

Centre County: a recreational wonderland

By MIKE LENO
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Many Penn Staters like to enjoy their spare time at Stone Valley, but not as many are aware of the other recreational facilities Centre County offers. Centre County is full of rewards for dedicated outdoors types who take the time to seek them.

Bill Palmer, a wildlife biologist for the Pennsylvania State Game Commission, calls Centre County a highly versatile region in terms of game.

The great variation in habitat, from the Seven Mountains area in the southern part of the county through the ridges and valleys around State College to the beginnings of the Allegheny Plateau in the county's northern end, makes for a great diversity in habitat and game animals, Palmer said.

Palmer said the county ranks near the top of the list for state deer hunting. Bear, turkey, rabbit, pheasant, and grouse can also be found here in healthy numbers. Centre County is perfect for the hunter who "wants to try a little of everything," Palmer said.

He recommends State Game Lands 176 to hunters. State Game Lands 176 has two sections: a wooded area in the "Barrens" west of State College, where grouse is abundant; and a farmland area near Toltzville where pheasants and rabbits abound.

Centre County also offers plenty of fishing, with a large number of streams and lakes in the county being stocked by the State Fish Commission. Penns Creek, recently described by Marcus Schneck in *State College Magazine* as "among the very best trout waters in the United States," is stocked with both brown and rainbow trout. Black Moshannon Lake, near Philipsburg, has largemouth bass, pickerel, and crappies, and Sayers

Dam, near Howard, has a wide variety of fish. About 729 acres of lakes and streams in the county are supplied with fish by the Commission.

Robert Wilberling, fishery technician with the Fish Commission, said Colyer Lake near Tusseyville has been temporarily drained to permit several improvements, including habitat improvement, paving of the boat launches and placing line on the lake bed to increase fertility. The lake should be reopened by next summer and possibly as soon as November, Wilberling said. The lake will be restocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and black crappies. Wilberling said the lake will be stocked with about 1,000 fish and should return to its normal population in three to four years.

