DER holds local public hearing

Hazardous waste proposal gets favorable response

By ALEXANDER SOAST Collegian Science Writer

A draft of the Pennsylvania haz-tion, she said. ardous waste facilities plan was met with favorable public reaction, to "do more, follow up with more with a record of good handling of said the state Department of Envi-stringent regulations," Hofman waste should be encouraged to acronmental Resources manager of hazardous waste planning.

"We've had a really good reac-retary of the Office of Policy for the tion (to the plan)," Bridget Hof- Department of Environmental Reman said at a formal public sources, said that another common hearing held yesterday by the En- concern was updating the plan, vironmental Quality Board at the making information more current Holiday Inn Penn State, 1450. S. when necessary. Atherton St.

"I think overall everyone sup- conservation committee of the Juports the plan as — if as nothing niata Valley Audubon Society, subelse - a first effort to scope out the mitted testimony at the hearing problem and define some options saying she had reservations about (for handling the waste)," she the plan.

Hazardous waste is anything to do something about hazardous classified as flammable, overly waste," she said later in an interignitable, reactive, corrosive or view, but added the planning is toxic such as sludges and acidic only short-term. and toxic wastes, Hofman said.

tions coordinator for the DER, said search as a reality. the draft states the need for waste
The technical assistance pro- Power, said she is concerned that disposal facilities and suggests gram (TAP) outlined in the draft is no incentives exist to cut the

After getting public reaction, the assistants are not obligated to reacted. Hofman said the draft also as-

waste in the state.

metric tons of hazardous waste, the added.

David Hess, deputy director sec-

Paula Ford, chairman of the

"We're glad the state is planning

The report does not recommend Radioactive material does not doing research because it would be household wastes in addition to fall under the definition of hazard- a long-term investment and not worth the money, Ford said. The Daniel Spadoni, community rela- state should accept long-term re- Johnsrud, the director of the Envi-

good but vague, she said. Technical

Pennsylvania generates 5 million not out to get the generators, she

fourth highest amount in the namore on-site handling of the wastes One common public concern was by those who generate it. Those cept outside waste for a fee, she

> 'I think overall everyone supports the plan as — if as nothing else — a first effort.'

> > - Bridget Hofman DER manager of hazardous waste planning

The final plan should also devote more time to agricultural and Following the hearing, Judith

EQB must decide whether to apport any noncompliance by a waste Another worry is that the DER's The role of the DER as regulator could be adversely affected by any sessed the amount and types of and TAP as assistance should be cuts because of the Gramm-Rudclearly defined. The assistants are man budget balancing law.

Hafer drops out of It. gov. race, backs Scranton

An Allegheny County commissioner announced her withdrawal from the lieutenant governor's race Wednesday morning at a press conference, her administrative assistant said yes-

Following the conference, Irene McCabe said Commissioner Barbara Hafer said after a week of talking with state Republican Party leaders, she would withdraw from the race to

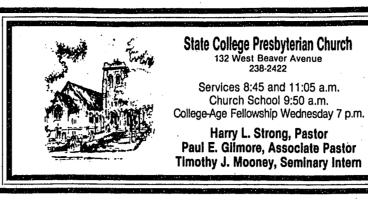
help promote party unity. Lt. Gov. William Scranton, unopposed for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, last week selected state Sen. D. Michael Fisher, R-Upper St. Clair, as his running mate. "Many of the top Republican lead-

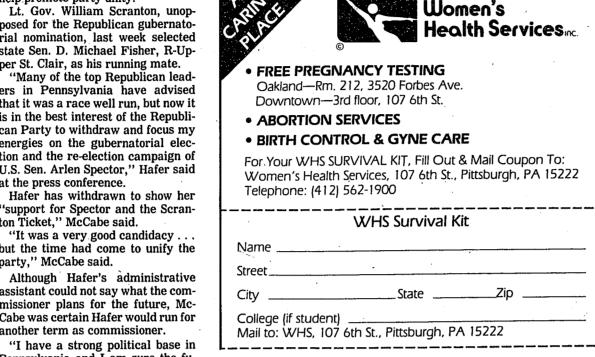
ers in Pennsylvania have advised that it was a race well run, but now it is in the best interest of the Republican Party to withdraw and focus my energies on the gubernatorial election and the re-election campaign of U.S. Sen. Arlen Spector," Hafer said at the press conference. Hafer has withdrawn to show her

