

# Officials debate public school rule

Pennsylvania State Secretary of Education Thomas Gilhool and other education leaders will debate who should be running public elementary and secondary school systems — teachers or administrators — during a conference today and tomorrow at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The annual fall conference, sponsored by the Pennsylvania School Study Council, will address the role of instructional leaders in today's public school systems and delegating authority on educational issues.

About 150 school districts out of 500 in the state are members of the council, said Paul Bredeson, council executive director. The council is part of Penn State's College of Education.

Bredeson said defining leadership will help the council understand who should set educational policy and plans. By answering this question, he said, it will be easier to define who should be the followers in education.

Ted Elsberg, acting president of the American Federation of School Administrators, will speak at the conference about his opposition to schools run by committees of teachers.

Archie LaPointe, executive director of the Educational

Testing Service Center for the Assessment of Education Process, a federally-funded project to measure the quality of education in the United States, will also speak at the conference.

"These are by far the best group of speakers we've had," said Gary Elder, council graduate associate.

Each year the council focuses on one educational issue, Elder said. Last year's theme was leadership in the 1990s. The council provides information and programs for member school districts, intermediate units and area vocational schools, Elder said.

Bredeson said the council, which is celebrating its 40th year, is starting an electronic bulletin board linking the University, the State Department of Education and all council member school districts in the state.

The board, called Penn\*Link, will provide a link connecting the research of the council to enhance the education in schools across the commonwealth, Bredeson said. Penn\*Link will provide services ranging from providing University schedules to financial planning, he said.

— by Carol Chase

# Local band member's funeral planned

By HANS KROGER  
Collegian Staff Writer

A University student who died in a 290-foot fall early Sunday morning was a member of the local band "Stolyn Hours."

Jon Grikela, 25, played keyboards/percussion in the band that played weekends in downtown bars such as The Scorpion, Mr. C's, and the All-American Rathskeller.

Cary Stadler, who plays drums for the group, said Grikela was a major contributor to the band's soon to be released album "Scattered Winds."

"Jon had a good musical mind as

well as great technical ability," Stadler said.

Stadler said that in light of the accident, the group would probably take a break for a while.

Dan Hawk, State College State Police trooper, said a group of four men and two women went to a limestone quarry 4 1/4 miles west of Bellefonte owned by Con-Lime Co. Sunday morning at about 3 a.m. to see the sunrise after a performance.

The group built a bonfire about 10 feet from the edge of a 290 to 320 foot sinkhole while waiting for the sun to rise, Hawk said. At about 5:30 a.m. Grikela picked up a large burning

piece of wood from the fire and attempted to throw it into the sinkhole to determine its depth, Hawk said.

Centre County Deputy Coroner Kerry Benninghoff, who ruled the death an accident Sunday, said the blood alcohol content of Grikela's blood was well below 0.10 percent.

Grikela's younger brother Richard (sophomore-finance), also a member of the band, was with the group that went to watch the sunrise.

A memorial service will be held this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Morasco Funeral Home, Pittsburgh. The funeral will be held that day at 1:00 p.m.

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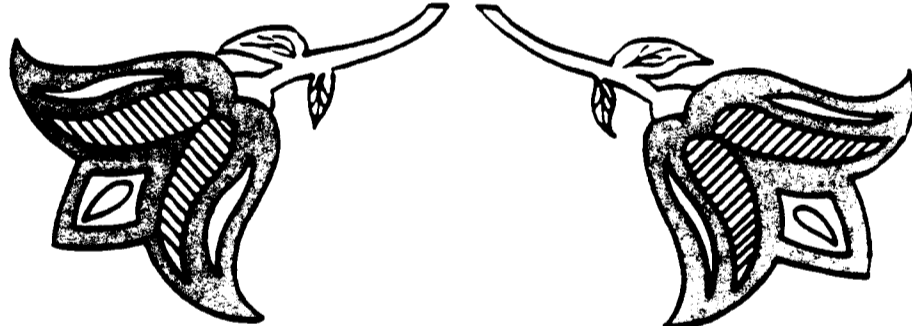
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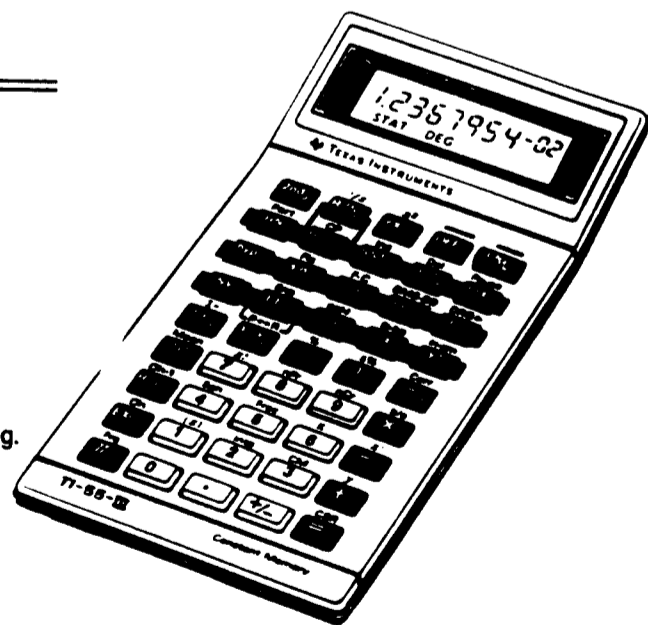


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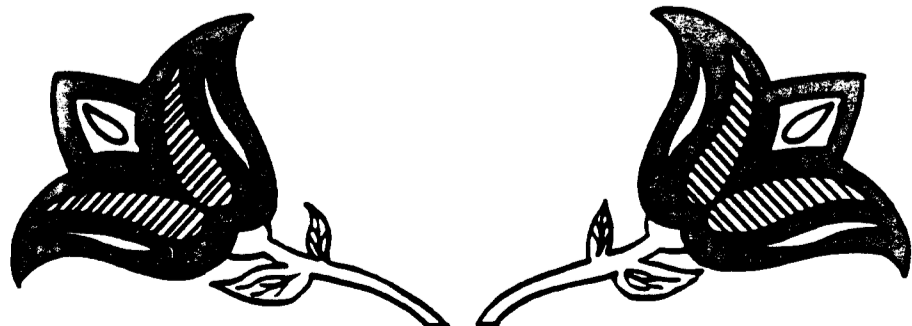
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