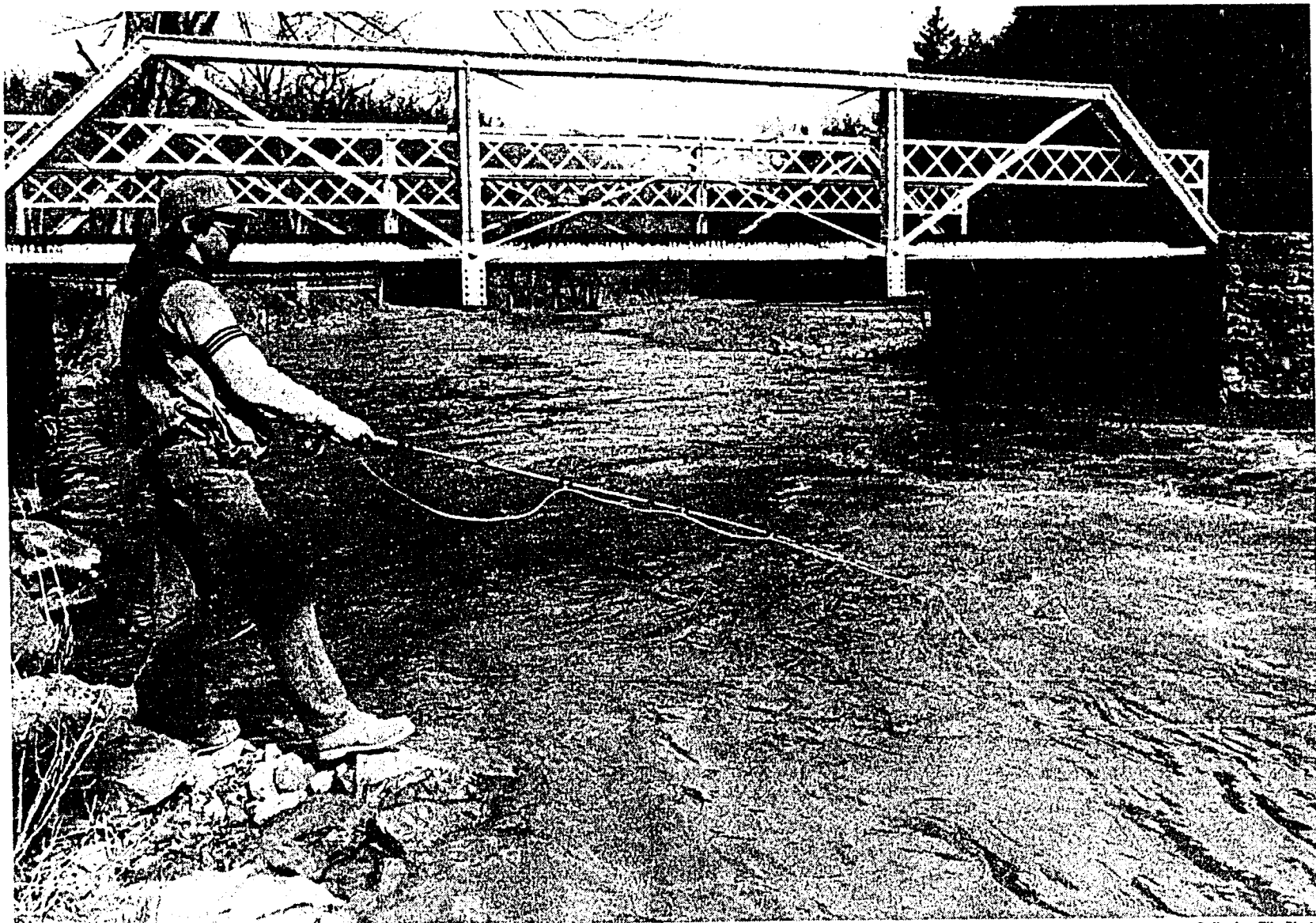
For those who are not interested in hunting or fishing, the Penn State Outing Club offers a variety of other outdoor activities. The club has seven divisions: canoeing, bicycling, hiking, mountaineering, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and downhill skiing. Club advisor Bob Ricketts said each division runs trips nearly every weekend.

Ricketts said the county has a number of good trails for primitive camping (no facilities), including the Mid-State Trail, which is about 86 miles long and crosses the county from the northwest to the southeast.

The canoeing division uses almost any local stream it can, Ricketts said, and the biking division features both road biking and mountain biking through country trails.

Ricketts said the club will now accept beginners in all divisions, which it did not do previously, and train them in the club's activities. He also said members can rent equipment from the club.

"We are trying to broaden club membership to all students," Ricketts said.



An avid sportsman braves the elements as he casts his rod and reel into the winds of chance and the waters of fate in search of fish. Spring Creek, pictured here, is only one of many bodies of water that offer excellent fishing in Centre County. Yet, sadly, many people in the area are ignorant of the region's natural treasures. Besides fishing, Centre County offers hunting, hiking, canoeing, bicycling, mountaineering, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and a host of other activities. Those seeking more information can contact the Penn State Outing Club.

WHRA submits views on Waring

By MEGAN McKISSICK
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To ensure student input, the West Halls Residence Association last week submitted a list of recommendations to the University administration about converting Waring Lounge into classrooms.

Jim Dungan, director of the Office of Facilities Information and Management, and Robert L. Allen, director of Audio Visual Services, attended a WHRA meeting to hear student views on converting the lounge to classrooms similar to those in the Forum, West Halls President Pete Allen said.

"The University can do whatever they wish with their property, but I really think they want student input," he said.

Preliminary plans for Waring Hall lounge call for the conversion of half of the lounge into a classroom with 151 seats. The second half of the lounge would remain a study area, but would be refurbished, Robert Allen said.

Construction will not begin until the summer of 1988, he said.

