

CROP Walk to benefit hungry to be held

The 1986 CROP Walk for the hungry will take place rain or shine Sunday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The annual event is sponsored by the State College Ministerium and the Campus Ministry.

Catherine Rathmell, CROP Walk organizer, said the Christian Relief Organization is the hunger relief division of Church World Service, a relief agency of more than 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in

the United States. CROP gives food to famine areas and shelter to the homeless. The project helps countries create better living conditions by building irrigation systems, and teaching people how to farm their own land in order to grow their own food.

Men's Head Basketball Coach Bruce Parkhill and Women's Head Basketball Coach Rene Portland will

participate in the CROP Walk this year. The 10-kilometer walk will begin at St. Paul's Methodist Church on College Avenue.

Rathmell said about 25 percent of the funds raised will go to local hunger needs through the State College Food Bank, a part of the Episcopal Church which helps the hungry. The remaining 75 percent of the funds will go to world hunger needs.

Two years ago the walk had close to 200 participants and raised close to \$10,000. This year's goal is to have 500 walkers and raise \$20,000.

"So far we are thinking in the hundreds, but we won't know how many people will walk until the walk begins," Rathmell said. Students interested in participating can call 238-6377 for more information.

—by Melanie Crossan

Atherton Hotel:

Construction of \$10 million hotel to begin soon

By JAMES A. STEWART
Collegian Staff Writer

The new \$10 million Atherton Hotel, scheduled to open Dec. 1, 1987, will be a "competitively priced" hotel designed to serve the University and business markets, said Jules Patt, president of the organization that will develop the project.

Excavation for the Patt Organization project, located on the corner of South Atherton Street and Calder Way, is expected to begin in four to six weeks. Patt said at a press conference Tuesday. Construction workers are currently putting in a retaining wall to protect nearby properties, he said.

Heinz Mathis, Atherton Hotel Hospitality Association president, said the 150-room hotel will have numerous amenities for businesses and conventions.

"The hotel will provide two seminar rooms with seating for 100 people, Mathis said, along with an office-style lounge for businessmen. The hotel also will provide facilities for personal computers in each room and will provide personal computers on request, he said.

Mathis said the hotel will employ 200 people.

John Dombroski, State College Municipal Council president, said the Atherton Hotel would "change the character of the area on Atherton Street and Calder Way."

Businesses surrounding the hotel will probably improve the appearance of their backyards to open up new entrances facing the hotel, Dombroski said. Also, new construction might be stimulated in the area, he said.

"There's no doubt that this is a very important addition to the downtown," Dombroski said. "It should stimulate tourism and trade in the downtown."

Dombroski said traffic would increase on South Burrows Street, where hotel parking will exit. State College officials are working with PennDOT to minimize traffic problems, he said.

Geoffrey Brugler, Downtown Business Association president, said the hotel will bring new business into the area because of the conference facilities.

"It'll filter down through the whole economy," Brugler said. "Anything that benefits part of the community without any detriment benefits the whole community in some way."

Brugler said the Atherton Street location makes

the hotel convenient for downtown businesses. "You can shop the entire town and be on campus all on foot," he said.

Jim Raycheck, manager of the Nittany Lion Inn, said it is too early to tell what effect the Atherton Hotel will have on existing hotels.

"Every time someone introduces a new product, everyone else pays a little more attention to what we do," Raycheck said.

Raycheck said he believes several surveys were probably conducted before any money was spent to get a feel of the State College market.

Mathis proposed the idea of a new State College luxury hotel in September 1985 when he joined the Patt Organization, Patt said.

"We could see a need for a high quality hotel here in State College," Patt said. "This is one of the two principal growth markets in Pennsylvania."

Patt said his group is considering building a hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's other major growth area, but has not set plans.

Funding totaling \$8 million for the hotel was provided by Farmers' First National Bank in Allentown, Pa., and the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

Diner's Club feeds off-campus students

By MEGAN McKISSICK
Collegian Staff Writer

Students living off-campus that don't have time or hate to cook and can't afford dining downtown now have the option of eating on campus with a new plan developed by Housing and Food Services.

Students can eat on campus — in the HUB or Kern Graduate Building eateries or residence dining halls — at a 10 percent discount as members of the Penn State Diner's Club.

Faculty and administrators can buy the prepaid meal plan also, said Tom Gibson, director of Housing and Food Services.

