

## Ups and downs



Mike Kerry (freshman-mathematics), a member of the Juggling Club, checks his aim as he juggles three balls in front of Pattee Library Tuesday. Meanwhile, club president Mike Bierman (senior-genetics) effortlessly contorts to juggle three balls behind his back.

## New comp lit chair seeks excellence

By MEGAN McKISSICK  
Collegian Staff Writer

Caroline D. Eckhardt, the recently appointed head of the new comparative literature department, said one of her goals is "to make this University's comparative literature department one of the best in the country."

Eckhardt also intends "to enlarge Penn State students' knowledge of the world by encouraging ideas and new cultures through literature."

A committee made up of seven faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts and students

chose Eckhardt, said Pat Miller, administrative assistant to the dean of Liberal Arts.

The department, which began as a graduate program, had previously been an unofficial inter-departmental program of the College of Liberal Arts, but July 1, the program officially became a department, Eckhardt said.

The program achieved departmental status after the approval of a proposal submitted in 1984, Miller said.

Miller said one of the reasons for the proposal approval was increased enrollment and academic expansion, Miller said.

## Casey had \$7 million in race

By ROD SNYDER  
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — Gov.-elect Robert P. Casey raised about \$7 million to fuel his successful bid to become Pennsylvania's next governor, a Casey spokesman said yesterday.

Campaign financial reports to be filed last night with the state Bureau of Elections showed that the Democrat Casey took in more than \$1.3 million during the period between Oct. 20 and Nov. 24, said James Carville, the spokesman.

That amount put Casey's total fundraising "in excess of \$7 million," said Carville, who managed Casey's campaign.

"We had a good fund-raising effort and a good campaign," said Carville. "It clearly was a major factor in this race. Nobody thought Mr. Casey could do that."

The amount included about \$2 million spent in Casey's campaign to defeat former Philadelphia District Attorney Edward Rendell in the Democratic primary, said David Stone, another Casey aide.

During the final expense-reporting period, Casey spent nearly \$1.7 million, Carville said, adding that he didn't have a final expense-report balance.

Republican candidate William W. Scranton III had nearly \$341,645 on hand at the beginning of the same period and collected \$772,138.10, according to figures provided by the Elections Bureau. The Republican reported spending \$976,230 during the period.

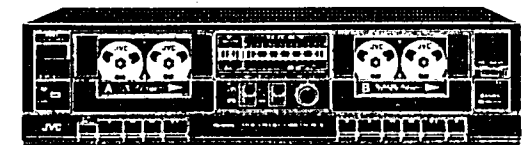
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## Business tax proposed for area Police add charges

By ALEXANDRA S. PURNELL  
Collegian Staff Writer

A business privilege tax is part of a proposal to generate new revenue to help balance the State College budget, Borough Manager Peter Marshall said at a Downtown Business Association meeting yesterday.

Marshall said he supports the tax, which would provide an alternative to levying additional taxes on real estate or personal income.

"In terms of a business tax, it is fairly broad-based, (which) allows it to be lower," he said.

Besides the business privilege tax, the four-year plan to create new revenue — set to go into effect in 1988 — would include:

- Increasing parking rates, both in parking garages and on downtown streets.

• Placing parking revenues into the borough general fund.

The business privilege tax would be used to offset the loss of \$500,000 in revenue sharing funds through federal budget cuts, said Ronald Davis, borough finance director.

The tax would derive revenue from profits earned in service as well as from wholesale and retail businesses. It would be levied on University establishments such as the Bookstore and the HUB Eateries as well as on downtown businesses.

Although the borough does not have exact figures, one study estimates that the proposed 1-mill tax on gross profits for the business area could lead to \$55,000 in generated revenue, said Geoff Brugler, the DBA chair-



Borough Manager Peter Marshall

Several DBA members voiced reservations about the proposed business levy.

"It's opening up a Pandora's box," said Brugler, who said the extra revenue which needs to be raised should come from increased property taxes.

"If there's a real estate tax, it's going to hit everybody and it's going to hit everybody equally," he added.

George Morgan of Danks Department Store, 148 S. Allen St., expressed concerns that the consumer would end up carrying the burden of the taxes.

A State College man arrested in October for possession of cocaine was charged Monday with six additional counts of possession and six counts of intent to deliver cocaine, State College police said.

Lorin Bailey, 1120 S. Garner St., was originally arrested for possession of one pound of cocaine with intent to deliver, state police said. Bailey has remained in prison since that time.

The October arrest came about after a search warrant was issued for Bailey's residence.

The new charges were filed by the State Police Regional Strike Force Four, a drug enforcement team, after the discovery of seven additional ounces of cocaine in Bailey's apartment, state police said. State police said the value of the additional cocaine was estimated at \$13,300.

State police said all charges against Bailey stem from a four-month investigation.

—by Mike Lenio

## notes

• HUB Craft Center will hold a Christmas holiday sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the HUB Browsing Gallery.

• The Society of Women Engineers will have Christmas social "happy hours" at 6 tonight at 239 S. Barnard St.

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