Patrick Devlin, undergraduate student government senator for West Halls, and Pete Allen wrote a list of recommendations, which WHRA submitted to the Facilities Information and Management Office last week.

The recommendations include:

'I really think (the University wants) student input.'

— Pete Allen

• The provision that all damages to Waring Hall will be charged to the University's general fund.

• All construction of the classroom section will be completed between Spring and Fall Semesters 1988.

• The lounge will be refurbished to the standards agreed upon by a committee formed with students composing at least half its membership.

• Students not living in West Halls will not be permitted to use Waring Dining Hall for breakfast, lunch or dinner from Monday to Friday.

• Classes will not be conducted in the Waring classroom during meal serving hours.

• WHRA maintains control over use of the lounge and controls use of the classroom after 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

The University agrees with some of the recommendations that were submitted, but a few alterations are needed, Dungan said.

Parent's Weekend starts tomorrow

By MARIA QUICI
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A balloon launch before the football game, an ice cream social at the Nittany Lion Inn and a free jazz concert are some of the events planned for parents this weekend.

Karen Rugh, director of public events and campus relations, said her office and other campus groups have scheduled activities for the 5,000 parents expected to attend Parent's Weekend.

But only 2,500 football tickets were set aside for parents, she said.

A reception will begin at 9 tomorrow morning in the Intramural Building, where parents will receive information about the University. Thirty-one exhibits will include displays on student aid, University libraries, off-campus housing and education abroad programs.

The Nittany Lion mascot and the Penn State cheerleaders will greet students and their parents at the reception.

The Lion Ambassadors and the Office of Public Events and Campus Relations plan to launch about 3,000 blue and white balloons before the game, Rugh said. The scoreboard will also flash messages to parents during the game.

The Penn State Jazz Ensemble will perform a free concert tomorrow night at 8 in Eisenhower Auditorium. Parents can also attend a performance by Regency, a five-man a cappella musical group, in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Sunday's events include bus tours of the agriculture facilities, complimentary ice cream at the Nittany Lion Inn, and tours of Eisenhower Auditorium, the Museum of Art, the Breake Nuclear Reactor, the Behavioral Learning Center, Ritenour Health Center and Patter.

An information center will be set up in the HUB from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday for parents with questions about the University.

Rugh said Housing and Food Services officials said parents can also purchase meals at a discount price by using a student's meal card in Findlay, Pollock, Redler, Simmons, Waring or Warnock dining halls.

