

police log

● A radar detector valued at \$270 and a pair of prescription glasses worth \$75, were reported missing yesterday from a car parked at 255 E. Fairmont Ave. by Kevin Steinberg, of the same address, State College Bureau of Police Services said. The items were taken early yesterday morning.

● A hood ornament was forced off the car of Michael Selig, 1405-B Nittany Apartments, while it was parked in Nittany Silver Parking Lot between Monday and yesterday, Selig reported yesterday, University Police Services said. Damage is estimated at \$300.

● A plastic sign, owned by Centre Beverage, 127 North Sparks St., was reported shattered yesterday at 600 W. College Ave. The damage, estimated at \$300, occurred between late Monday and early yesterday State College Police said.

● A BMX bicycle, valued at \$260, was reported missing by Mathew Hill, 733 N. McKee Street from 300 E. Calder Way Monday afternoon State College Police said.

● A radar detector and AM/FM cassette recorder was reported missing yesterday from a car parked at 255 E. Fairmont Ave. by Mark Topaz, of the same address, State College Police said.

● A lamp post was pulled from a concrete base by several people at 108 Southgate Drive early yesterday morning, Southgate Apartments spokesperson reported yesterday. State College Police said damage is estimated at \$200.

● A wool jacket, valued at \$200, was reported missing yesterday by Douglas Dunge, East Prospect Avenue, from Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, 200 E. Beaver Ave., early

yesterday morning, State College Police said.

● A bicycle, valued at \$120, was reported missing from outside Hamilton Hall yesterday by Anthony Geitgey, 208 Hamilton, University police said.

● A bicycle valued at \$80 was reported missing yesterday by Julian Perez, 4 Buckhout Laboratory, from outside of the laboratory, University police said.

—by Dave Howland

Police Log is a community service feature of The Daily Collegian. In case of emergency, University Police Services can be reached at 863-1111 or through emergency call boxes on campus. State College Bureau of Police Services can be reached through the 911 emergency number.

Electrical malfunction causes fire in Sheraton

An apparent electrical fire in a first floor room of the Sheraton Penn State, 240 S. Pugh St. was contained early yesterday morning by the Alpha Volunteer Fire Company.

Alpha Fire Chief C. Marvin Robinson said yesterday the fire apparently was caused by an electrical malfunction which set the room's couch and carpet on fire.

Robinson said guests were evacuated from the first and second floors of the building. He also said no one was injured during the incident.

Tom Kowalczyk, Sheraton manager, said a hotel front desk employee called the fire company shortly after 1 a.m. yesterday.

Robinson said the fire was extinguished 10 to 15 minutes after firemen arrived. Kowalczyk said damage to the room was minimal.

—by Ted SICKLER

St. Paul's fire ruled an accident, official says

The fire that destroyed the sanctuary of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church two weeks ago has been ruled an accident by State Police Fire Marshall Fred Cadwell. An exact cause for the fire will be released next week.

Cadwell said two electrical systems from the attic of the church at 109 McAllister St. were sent to the crime lab to see if their malfunction could have caused the blaze.

"(It's) not arson," Cadwell said, "it's an accidental fire."

Cadwell said, however, that the fire is "not being studied because of the citation regarding the electrical system last week."

—by Ted M. SICKLER

USG letter on murder case delayed

Delivery of an Undergraduate Student Government letter criticizing the State College Borough of Police Services and Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar for their handling of the Dana Bailey murder investigation has been delayed until after the Thanksgiving break, Senate Vice President Mark Bond said.

Bailey, a 21-year-old University student, was found stabbed to death in her apartment at 132½ S. Allen St. on March 5. Since then police have released little information concerning the Bailey murder, saying only that Bailey died of stab wounds to the heart and lungs and her apartment was forcibly entered.

Bond, who is composing the letter on behalf of USG, said although he had originally planned to mail the letter early this week, he wanted to take some extra time composing the letter to allow for every senator's input.

Bond said senators are concerned about the lack of information revealed by police.

Gricar said he would not comment on the senators' concerns until he received the letter.

—by Pam Weiers

87,000 treated yearly at Ritenour

By RICHARD PENULIAR
Collegian Science Writer

For everything from Spring Break viruses to sports injuries, students seek sanctuary in the sleek vinyl interior of Ritenour Health Center's waiting room. Ritenour makes 87,000 student contacts per year, said Dr. Harry McDermott, director of University Health Services. This has been the average for the past three years, he said.

