Residence halls celebrate spring

Spring week turnouts have been large in 3 dorm areas, representatives report

Collegian Staff Writer Turnouts for "spring weeks" being held in three residence hall areas this week have been large, student government representatives from each area have reported. Students in North, East and Pollock/Nittany Residence Halls are celebrating spring by participating in the special activities planned for them by their area governments. Halls Residence Association, described the turnout for North Week

Tami Mohney, president of North so far as excellent. The event began on April 7 and will end April 14. The prestigious annual Emperor of the North contest is off to a good start with 15 aspiring blue-bloods seeking the royal throne, she said. Mohney said the contest is composed of 69 events, each with different point values. The participant contest, which is open only to North are planned with the highest number of points will win the contest, she said. However, the road to the coveted crown is not an easy one. Mohney said a sampling of events includes "swimming" in the HUB Fishbowl and making "fishfaces" at the peo- war; the first round of the "roomple there; sitting in front the Penn mate game," which is similar to the ident Kori Staudt said 56 of a total of State Bookstore on campus and

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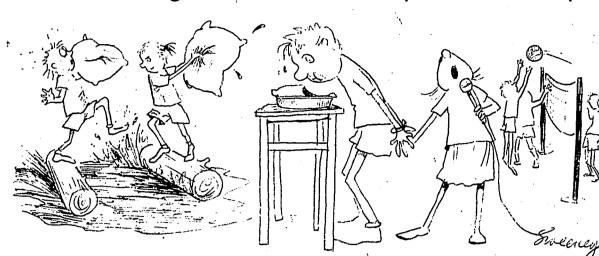
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airplane up the mall. Halls residents. The victor will be announced between 10 and 10:30 p.m. April 14 at Zeta Psi, 225 E.

Events held for North week so far include a water balloon toss; tug-of-"Newlywed Game;" a blood mobile hands and knees up the mall on contest; a dance; and a relay race campus; buying an ice cream cone called "college capers." and smashing it against their fore- An all-day concert will be held

BCS, The Deacons, Bookends and enter the Emperor of the North wrestling contest and midnight jog

pete in a pie-eating contest and the the "Daily Grind" and a talent show

60 houses in East Halls are particibarking like a dog; crawling on competition; a basketball shooting pating in activities. The houses are competing against one another in the events, she said East Halls kicked off its spring

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Mohney said students may still Vitamin Z. In addition, a wrist- house, a pie-eating contest, ice skating and a talent show. Tonight, residents will take advantage of the nice weather with a water balloon toss and all-night

> day. The final volleyball games will be played on Sunday. In Pollock/Nittany residence hall area, activities began April 7 with a

their noses and then flying like an ball courts. Bands for the event are events have been an all-day concert, an ice cream social, a coffee-

> game." On Saturday, a game called will struggle against one another in a tug-of-war in the Findley Quad. Volleyball preliminaries and an obstacle course game called "Late for a Date" will be held on Satur-

> > "We are not doing anything that is

Proposed appeal to ICC may OK bus fare increase

hound Bus Lines' proposed rate in- decide the case. crease, Pennsylvania may still see its

peal to the Interstate Commerce Commission next week which, if passed, would raise the company's state fares 15 percent. The increase, which would give the company an additional \$1.2 million in

PUC on March 16 on grounds that the company had not proven the need for "The PUC believes the company's the firm is saving money from recent wage cuts and from the dropping of unprofitable routes," John Frazier,

information spokesman for the PUC, Greyhound, however, still believes its increase is legal and reasonable and will propose the same rate increase to the ICC.

Leslie White, director of public relations for Greyhound, said the Bus Regulation Reform Act, passed by Congress in 1982, allows companies to raise their intrastate fares to the level of their interstate fares.

raise its Pennsylvania fare to the level of the out-of-state fares." White said Greyhound will submit

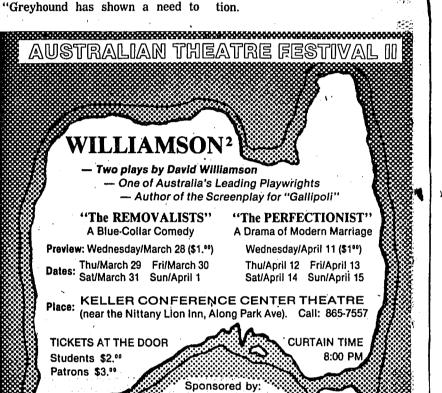
Although White could not predict whether the ICC would overturn the Greyhound plans to submit an ap- PUC's ruling, she said the ICC over-

> turned a substantial number of cases not allowed a rate increase and the

Frazier said the controversy over

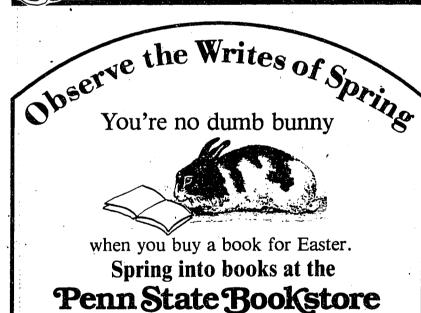
Greyhound disagreed with Christianson and filed exceptions which stated the judge's errors in his recommendation, Frazier said.