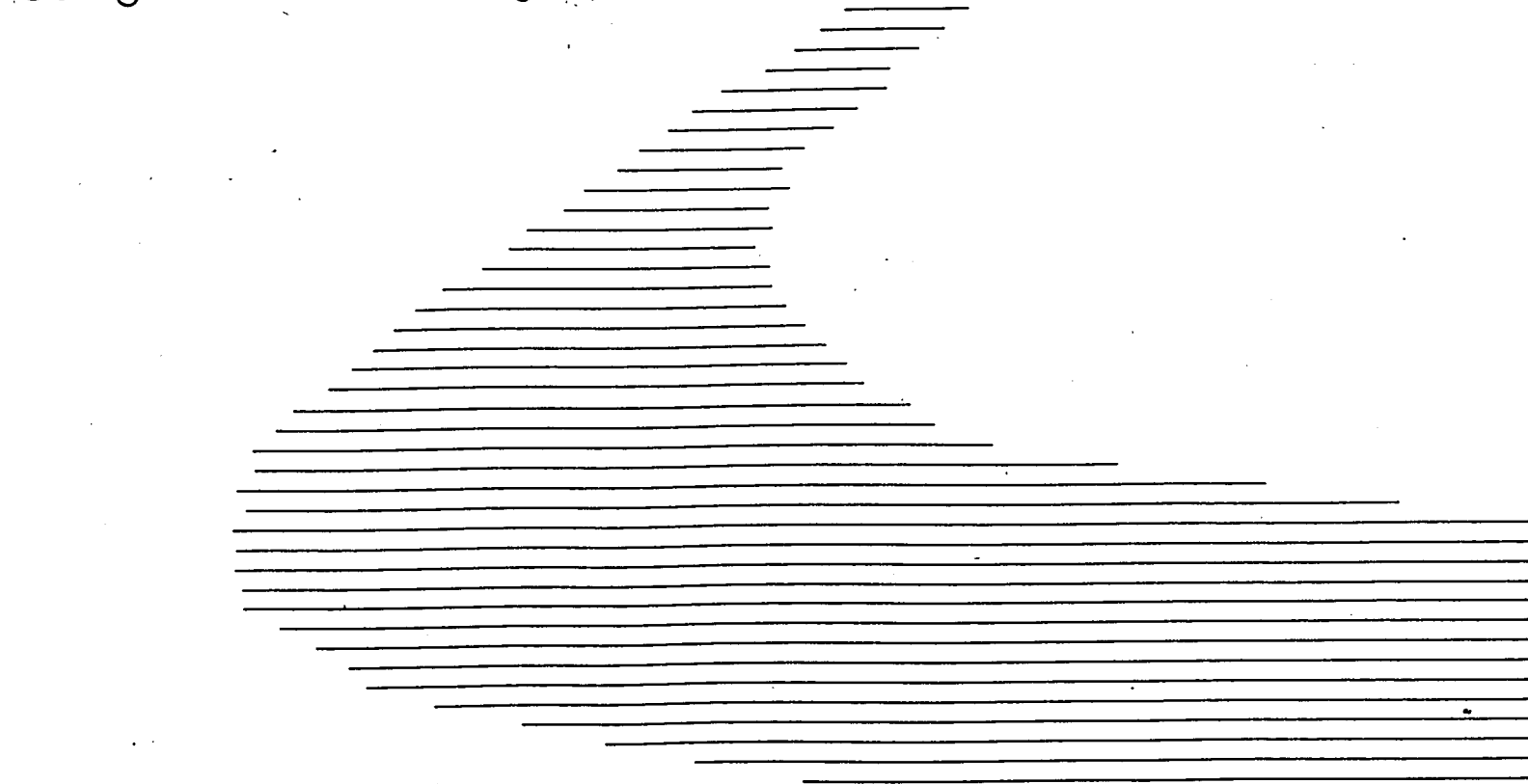
Breakfast will cost \$4.15 or 325 points while Sunday brunch or dinner will cost \$6.10 or 475 points.

The Campus Religious Services, 4-H Club and the Agricultural Society are also helping with the event.

A complete listing of additional weekend events will be available tomorrow at the parents reception.

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Server liability addressed

By PATTY ESPER
Collegian Staff Writer

Because of the increased national and local attention that alcohol server liability has received, a program to help University students become aware of the consequences of serving alcohol to minors was held Wednesday as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

The Total Alcohol Awareness Program was invited by For Off Campus University Students to assist in conducting the program.

FOCUS is a program that addresses issues and concerns of off-campus University students.

In the program, a vignette of an apartment party in State College was used to illustrate the dangers of serving alcohol to minors.

The play opened with people drinking and having a good time. Throughout the night the drinking continued. The play ended with some of the underage guests, who had attended the party, becoming involved in a car accident because of drunken driving.

After the play, Gail Nease, the University student legal counselor, explained legal liability and charges that could be brought against the host or hostess for serving alcohol to minors.

A report prepared by Nease called "Student Organization Liability: Alcohol Related Crimes and Litigation" stated that if a host serves alcohol to a minor to the point of intoxication, the minor then inflicts injuries on a third party as a result, the host can be held responsible.

"The use of alcohol by students, particularly at social functions sponsored by student organizations, exposes the hosts and those who drink at the party to a variety of risks," the report said.

Improper alcohol use may result in both civil and criminal penalties, the report stated.