Of these, 50,000 are seen by physicians. The physician assistant, nurses and nurse practitioners care for the rest. For example, nurse practitioners in the center's injection room handle 50 visits per day by students who need immunizations or allergy shots.

The most common problems handled by the staff at Ritenour are those relative to the 17-25 age group. The five most common problems treated are respiratory infections, gastrointestinal complaints, urinary tract infections, trauma and dermatological problems, McDermott said.

Respiratory infections such as colds, throat pains and bronchitis total one-third of the overall visits to Ritenour and have their peak incidence during the winter.

"We won't know until January or February whether we're going to have a flu epidemic," McDermott said.

With the larger geographic distribution of students and several students travelling the country and the world, the potential of bringing back new germs increases, Dr. Floyd Naugle, associate director of Ritenour, said.

"The University community is a constant boiling pot of someone bringing back something that someone else has no immunity against," he said.

The majority of gastrointestinal problems, such as heartburn and indigestion, are caused by the nervous system's effect on the body, McDermott said. Their peak incidence is during mid-term and finals periods with the influx of "stress and anxiety in the student population," he said.

Gastroenteritis — inflammation of the lining membrane of the stomach and intestines — leads to vomiting and diarrhea. The University suffered a minor epidemic of this a few years ago after students returned from Spring Break, McDermott said.

The third most common problems are urinary tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs. The most common urinary tract infection is cystitis.

Physician assistant C.J. Kline said the most common visits she handles in the Women's Health Department are vaginal infections, followed by STDs — the most common being chlamydia — and family planning.

There are very few AIDS cases, McDermott said. Ranking fourth in treatments at Ritenour are trauma, injuries from accidents and athletics.

"Ankle, number one; knee, number two," McDermott said.

In addition students seek care for lacerations, or cuts, abrasions, and contusions — bruises that are not cuts. Naugle said he suspects students are more physically active here than at home, since many complaints in sports medicine are due to overuse, such as in jogging.

Dermatological problems such as skin diseases or rashes complete the "big five," McDermott said.

"We must not be lulled into a sense of complacency in seeing the same thing all the time because sometimes something serious is seen," McDermott said. He said three to five cases of cancer are diagnosed each year.

"Our primary mission is to pick up where the family physician leaves off," McDermott said. "We serve as the surrogate family doctor."

The health center functions in this role with 10 percent of overall visits being monitoring the condition and blood count and chemistry of cancer patients receiving chemotherapy treatment from their home physicians.

Eating disorders — such as bulimia and anorexia — have grown more prevalent over the last five years, McDermott said. The approach to handling these is group therapy with the medical, psychological, and nutrition counseling staffs collaborating on the cases.

During the first several weeks of each semester, the health center sees an influx of visits by freshman and new students, McDermott said.

Dennis Heitzmann, director of Counseling and Psychological Services, said students starting fresh in a new environment miss the ordinary kinds of support received from family.

Indecent programs after midnight OK

By DEBORAH MESCE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Communications Commission yesterday told radio and television broadcasters that they may air indecent programming between midnight and 6 a.m. without fear of FCC action.

The FCC established the time period in response to petitions seeking clarification of the agency's new standards for indecent programming. But the commission did little else to change its April ruling.

The FCC's four sitting commissioners voted unanimously to reaffirm the agency's findings of indecency against three radio stations and indicated that midnight to 6 a.m. was a "safe harbor" — the time during

which children are not likely to be listening or viewing.

"All the commission said is that we would expect after midnight that we could rely on parents to supervise any children in the audience," said Diane Killory, FCC general counsel.

Commissioners, however, differed on an appropriate hour.

"Although I welcome the fact that we have selected a time certain, what is the best time is a judgment call," said Commissioner Patricia D. Dennis.

Although she voted with the other commissioners, she said she preferred a cutoff of 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner James H. Quello

said, "It's the best we can do. I'd like to go further, but we would need more authority from a court test."

Jeff Bauman, general counsel for the National Association of Broadcasters, one of the groups that had sought clarification of the ruling, said the NAB had "some grave concerns whether they clarified the original decision."

But he said the group was withholding final judgment until it reads the commission's formal decision, which will be released later.

The FCC's April decision involved Pacifica Foundation Inc. station KPFF-FM, Los Angeles; Infinity Broadcasting Corp. of Pennsylvania station WYSP-FM, Philadelphia; and The Regents of the University of California station KCSB-FM, Santa Barbara.

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