Eatery offers wide choice of new culinary creations

By TIM EYSTER
Collegian Staff Writer

Although one cannot munch on its outside walls, there is still plenty of food and drink to be found inside the Gingerbread Man, a restaurant that opened during the summer.

Located at 130 Hiester St., the Gingerbread Man offers more than 100 varieties of sandwiches, quiches, omelets, salads, dinners, soups and desserts, and features Greek, Mexican, Italian and deli-style meals, said owner John Cocolin.

The business also sells five different types of draft beer plus a wide variety of domestic and imported beers and mixed drinks, including several house specialties, he said.

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Susan Denny, waitress at the Gingerbread Man

Snacks available at the Gingerbread Man include french fries with cheese, onion rings, sausage and honey, french bread pizza, fried mozzarella cheese, potato skins and an assorted raw vegetable platter called a "munchy-crunchy," he said.

Happy hours, when drinks can be purchased at half price, are from 3 to 7 p.m. daily, Cocolin said.

The Gingerbread Man also offers domestic drafts at half price on Tuesdays and Thursdays, he added.

Daily luncheon and dinner specials will be offered soon, he said.

The Gingerbread Man is decorated in California garden style with an abundance of plants, glass and brass.

Susan Denny (junior-communications and business), a waitress at the restaurant, said the atmosphere adds to the restaurant's appeal.

"As soon as (customers) walk in they can really get a feel for the atmosphere of the restaurant. It's casual, but there's something elegant about it," she said.

Customer reaction to the business, which opened July 12, seemed positive.

Sara Ray (sophomore-chemistry), who was visiting the establishment for the first time, said she enjoyed her meal and the atmosphere, which she described as relaxed and pleasant.

The Gingerbread Man offers a wider variety of foods than other restaurants, Ray added.

State College residents Gerry Johnson and Nancy Ghaner also said the business had a very good variety of food and an attractive interior.

The Gingerbread Man is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and food can be purchased from 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

In addition to the State College location, there are four Gingerbread Man establishments in the Harrisburg area.

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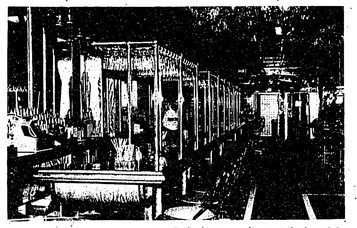

Bartender Dwane Doppelheuer (senior-Prelaw) arranges items at the bar of the Gingerbread Man, State College's newest eatery and night spot.

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● The Penn State Cycling Club will meet at 8 tonight in 308 Willard.

● Eco-Action will meet at 8 tonight in 225 HUB.

● The Gymnastics Club will meet at 7 tonight in 106 White Building.

● The Penn State Flying Lions will sponsor a film on soaring at 7:30 tonight in 216 Hammond.

● The University Concert Committee will meet at 6:30 tonight in 217 Willard. New members are welcome.

● The Microcomputer Information and Support Center will sponsor Intel Vendor Day from 1 to 4 today in 101 Computer Building.

● The Student Counselors will hold a study skills workshop at 4 today in 319 HUB.

● Pattee will hold orientation tours for graduate students at 10, 2 and 4 today.

● The HUB Craft Center will sponsor an open house from 7:30 to 9:30 tonight in 312 HUB.

● The Indoor Winter Guard Association will meet at 6:30 tonight in the lobby of White Building.

● The Block and Bridle Club will sponsor a faculty-student mixer for all students interested in livestock and farming at 6:30 tonight in the HUB Main Lounge.

● Kappa Phi, Christian service sorority will meet at 6:30 tonight in the suite of the Wesley Foundation Building, 256 E. College Ave.

● Registration for the Sept. 29 LSAT Test ends today. Students interested in taking the test can pick up up an LSAT packet in 107 Burrowes Building.

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USEC to hear USG strategy

By STEVE WILSON
Collegian Staff Writer

Undergraduate Student Government President Adam Levinson will present USG's plan to help the University get more state appropriations at tonight's University Student Executive Committee meeting.

The "three-pronged attack" involves lobbying state legislators in Harrisburg and holding a student voter registration and turnout drive to make the student vote more influential, said Levinson, who is also the USEC president.

USEC voted to support the lobbying effort and registration drive over the summer, and tonight's report will update USEC and students on the plan, Levinson said. USEC is not expected to take any official action tonight.

The meeting will be held 6:30 tonight in 307 HUB.

In other business, USEC will discuss how to nominate responsible students who will serve as representatives on three University committees, Levinson said.

USEC will nominate four students to the Presidents Committee for Planning and Budget (the University will determine which two of the four will sit on the committee). USEC will also nominate four students to the Discrimination Appeals Board and one junior to the Commencement Planning Committee.