"It was a very good candidacy. but the time had come to unify the party," McCabe said. Although Hafer's administrative assistant could not say what the commissioner plans for the future, Mc-Cabe was certain Hafer would run for

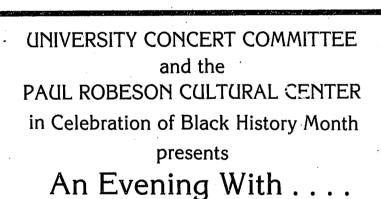
ton Ticket." McCabe said.

another term as commissioner. "I have a strong political base in Pennsylvania and I am sure the future will bring another statewide race," Hafer said.









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introduced legislation last week prohibiting the federal government from borrowing Social Security funds in order to meet its own financial obligations. "We should not be trying

balance the budget on the backs of the elderly, and my bill would see to it that that never happens,' Clinger, R-Pa., said. Clinger said the government last year drained money from the Social Security trust fund to sustain

The funds were used to provide the federal government with needed operational capital as Congress decided what increase in the national debt would be required in order to complete its obligations

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for the fiscal year. The bill establishes the Social

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that would be headed by a trustee appointed by the president, said Ellen Siageman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Treasury Department.

"Our senior citizens deserve nothing less than the assurance they will always be able to cash their benefit checks," Clinger The congressman said his bill

Responsibility for the fund is currently held by the Secretary of the Treasury, Siageman said, adding that the trustee would have the authority to invest Social Security funds in private bonds as a way of creating additional revenues.

Security fund as a private trust

would ensure that money is always available to pay Social Security benefits, adding that "the nation's debts were not caused by Social Security, and I can see no reason why Social Security should be used to bail the government out

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organization sponsoring the retire- "This is a double-wammy," he provided for the senior citizens, such ment village, said the village will said. take five years to complete and open Zimmerman said according to the discussions. Because retired Univerthe spring of 1988 if plans are fi- Rand McNally study done last year, sity faculty members will probably Paul Schroeder, an administrator most desirable place to retire in the dents, there should be a variety of

at the United Methodist Home, a non-profit organization which will be ma-"There are three types of senior said.

Retirement village passes first review

By LISA NURNBERGER Collegian Staff Writer

million retirement village in College percent increase. Township were passed by a commit- In 1980, 7.6 percent of the popula- end of the spectrum are the no-gos tee of the Pennsylvania Health Systion of Centre County was over 65. But who are for the most part bed-ridden. tems Agency. The village is designed it is projected that by 1990, 8.8 percent The slow-go are those in between. to accommodate the increasing se- of Centre County's total population The apartment complex in the renior citizen population in Centre will be senior citizens, he said.

The board of directors of the Health tributed to University faculty mem-Systems Agency in Lewisburg will bers who came into the county during and to doctors will be provided by a vote next month on the proposal be- the 1960's and are now ready to retire, bus service, Zimmerman said. fore passing it on to the state Depart- Schroeder said. Many of these faculty "This retirement village is not Calvin Zimmerman, a member of who wish to retire where their childer, "it's a place you come to life." the Clover Highland Association, the dren are.

naging this village, said that by 1990 citizens," Schroeder said, "the go-go, the population of senior citizens in the the slow-go, and the no-go." Centre County region is expected to The go-gos are those who are about Preliminary plans to build a \$1.9 grow from 8,542 to 10,877 — a 27.3 age 65 to 75 and are relatively socially

> This increase can be partially at- the go-go and the slow-go, he said. members have parents in their 80s place you come to die," said Schroe

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tirement village will basically house

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