

Power cut will affect east campus

Electricity will be turned off in several buildings on the east side of campus for two one-hour periods next week while an old power line is removed, the director of maintenance and operations said.

George Schimmel said, "We're turning the power off so we can disconnect an overhead line that is no longer used."

The electrical interruptions are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

The power outage will affect a number of lab and research buildings, utility plants and traffic signals on the east side of campus as well as Graduate Circle, Schimmel said.

People affected by the interruption have been notified, Schimmel said. "All the people involved have to agree to the times," he said. "This is not something we can casually go out and do without notifying anybody."

Among the buildings affected are the Meats Lab, the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Porter Road Sewage Pumping Station, the Forestry Research Lab and the Academic Activities Building. The traffic signal at University Drive and Hastings Road will also be affected.

—by Gregg Bortz

Specter will host forum in Kern Building

Students will have the opportunity to discuss issues ranging from Pennsylvania's economic problems to world peace during a public forum Monday sponsored by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter.

Specter, R-Pa., will meet at 2 p.m. in the Kern Graduate Center Auditorium and will address any topic of concern to his constituents.

"As your United States Senator, my greatest priority is keeping abreast of your needs and concerns — knowing your feelings about the issues that most immediately represent you in our nation's capitol," Specter said in a press release. —by Jeanette Krebs

Vietnam vets found homecoming difficult

By JILL GRAHAM
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Vietnam veterans experienced more problems adjusting to civilian life than soldiers who fought in World War II or the Korean War because of differences in the wars and in the veterans' homecomings, said a former Vietnam soldier who specializes in treating the problems of Vietnam veterans.

Jed Pendorf, head of the Readjustment Counseling for Vietnam Veterans in Centre County, spoke to an audience last night about his work in treating Vietnam Delayed Stress Syndrome in an informal workshop sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

Statistics show many Vietnam veterans have serious problems adjusting to normal life in society, Pendorf said, adding that more Vietnam veterans have committed suicide to date than were actually killed in the war.

Between 30 and 40 percent of all people in jail today are Vietnam veterans and of those that were married, 38 percent were divorced within six months of returning home, he said. Veterans also have alarmingly high rates of alcoholism, drug addiction and unemployment.

Pendorf said many of these problems are characteristics of Vietnam Delayed Stress Syndrome, or post-traumatic stress disorder. The disorder results from traumatic experiences such as combat that are outside the normal range of human experience, and involves ongoing chronic anxiety and feelings of anger, depression, alienation and repression, he said.

The main cause of this problem, Pendorf said, was differences between Vietnam and previous wars.

Because of changes in draft laws, the soldiers were younger than ever before — the average age was about 19, he said. At that age, people's personality and identity are just beginning to crystallize and they are ill-equipped to deal with the high levels of stress associated with combat.

Once in Vietnam, they fought a highly controversial war for a purpose they knew very little about.

They were fighting an "invisible enemy" because of the increased use of guerrilla warfare, Pendorf said this put the men under constant anxiety and stress.

In other wars, Pendorf said, men stayed with the same group of soldiers throughout training and combat, but Vietnam was a very mobile war because of increased aircraft technology. Soldiers were often split up and flown to fight in different areas almost daily, resulting in very low morale, he said.

During World War II, it usually took the soldiers between 30 and 50 days to get home by steamer ship. This time provided a needed period of transition for the men to get close and diffuse their feelings.

In Vietnam, Pendorf said, the jet made it possible for a soldier to be home in 16 hours.

"So 48 hours after a soldier was in an ambush, he could be back home eating dinner with Mom and Dad," Pendorf said.

When the veterans came home, Pendorf said, they were strongly divided over the war. Previously, veterans were celebrated war heroes, but people now saw the veteran as either a killer or a loser.

Veterans also had to deal with the negative publicity from the press.

"This was the first war Americans could watch while eating supper," Pendorf said.

Although delayed stress syndrome is very far-reaching and complex, Pendorf said it can be treated. Pendorf said he experienced all the symptoms of the disorder.

Pendorf said he believes group discussions where veterans talk to veterans is the best treatment of the disorder because the men trust each other and are more willing to confide in each other.

He said the high incidence of officers being killed by their own troops shows that these men would not be very responsive to an authority figure in therapy.

He also stressed that the therapy takes time, adding that one of his patients has been in his discussion group for two years.

'Wipeout benefit' held at bar

By DIANE D. DIPIERO
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The cause might not have been as important as that of Live-Aid or Farm-Aid, yet supporters filled the Scorpion last Tuesday night. They were there to raise money for an unofficial pastime that in their opinion had been seriously wronged last year.

