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resources and issues with which student services deals.

Pat Peterson, assistant vice president for student life, said violence among University students is on the rise and often involves alcohol use.

Peterson said the increasing violence is not exclusive to Penn State, but also on the rise nationally.

The Total Alcohol Awareness Program is overwhelmed with work and students needing service are sometimes referred to alcohol support groups downtown, Peterson said.

"We must find ways to improve resources for students with disfunctions related to alcohol," Peterson said.

Interfraternity Council President Scott Stephan said that when his organization is made aware of situations involving violence, they can provide educational programs in chapter meetings.

"We need to tell people that if you have disagreements, violence is not the way to solve problems," said Frank Arlinghaus, vice president of the Graduate Student Association.

As USAB headed into the last portion of its agenda, six members were left at the meeting, although 17 representatives were present for most of the meeting.

Student Organization Budget Committee Chairperson Liz Brown said after the meeting that she was disappointed with the early departures of some USAB members. She attributed them to the long meeting and the heavy load of exams this week.

"If we are supposed to be an advisory group to the administration, then its important to be there," Brown said. "If there is discontent and people don't feel they need to stay, then that should be brought up and discussed."

Draft

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If drafted, students are allowed to complete their current semester, Clark said. Seniors are allowed to complete the year.

The University also refunds students' tuition for the semester they are on duty, he added.

"Our concern is to make it as easy as possible for these students to return," Clark said. "But I don't want to minimize the inconvenience of the loss of time and effort factor for the individual."

Complications do occur regarding financial aid, although it is not always a problem because the federal government has appeal provisions for federal loans in this case, he said.

Reserves called up for immediate duty are also protected by the 1940 Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

Transsexual loses struggle for wedding

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — A transsexual lost her six-year battle for the right to marry a man when the European Court of Human Rights yesterday endorsed a British law barring the marriage.

Caroline Cossey, 36, who works as a model and who has campaigned to be treated officially as a woman, sought the right to have her birth certificate changed to show she is now female.

She underwent a sex change operation in 1974, but is forbidden by law to marry in Britain because her birth certificate says she was born a male.

Born with the name Barry Kenneth, she adopted the name Caroline at the age of 18.

AIDS

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assisted by about 65 volunteers who go through 17 hours of training. Volunteers range in age from 14 to 70 years and include people from various sexual orientations and races, Shepley said.

The project has sponsored over 90 educational programs in the last two years and provides direct services to clients infected with the HIV virus. Volunteers participate in support groups and act as "buddies" to provide physical and emotional comfort to AIDS victims.

"It's just like dealing with any friend who is dealing with a major illness," said one volunteer who did not want to be identified.

According to Shepley there have been between 40 to 60 cases in Centre County over the last ten years including cases from the prison population.

From January of 1981 to September of 1990, 14 cases were reported in Centre County, said Kathy Magaro director of statistics at the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Senior citizens enjoy center's programs

By MICHELLE LESTER
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As three women waited last week for a film on Buddhism to begin, they talked about the latest downtown movies.

"I'm sorry I missed the free movies yesterday," said a woman dressed in Nike aerobic shoes and a business skirt.

"Who heard about Postcards (from the Edge)?" another asked setting her bag on the floor.

"Meryl Streep is good in any (movie)," said another as she held blue binder and sipped coffee.

A scene from a University comparative literature class? Hardly.

Despite stereotypes of blue-haired, rocking-chair-ridden senior citizens, this is the scene at the State College Senior Citizen Center, 131 S. Fraser St.

According to 1989 State College School District Census, 1,632 people 66 years and older live in the State College Borough.

Many of these local senior citizens must deal with the benefits and drawbacks of living near a university.

"(Senior citizens) see it as a mixed bag," said Barbara Lindenbaum, director of the center.

They are annoyed by noisy, rowdy students, but enjoy the excitement and vitality a college town has to offer, Lindenbaum said.

"I would never live where there wasn't a college,"

said Mary Sweitzer, who has lived in the borough for 25 years.

Sweitzer takes free classes through a University program which allows semi-retired and retired people to attend classes not filled by students, she said.

She also attends University concerts, art shows, lectures, and plays.

Fellow senior citizen Phyllis Houser, who worked as a locker room attendant at Penn State's White Building for 21 years, and attended a different Senior Center program last week, said she can't wait for the students to return each year.

"(You've) got to love them," she said. "When it comes time (for the students to return), I wish I were back at the White Building," she said.

Tseo Cheng Se, who is over 80 and moved to State College in 1964, said it is a wonderful, friendly place to live.

"It is not difficult to live here compared to New York or Boston," he said.

Tseo, who once lived near a house rented by students, said he was distracted by their spirited behavior.

"The students like to play . . . and have a good time. They used to party every day and (play) their music loudly," he said.

Although Sweitzer likes the vitality the students bring to the town, she says she does not enjoy yielding to cyclists and young pedestrians who practically run her off the sidewalks.

"We like it when they're gone, but we also like it when they're back," Sweitzer said.

As the student population increases each fall, crime rates rise in the State College area, according to David Caster, Community Relations Officer for the Borough Police Department.

Senior citizens, nationally, are victims of only 5 percent of all crime, Caster said.

"Senior citizens are too smart to (be victimized) . . . their fear of crime is worse than the (percentage of crimes) against them," he said.

"Twenty-five years ago, I could keep my doors open," said Sweitzer, adding that she now hesitates to walk after dark.

Tseo said he feels safe on the streets, but that students have played jokes on him on College Avenue.

"They make fun of me, (but) I don't let it bother me," he said.

Senior citizens also complained about their limited choice of clothing merchandise.

"It's a disappointing for older people because stores are geared to college people," Houser said.

Sweitzer said she would like to see more stores for older people, because she now must do most of her shopping from mail-order catalogs.

Sharon Maynard, manager of Ladybug, 110 E. College Ave., said although her store has a regular clientele of senior citizens, most of downtown caters to college-age customers.

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Aslam denied any neglect of duty. Kahn cited a breakup of the ISC team as his only reason for leaving and expressed his hope that a new executive council will do a good job.

Wenzel said Muslim and non-Muslim conflicts within the organization as another factor leading up to his resignation. He said that certain members vote only with their own religion or own part of the world.

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