Peg Dierkers (graduate-family studies) said TAAP is not an abstinence group, but that if people drink they should do so in a way that is healthy so they do not experience problems.

Dierkers, who helped coordinate the play, offered students ideas to consider when hosting a party.

Dierkers said students should consider providing alternative beverages and non-alcoholic, high-protein foods to their guests.

She said students should also have someone monitor the alcohol to prevent excessive drinking, allow only invited guests to attend the party and keep noise and lighting at a moderate level.

"There has always been a problem with alcohol abuse on and off campus but now it's becoming more visible," Nease said. She said laws are being enforced more strictly because of this awareness.

"TAAP, a program offered by the Office of Health Promotion and Education, is designed to help students understand the effects of alcohol on different levels, Dierkers said.

"We would like to work together pro-actively, especially with the Greek system to address the issue," she said.

Two drug charges dropped

Because of insufficient evidence, drug delivery and conspiracy charges were dropped Wednesday against a State College state police corporal and his wife.

However, Bellefonte residents Joseph Pochyba, 40, and Martha J. Pochyba, 39, still face charges of alleged possession of four ounces of marijuana, Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar said. He said they will not be scheduled for trial before Dec. 8.

Gricar said there was no evidence, such as measuring scales, history of other sales, and deliveries or packaging equipment, that indicated the intent to deliver.

"All we had was a certain quantity and it was not significant," Gricar said.

A male undercover officer, using a concealed microtape recorder, allegedly sold the Pochybas a quarter-pound of marijuana for \$200 Sept. 10. After obtaining a search warrant for the couple's home, state police reportedly found the substance pre-

sented to Pochyba by the undercover officer. The couple was subsequently arrested.

Pochyba, a member of the state police force for 19 years, had been a corporal for 12 years. On the day of his arrest he was suspended without pay. He will remain suspended until the disposition of charges and the internal administrative procedures are all handled, State College state police Sgt. W.R. Olson.

— by Kirsten Lee Swartz

police log

• A diamond necklace valued at \$2,500 and a gold chain were reported missing yesterday by Jean Confer, West Aaron Drive, State College Bureau of Police Services said.

• The concrete base of a mail storage box was cracked and the metal storage box moved to the middle of the 409 block of Locust Lane Wednesday night, State College police said.

— by Gordon Zernich

notes

• Students for Wachob will meet at 2 Sunday afternoon at 103 E. Beaver Ave.

• The Society of Women Engineers and the Institute of Electrical Engineers will sponsor a hayride at 8:30 tonight. Buses leave from the Mechanical Engineering parking lot.

• The IUH Craft Centre will have registration for classes from noon to 5 today in 312 IUB.

• The Krishna Yoga Society will sponsor a Bhakti-Yoga/Bhagavad-Gita class at 6 tonight and Sunday at 103 E. Hamilton Ave.

• The Human Development Honor Society will meet at 7 Sunday night in the Living Center.

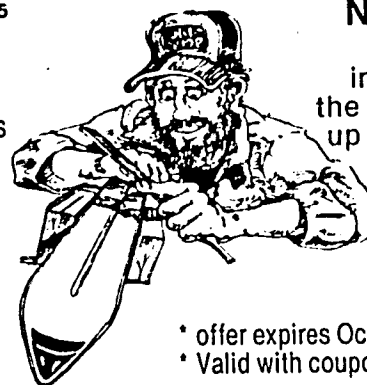
• A Sharing Nature with Children Workshop will be held 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 Sunday afternoon at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center.

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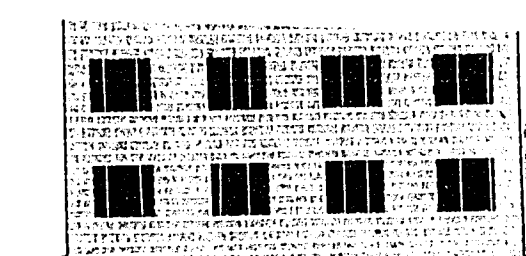
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