In addition, USEC will nominate two students to the President's Strategic Planning Committee because Shelly Phillips, the sole undergraduate on the committee, resigned, Levinson said. The University will choose which of the two students will sit on the committee, he added.

All interested students may attend the USEC meeting.

Herman flexes campaign muscles

By PATTI DIACONT
Collegian Staff Writer

State Rep. Lynn Herman, R-Centre, said keeping in close contact with his constituents in the 77th district will be an important part of his campaign for re-election in November.

"I am going to run a very active and aggressive race, regardless of what my opponents do," he said, emphasizing that he has spent much of his time visiting the district and has attended as many public functions as possible.

Herman, 27, of Philipsburg, will be running against Democratic candidate Annabelle Wenzke and Consumer party candidate Tom Ortenberg, both of State College.

Herman said his main goal, if re-elected, is to serve his constituents "as I have in the past."

Herman, a member of the state House education committee, added that his most important accomplishments are his efforts to increase appropriations to the University and to keep Lincoln University, in Oxford, Pa., from becoming a land grant university similar to Penn State.

"I have worked very hard to thwart that decision because I think Penn State should deserve singular status," he pointed out.

A bill that would have made Lincoln University a land grant insititution would have taken funds away from Penn State, he said. The bill did not pass the state House of Representatives when it was introduced in 1983.

"I believe my strongest assets are that I have been visiting constituents in my district, including the HUB at the University," he said. "I feel these meetings (at the HUB) are important in order to be accessible to students and the employees of the University."

Besides serving on the state House education committee, Herman is a member of the professional licensure committee.

He received bachelor degrees in political science and history from the University of Pittsburgh. He also completed a masters program in public administration in 1980 at Pitt.

The 77th district includes the boroughs of State College, Philipsburg, South Philipsburg and Port Matilda, and Ferguson, Halfmoon, Huston, Rush, Taylor and Worth townships. The district also includes the Clearfield County boroughs of Chester Hill and Osceola.

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State Rep. Lynn Herman

Bikers beware of Fraser Road

Students who are tempted to ride their bicycles the wrong way down Fraser Road or to run the stop signs at its intersection with Pollock Road had better beware.

University police are cracking down on violators at Fraser Road, a one-way street connecting Pollock Road to Curtin Road, by issuing University tickets with a $5 fine per violation, said Stewart Neff, a University Police Services supervisor.

"It seems that a lot of people aren't aware that a bike is a vehicle and must abide by the vehicle code," Neff said.

Fraser Road is a high violation area, and it would be easy for an accident to occur there, especially if the area is congested with cars and pedestrians, he said.

The crackdown is basically a safety factor, Neff said.

The police have issued about 25 tickets per day since Tuesday, he said. Neff noted that by law, violators could be given a $42 state citation that would put points on the drivers' licenses and would have to be paid at the district magistrate's office.

The officers also check to see if the bicycles they stop are registered for the current year, he said. Failure to register a bicycle results in a $5 fine.

Neff said people may register their bicycles for free Monday through Friday at information booths on campus. To register, students need their identification cards and bicycles, he said.

University police will begin cracking down next week on students who have not registered their bicycles, Neff added.

Ellyn Pleming (senior-marketing) is one student who received a ticket yesterday.

"I won't do it again, I learned my lesson. We're supposed to obey laws just like cars," she said.

Neff said students should pay their fines at the University Parking Office in 125 Grange.

—by Kim Bower

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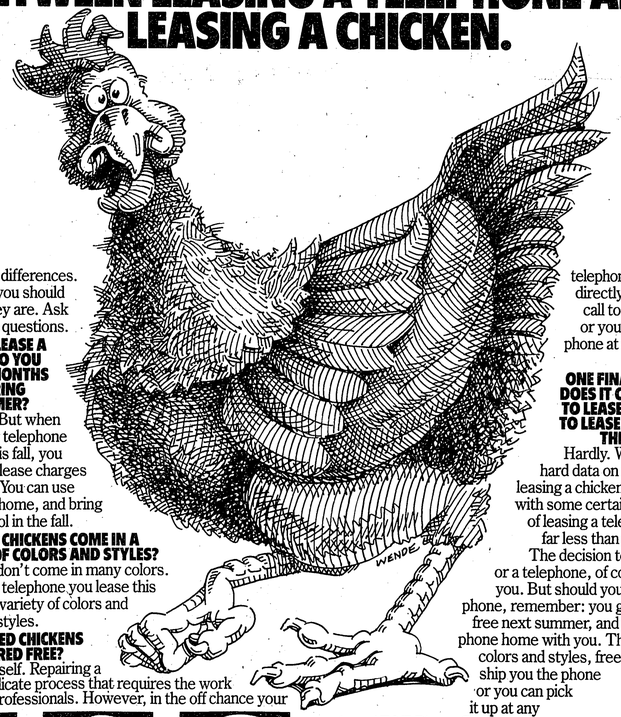

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