

OTIS elects new officers for '91-92

The Organization of Town Independent Students last night elected new executives to represent student concerns in town issues for the 1991-92 school year.

The group elected Otis Vice President Nichol Barlett (junior-health policy administration) president, Julie Antonacci (junior-mathematics) vice president and Anne Colmenar (junior-English), treasurer.

OTIS is a group of student volunteers who help other students with town-related concerns.

The group reads leases, mediates complaints and prepares legal and consumer information.

Barlett said the organization needs to increase its involvement in the community and its presence on campus.

She suggested that OTIS work closely with such organizations as the Undergraduate Student Government

so both students and administrators become more aware of the organization.

"OTIS has a very good potential to do things," Barlett said. "We have a lot of great ideas."

Antonacci said she wants to increase the effectiveness of the groups' six committees which address various issues such as housing, business and publicity.

"We (need) ... to see what's going on and what needs to be done," she said.

While Barlett wants to increase the organization's presence, she also said she wants to strengthen the groups' image among its members.

"I think that would make people more motivated," she said, adding that she does not think OTIS members in general realize the organization's potential.

— by Karen Guth

Germans demonstrate for Bonn to rescue their dying economy

By DEBORAH SEWARD
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LEIPZIG, Germany — More than 70,000 people gathered in east German cities last night in demonstrations harkening back to pro-democracy protests of 1989. But this time they were demanding an end to their economic misery.

Protests against communism helped bring freedom to East Germany, not prosperity, said those who marched in this city considered the birthplace of the East German revolution.

"Misery. Our lives are misery. We stood here in the fall of 1989 to put down a dictator and now we are in another kind of dictatorship," said Claus Paetzold in Leipzig.

"We are victims so that people can live better in the West," said Paetzold, a chemical factory worker.

Rally organizers said between 50,000 and 60,000 people gathered for the Leipzig protest.

Elsewhere, more than 20,000 rallied in Chemnitz, and thousands more protested in Schwerin, Cottbus and Loebau, reported the east's official ADN news agency. All the protests were reportedly peaceful.

The demonstrators were reviving a series of Monday night protests, first begun in Leipzig, which helped overthrow the east's hard-line government and pave the way toward reunification.

This time, demonstrators were demanding that Bonn take swift steps to stop eastern Germany's dramatic economic slide. They vowed to continue the revived protests each Monday until the troubled regional economy improves.

In central Leipzig, several hundred people attended a prayer service at the Nikolai Church — where Monday demonstrations began in earnest in September 1989.

"We hope through peace prayers to contribute to the changes so necessary and that the street protests will remain

peaceful," said the Rev. Christian Fuehrer.

People in eastern Germany are becoming restless as their living standards drop and they lose their jobs, while the better times promised by politicians from western Germany show no sign of arriving.

Manfred Fasthof, a Leipzig worker, wonders what he will do if he loses his job. "Unemployment benefits are low. Rents are rising. I don't know what I am going to do, but at least by going out on the street I can show how I feel," he said.

The demonstrators hope to mobilize enough people to show Bonn that more must be done to help the east catch up with the affluent west of Germany.

"If there are mass demonstrations, maybe they will hear us in Bonn," said Paetzold.

Before the larger evening protest in Leipzig yesterday, several hundred cooks, waiters and other restaurant personnel marched separately.

Soviets name new U.S. ambassador

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Viktor Kompletov, a veteran Soviet diplomat with a hard-line reputation, is to be the new Soviet ambassador to Washington, Bush administration officials disclosed yesterday.

Kompletov, a 58-year-old specialist in U.S. and Latin American affairs, will succeed Alexander A. Bessmertnykh. Bessmertnykh was promoted to foreign minister after Eduard A. Shevardnadze resigned late last year with a warning that conservatives could be pushing the Soviet Union toward dictatorship.

Kompletov held various posts in the Soviet Embassy in Washington. In Moscow he was director of the U.S. department in the foreign ministry from 1978 to 1982, when he moved into his current job, deputy minister for foreign affairs.


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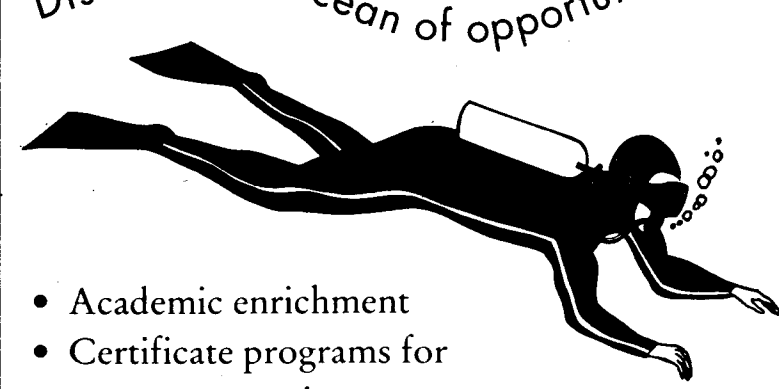
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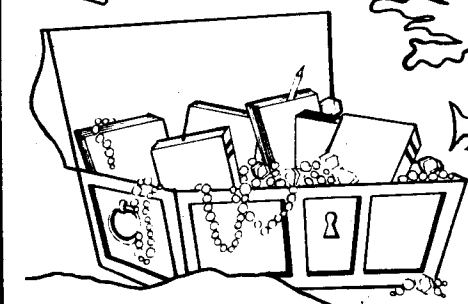
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