The member buys a \$50 account worth 5,000 food points, similar to the "A La Board" plan offered to residence hall students, Gibson said. The account allows people to dine during regular dining hall scheduled hours for any meal.

Although the Diner's Club, which began last week, is slightly more expensive than the "A La Board" program, it is still less expensive than paying cash for the dining hall meals, said Lanny Dillon, director of Residence Hall Advisory Board.

The club also allows people to buy food from any eateries on campus at a 10 percent discount, Gibson said.

"It is a good way for the University to make more money," Dillon said.

After the \$50 account runs out, the member has the option to renew it by paying \$25 more or to withdraw from the club, Gibson said.

Gibson said the club was suggested by commuter students. Also, it is a nice option for faculty and administrators, he said. Housing and Food Services conducted research using other universities, such as Cornell University and the University of Washington, as models before developing the plan, Gibson said.

Penn State's Diner's Club is not exactly like other schools' meal plans because Housing and Food Services had to adopt a meal plan that would coincide with the current A La Board meal plan, he said.

Sue Boyer (junior-individual and family studies) said the club is a good idea for some students, especially those who commute and have to stay on campus all day.

Students interested in joining the Diner's Club must go to the Foods Building, located across North Atherton Street, with their student I.D. and pay \$50 to open the account, Gibson said.

The points do not have to be used within one semester but must be used before the student graduates, he said.

Suicide counseling available

By DAVE SOTTILE
Collegian Staff Writer

The suicide death of a 21-year-old University student yesterday, the second such death in as many weeks, has further emphasized the importance of early detection and counseling for the distressed individual, said a clinical social worker and a crisis consultant at the University's Center of Counseling and Psychological Services at Rilemoure Health Center.

According to State College Bureau of Police Services, Andrew Ankers (sophomore-psychology), was taken to Centre Community Hospital by the Alpha Ambulance Service and then transported to Geisinger by Life Flight Helicopter, police said.

Ankers, formerly of 1011 Old Boalsburg Road, is the second student in as many weeks to take his own life.

Police said an investigation is continuing.

—by Gordon Zernich

Student commits suicide

A 21-year-old University student died yesterday afternoon enroute to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, State College Bureau of Police Services said.

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Suicidal tendencies often become symptomatic in verbal statements or plans to harm one's self — statements like, "I'm not going to be here next week."

Attention should be paid to individuals who experience a large number of personal losses in a short time or who are giving away a number of prized possessions, she said.

Knapp said the University has had "an average of 40 attempts a year for the last four or five years."

According to Knapp, the two suicides do not appear to be related.

Students who need help can turn to several sources if a crisis situation arises. CAPS offers a 24-hour service that can be reached by calling 863-0335.

Centre County Mental Health Services Unit also provides continuous crisis intervention and suicide prevention services at 234-3337.

The entire operation involved three investigators and about 30 to 35 police officers on the day of the arrests, police said.

Aiello (senior-electrical engineering) was arraigned before District Magistrate Clifford Yorks Tuesday morning where he was released after posting nominal bail.

—by Gordon Zernich

Drug bust nets one more suspect

A University student turned himself in to State College Bureau of Police Services Tuesday morning in connection with a nine-month police investigation that netted 12 of 15 suspects.

Robert Aiello, 26, of 411 Waupalani Drive, called police before turning himself in for a May 27 alleged possession of marijuana, manufac-

ing of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia, State College police said.

Police said because of the ongoing investigation Aiello was not wanted for arrest until Oct. 16.

The arrests were a combined effort between University Police Services and State College and Ferguson Township police.

pulling fence posts out of the ground and breaking lights along the sidewalk. Only Duick was apprehended in the scuffle.

A spokesman from State College police said officer Gary Lunz dislocated his shoulder when he tried to catch Duick, who resisted arrest.

Police said Duick also tried to assault another plainclothes policeman who assisted Lunz and completed the ar-

rest. University Police Services also assisted.

Duick was charged with simple assault, resisting arrest, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. He was arraigned by District Magistrate Clifford Yorks and sent to Centre County Prison where he is being held on \$2,500 bail.

—by Gordon Zernich

police log

• Three wheel covers from a 1981 Pontiac valued at \$225 were reported missing by Wayne Phillips, 424 Waupelani Drive, from his car Tuesday morning while it was parked at 518 University Drive, State College Bureau of Police Services said.

• \$180 was reported missing from an office desk drawer at Centre House, 711 University Drive, between Tuesday and Wednesday, State College police said.

