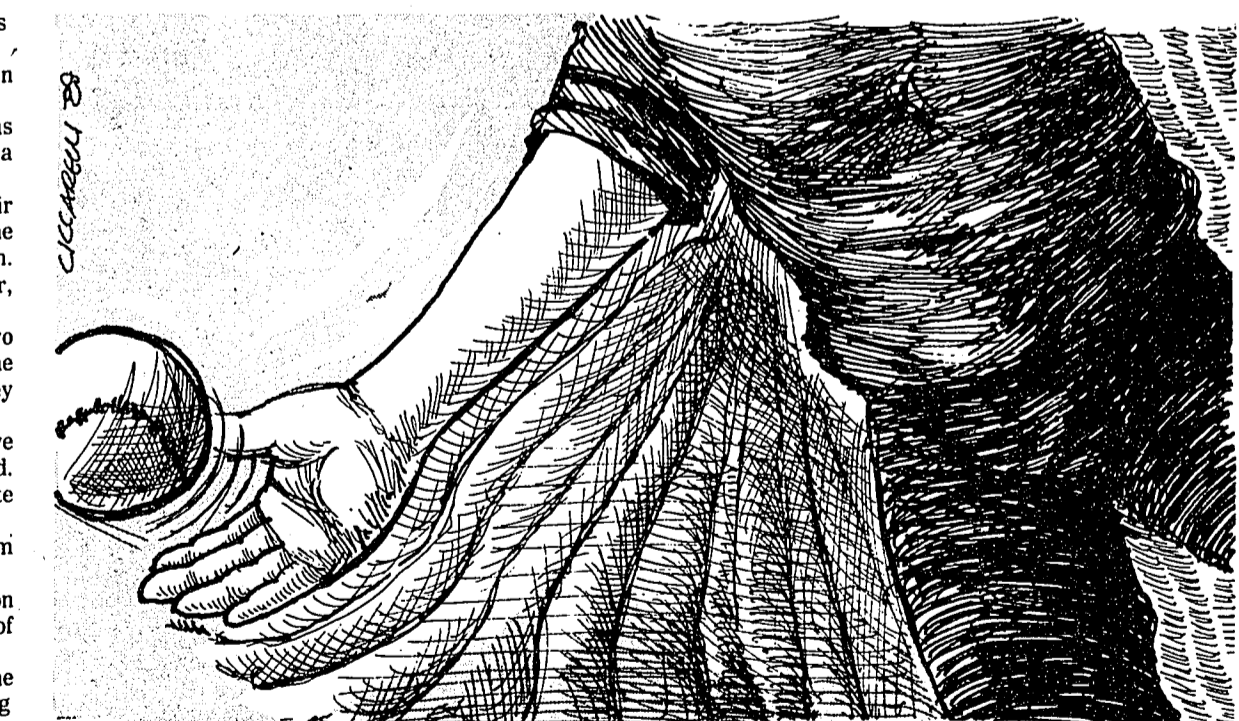
She even expects to improve her style a lot more.

Head Coach Sue Rankin admitted she had her doubts at the beginning of the season with a large freshman staff, but said those doubts had been laid to rest.

The young pitchers continue to produce impressive stats and often in pressure situations. The team has an earned run average of 1.06. This is largely because of excellent performances by Devlin and Polanis, as well as fellow freshmen Lynne Gardner and Judy Landis.

"The Diamond just doesn't seem to travel in the air as well as the Dudley," Smith said.

She said pitchers prefer the Diamond.



Softball team wins 2 at Ithaca

By CHRIS RAYMOND
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Despite having to juggle positions as a result of injuries to catchers Gayle Costolo and Lori Frey, the softball team took a double-header yesterday from Ithaca by scores of 7-2 and 1-0.

Co-Captain Geri Sava said the team responded to the changes by pulling together and turning in an excellent performance.

"We played flawless ball," Sava

said. "We didn't make any mistakes."

She also said the two losses suffered at the hands of the University of Virginia had a lot to do with the Lady Lions' play.

"Coming off of two losses, we were hungry," Sava said. "We wanted to win more."

Co-Captain Michele Turk said she was pleased with the team's performance.

"I think we played well overall," she said. "We hit the ball well, we played excellent defensively, and we had good pitching."

She said the wins were very important to the University of Virginia had a lot to do with the Lady Lions' play.

"I think it was a must win situation. Ithaca was a Division III team, because a loss would have hurt us more than two wins would have helped us."

Pitchers Beth Devlin and Aileen Polanis did not allow an earned run between them in picking up the wins.

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