That pastime is the West College Wipeout, an annual concert organized by students residing on the west side of State College — a territory that stretches west from Atherton and north from Beaver Avenue to the White Golf Course. Every year the neighbors who, whether by common soil or common interest treat each other more like blood relatives chip in for beer and bands and have a "big block party," as fellow resident Sequoia described it.

Sequoia said that last spring at the 11th Annual West College Wipeout, some people didn't pay until the bash was underway. Police officers who had been monitoring the scene assumed that the group was selling beer without a license. Now, another popular story says that the public was being charged for entertainment and refreshments, but that is unimportant here. The bottom line is that the West College gang was slapped with

fines and court fees totaling \$400. Thus the reason for Tuesday's benefit: All proceeds went toward defraying the cost of the legal entanglements.

And so the devotees flocked to the Scorpion. They wore tie-dyed shirts and faded blue jeans. Bandanas were awkwardly tied around the long straight hair of men and women. They danced to every song; their style was a mindless (and spineless) combination of those of Jerry Lee Lewis, Mick Jagger and REM's Michael Stipe. Heads, arms and hips moved determinedly to the music. Certainly the girl sitting next to me at the bar had to be treated for whiplash the next morning.

To outsiders it seemed kind of funny. A young man sporting a Mack truck hat took in the scene: "It's a regular multi-mania show," he said. "It's like a bunch of '60's drop-outs," another guy at the bar remarked. Some people just didn't know what to make of these self-proclaimed artsy individuals. But it didn't matter. Once the entertainment started, all the people were united as lovers of music.

The evening's success was due in part to the high-powered bands that performed. Some people who had never been to the West College Wipeout had come to hear Space Goop

or the Screaming Ducks. Everyone was enthralled with the sounds of Random Draw. As psychedelic lights flashed behind the band, the audience obviously danced away.

The highlight of the evening, though, came at the very beginning. Filers laying on the bar told of a new area band: Queen Bee and the Hornet Band. Why bring an inexperienced band to a fund-raising performance? Though this was the group's first gig in a bar and in front of an audience, it did an outstanding job. The crowd immediately picked up on the band's spicy jazz sound; they had fallen in love with lead singer Tonya Brown's sultry voice when she was only halfway through "House of the Rising Sun." Queen Bee set the stage for an evening of non-stop enjoyment.

Sequoia said that the benefit cleared \$500. The residents' dream is to become a campus-affiliated organization; then, they could advertise their parties on campus billboards and draw even bigger crowds at their shindigs. Yes, a 12th Annual West College Wipeout is almost guaranteed for the spring of '86. Sequoia said that if they have to, they'll make an exodus to the top of a mountain as they did last year. And though they'd rather it didn't happen again, they'd be ready for another benefit concert next fall.

TA training gets bad grade

By W.T. HOLLAND
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The problem is not with teacher assistants, but with TA training, said the president of the Graduate Student Association in his report on TAs training to the University Student Executive Council last night.

Brian DeBuono said GSA is currently working with the Undergraduate Student Government's division of Academic Assembly to look into the structure and quality of instruction received by teaching assistants.

The two groups are proposing the formation of a student committee which will attempt to develop a standard, well-structured program of teacher assistance training and to "redirect the University into the financial aspects of the issue," Del Buono said.

In 1981, the University Faculty Senate passed legislation requiring TAs to receive training in classroom, laboratory and recitation instruction.

In Spring Semester of 1984, GSA issued a survey to TAs to investigate the status of teacher assistance training.

DeBuono said the survey, which received a 38 percent response rate, found that among graduate teaching assistants about 72 percent of University graduate TAs reported they were unaware of a program to prepare them in teacher training.

In addition 65 percent said their department offers a course (the 602 Supervised Experience in College Teaching) but only a third of them

reported they were required by their department to take it. Of those, 84 percent said the teacher training allowed them to meet their needs as graduate teaching assistants.

Del Buono added that at the time, the University Instructional Development Program was not publicized enough. The UID provides instructional assistance for TAs and professors who desire or are asked to improve their teaching procedures.

In other USEC action, co-Chairman of the University's alcohol task force, M. Lee Upratt reported that the deadline for student feedback will be extended for two weeks until Oct. 24 in order to give task force members time to prepare a workable policy before University President Bryce Jordan.



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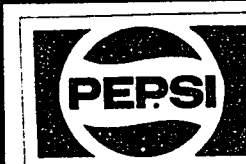
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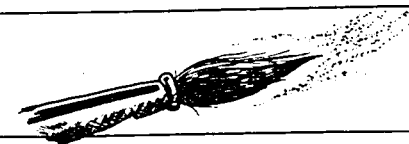
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