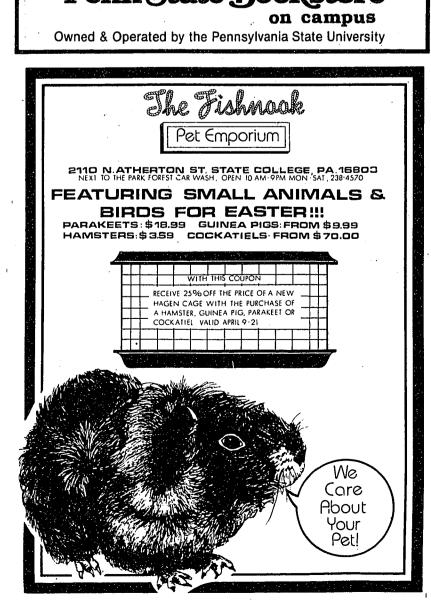
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Plastic cash cannot replace the real thing, prof says

By TANJA KOR Collegian Staff Writer

The concept of an American "cashless society" that became popular with the in-Although the Pennsylvania Public the proposal to the ICC next week and ception of credit cards could not become Utilities Commission rejected Grey- the Commission will have 60 days to reality because too many transactions require currency, a University assistant professor of finance said recently. "Credit cards could replace currency only

> turned similar cases in Arkansas and Robert Longwell, assistant counsel to the PUC, said the ICC has over-

annual revenue, was rejected by the common carrier has appealed, the ICC has allowed the rate increase to go through," Longwell said. "The current revenue is sufficient because ICC consistently overturns the state's

> Greyhound's proposal began in Feb. ruary when PUC Administrative Law Judge Robert A. Christianson recommended the PUC reject the rate increase because the company had not proven the need for additional reve-

When the PUC reviewed the case on not reasonable, especially given the March 16, the Commission decided to symbol, is neither a standard of measurement nor a store of value. Because not every person in the country can possess a credit card, it could never replace cash, he

and the cost accepted by the buyer.

cannot be carried out with credit cards. Vora said credit cards could not replace currency because the cards do not perform

fall the functions currency performs. "Credit cards are essentially a line of credit," Vora said. "The company has to be persuaded of your credit worthiness. The medium of transaction is the credit, not the

if every transaction can be completed with a

credit card," Gautam Vora said, citing

vending machines, lending and many small

purchases as examples of transactions that

In addition, Vora said that while currency has only an opportunity cost, the credit card has two costs; the cost accepted by the user "The store accepting the credit card has to pay 3 to 7 percent of the transaction to the

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credit card company," he said. Therefore, Lee said that while credit cards did not

legally impose service charges to credit

"The law forbidding the service charge has expired," he said. "So at the moment, store owners can charge lower prices to

Vora added that the card, because it is a the cards if the law is not reinstated, Vora "It is proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the public wants to control its own account and that's only possible through

checks." David B. Lee, president of Peoples National Bank, 117 S. Allen St., said. "It was thought that credit cards would alleviate the problem of paperwork," he said, "but the cashless and checkless society has not progressed like people thought it

many small businesses do not accept credit become as universally accepted as was once thought, automated tellers have become much more popular than expected. "Younger people seem to prefer automated tellers," he said. "Twenty-five percent of our transactions are done on the automa-

> Lee said there is currently no charge for using an automated teller but a charge may

costs of educating the public - we don't want to scare them off." he said. of economics, agreed that credit cards have not completely replaced currency because

period," Herendeen added. However, he said credit cards will be used

only thing that may replace credit cards are "People will use cash cards instead of writing checks," Herendeen said. "A com- have neither increased nor decreased since

nmediately check your account in State said he will continue the cash-only policy.

cent used combinations of earnings, and public four-year institutions rely

"Travelers use a lot of credit cards because outside their local community they can't cash a personal check," he said. "The

completed with a credit "The credit card owners must face the danger of paying 20 percent interest if they -Gautam Vora, University

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Atta Walk, owner of Walk's Arco station. 535 University Drive, said she has not accepted credit cards in two years and "busi-

Randall Edwards, employee of the Skat Oil Co., 2146 E. College Ave., said that sales puter in, say, San Francisco will be able to he stopped taking credit cards. Edwards

Survey shows most students use aid to pay tuition

By ANITA J. KATZ Collegian Staff Writer

Among 1980 high school graduates in 1981-82, 75 percent used some form forms and presumably relied on their financed their postsecondary educa- four percent of the students used only of financial assistance to pay for their parents to fund their education, the tion formed the basis for the center's earnings, and an additional 56 per-A survey conducted by the National

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pay for education costs. Twenty-six study were collected from a sample roll said. percent used combinations of two of high school seniors in spring 1980. According to the survey, earnings forms, and 37 percent used only one. Questionnaires completed by the were the major part of student contri-Only 25 percent used none of the same students in 1982 about how they butions to education costs. Twenty- than one source of funds tends to

NCES is a federal agency that loans and grants, to finance their on multiple sources of aid than do Center for Educational Statistics longitudinal studies branch, said the "generates the numbers used by poli-education. (NCES) reports that 11 percent of the survey was one of several studies cy analysts, educational analysts,

aid — earnings, grants and loans — to Carroll said base-year data for the not involved in policy decisions, Car-ment and work-study programs and

"Earnings," as considered by the and public junior colleges, the survey students used three forms of financial based on the same group of students. researchers and academics," but is survey, include wages from employ-

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