• \$90 was reported missing by Michael B. Parker, 679-B Waupelani Drive, Wednesday night from a locker in Room C, Human Development North, University Police Services said.

• University police said a bicycle valued at \$80 was reported missing from outside the Forum Building by Gregory MacQueen, 518 University Drive, Wednesday morning.

—by Gordon Zernich

Fire may be arson, police say

State College Bureau of Police Services said yesterday that one of two fires that occurred early Tuesday morning near Locust Lane and East Prospect Avenue may have been arson.

Police said the 6 a.m. fire in Chestnut Alley behind 233 E. Prospect Ave. occurred in a stack of debris on the east side of a garage. The garage owner's name and an estimate of damage is not known.

Early Monday morning the Alpha Fire Department responded to another suspicious fire that occurred in an apartment house on 238 E. Fairmount Ave., police said. The fire was reported by a newspaper deliverer and was extinguished by State College police after the apartment house was evacuated. There were no injuries.

Investigations into the two fires have not yet been completed, police said.

—by Gordon Zernich

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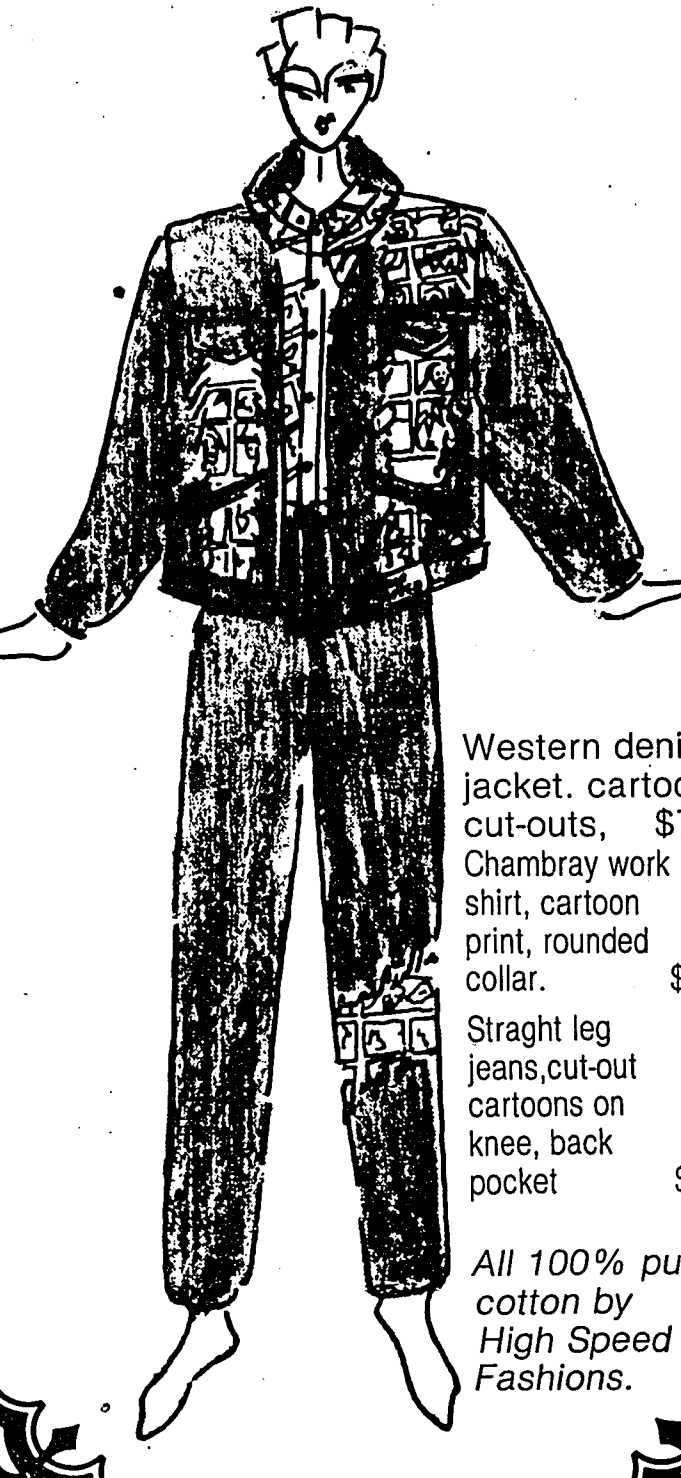
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