

campus briefs

Business ethics lecture slated

Fletcher Byrom, retired chairman of Koppers Company Inc., will be the guest speaker at 7:30 tonight in 101 Kern for the 1987 G. Albert Shoemaker Program in Business Ethics.

The role of education in determining business ethics of managers will be the focus.

A panel session featuring business leaders from different areas of American industry will be held at 9:30 tomorrow morning in the Frizzell Room, Eisenhower Chapel.

Sexual Assault series to be held

The Centre County Women's Resource Center is holding a series of discussions on "From Victim to Victor: Surviving Sexual Assault." The groups are designed to provide a safe, confidential environment for people who have been victims of child abuse, incest, sexual assault or rape. The dates for discussions are as follows:

- Nov. 7 — "I used to think I had it all under control, but lately..."
- Nov. 14 — "Feeling guilty doesn't mean you are to blame."
- Dec. 5 — "Why am I so angry? What am I feeling so helpless about?"
- Dec. 19 — "You can heal and grow."

police log

• An emergency generator battery was reported missing Tuesday from room B 13 Eisenhower Auditorium by Deb Bechdel, Office of the Physical Plant, University Police Services said. Loss is estimated at \$50.

• An emergency exit sign was damaged yesterday over the west first floor entrance to Ewing Hall, University police said. Damage is estimated at \$25.

— by Hans Kroger

Police have possible culprit

University Police Services announced yesterday they have a possible suspect involving the racially intimidating stickers depicting swastika's found posted on buildings and lampposts on campus Sunday.

Police request that anyone who saw a person or persons posting the stickers Sunday morning or Saturday evening to call Police Services at 863-1111.

Harry Houdini finally ruled dead by court

By JACK SCHREIBMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — In one of the graver decisions of the city's moot Court of Historical Review, a judge ruled yesterday that Harry Houdini is dead and gone, these 61 years, and unavailable for post-mortem appearances.

The courtroom window blinds shook and the bench echoed with rappings and jiggings after Municipal Court Judge George T. Choppelas opined that the legendary magician had six decades to get his act together and that was enough.

Unseen hands, including the judge's, were suspected of creating the mysterious noises, but no proof was offered.

The question before the 48th session of the court, which regularly takes up matters of great importance such as who invented the martini, was whether it was worthwhile continuing to seek contact with Houdini's spirit.

The participants are real-life public officials, but the court has no real-life powers.

"I am proclaiming a spiritualistic statute of limitations of 61 years," intoned the judge after testimony, including that of a witness impersonating Houdini correspondent Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes.

"I further proclaim," Choppelas went on, "that any subsequent attempts to contact the spirit world of Harry Houdini will be nothing more

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—Municipal Court Judge George T. Choppelas

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At the counsel table, U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello exulted as the judge sided with him, opponent City Attorney Louise Renne frowned, and lawyer Frank Winston, representing the departed's spirit, leaped to his feet and cried: "Houdini will escape from your ruling!"

Houdini, an avid debunker of fake spiritualists and seances, died Oct. 31, 1926, a few days after taking a powerful punch in the abdomen following a challenge that he easily could survive such blows.

Earlier, Houdini had publicly announced that if it were possible to communicate after death he would.

After issuing his opinion, the judge bowed his head and quoted Houdini's widow, Beatrice, on the occasion when she gave up seance efforts to contact her dead husband 10 years after his death.

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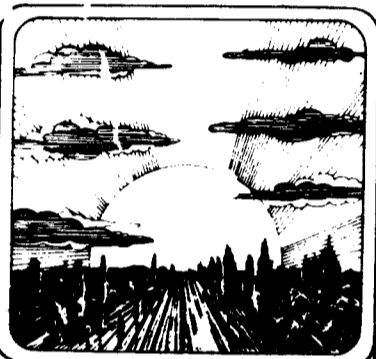
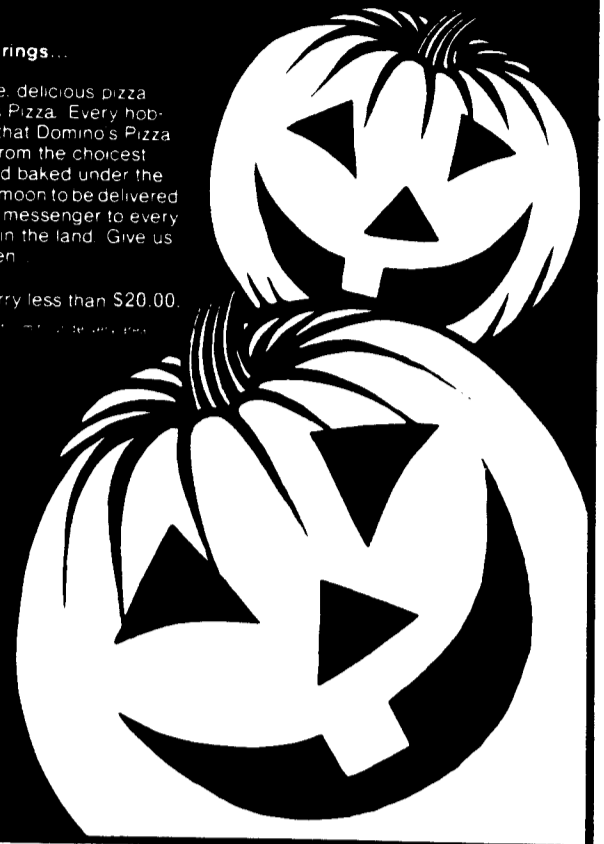


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