

Lion Line protests budget

By MOLLY K. FELLIN
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Multicolored balloons and large signs adorned the doors of the Rider House, home of the Lion Line, yesterday and Tuesday.

Students who entered had the opportunity to call their legislators and speak out about the possible tuition hike of more than 4.5 percent for the upcoming academic year.

The Undergraduate Student Government and the Lion Line sponsored the phone bank at the Rider House, 112 S. Burrowes St., from noon to 5 p.m. each day to increase student involvement in efforts to lessen the tuition hike.

Gaylin Vogel, USG director of governmental affairs, said she believes having students contact their legislators by phone is the most effective and efficient plan USG has used for political action.

In the past, USG had tried similar political action such as contacting legislators through letter-writing campaigns, but decided to try the phone bank this time, she added.

Vogel said she and her staff advertised in The Daily Collegian and posted signs around campus to get as many students as possible to make calls to their hometown representatives in the state House and Senate and appeal to them to vote against Gov. Tom Ridge's budget proposal.

Ridge recommended the University receive \$21 million less than its \$298.5 million request. This is the second year in a row the governor has not recommended increasing the amount of money the state gives the University.

"We mailed notices about the program to everyone who lives in the dorms, but it was harder to alert off-campus students about (our event)," Vogel said.

Generally, the type of students who came in to make calls were politically aware and active, Vogel said. About 35 to 40 students made



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Beth Samuels (sophomore-elementary education) calls her senator and representative. Yesterday and Tuesday, the Lion Line allowed students to use their phone lines at Rider House, 112 S. Burrowes St., to express to legislators their concerns about Gov. Ridge's budget proposal.

calls each day, including students involved with USG who Vogel asked to make calls in order to raise the total number of phone calls to legislators.

But Vogel said it was difficult to

get students to come down to the Lion Line because it is not located in a central part of campus.

"Ideally, for the future, it would be great to have something like this at the HUB," she said.

Stewart performing tonight

By DAVID SCHONFELD
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Tonight at the Bryce Jordan Center, Rod Stewart and his vagabond heart will roll into town.

Stewart, who is touring in support of his latest effort, *A Spanner in the Works*, will begin his show at 8 p.m. with no opening act. Officials at the center are buzzing with excitement because Stewart is probably the biggest name to play the recently opened arena.

"The tickets are selling real well. Everything's going real smooth," said Leigh Wilcox, mar-

keting assistant at the center. "We still have some good seats available," she added.

With the enormous sales of the previous concerts at the center, including Rusted Root and a sold-out Alan Jackson, center officials are hopeful that Stewart will live up to his popularity and fill the stadium.

Stewart's tour has been going well despite the lukewarm criticism of his new album, which features the new single, "Leave Virginia Alone," written by Tom Petty.

While half the album is decidedly acoustic, Stewart does experiment with fast-paced rock-

ers. He will be traveling with a 12-piece band and a full 22-piece orchestra.

Stewart also is trying to retool his image from the ladies' man to the family man, after the recent birth of his second son.

Although Stewart may be revamping his image, he doesn't seem to be fitting in with the college crowd.

"He's not my kind of music, not my kind of style," said Adam Johnson (sophomore-administration of justice). "He's not something I'd pay to see."

Others are also disappointed with the acts the center is bringing in.

Peace Corps celebrates 35th anniversary

By CLAYTON C. WALSH
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Though it may represent only two years of a volunteer's life, it can be the difference between life and death to the inhabitants of an impoverished Third World country.

The National Peace Corps Association, established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, is celebrating its 35th anniversary from Feb. 29 to Mar. 3, paying tribute to the 150,000 volunteers who have served.

"It was a monumental step for me," said Andy Jacobson (graduate-meteorology), who served with the Peace Corps from 1990 to 1992. He said his experience in Benin, Africa, changed the course of his life when he was an undergraduate at the University of Georgia.

Jacobson admits he was "pretty ignorant" about Third World countries before his tour, but has no regrets about the decision.

When he arrived in his host country, Jacobson said it was nothing like he had imagined.

He said he was assigned to educate children, which he thought would be in an informal environment, but was surprised to find a classroom much different than he expected.

"There were 40 or 50 students dressed up in uniforms," Jacobson said.

The classroom was located in a building, not outside, he said.

The Peace Corps sends more than 6,000 volunteers a year to help economically deprived countries in a

variety of areas — from education to medical assistance, irrigation systems to nutrition. About 7,000 members are currently involved.

Patrick Tobin, Peace Corps campus coordinator at the University, said volunteers are given the opportunity to work in more than 90 countries such as Armenia, Turkmenistan, Fiji, Panama and Guatemala.

"Pretty much, they're all over," Tobin said.

In honor of the anniversary, Tobin, Jack Raymond, former volunteer and the University's career development and placement director, and other former members will conduct a panel discussion tonight about overseas opportunities for University students.

"The biggest problem is getting people to apply early enough," Tobin said.

He said students often wait until the last minute to apply, and because Penn State sends so many students — 58 in the past two years — the positions fill up quickly.

Tobin said the panel discussion, along with the recruiting campaign this semester, will hopefully attract new recruits.

"It's nice that the two occurred at the same time," Tobin said.

Among the benefits of volunteering are an opportunity to represent the United States and to improve language skills, said Mona Stuges, membership director for the National Peace Corps Association in Washington, D.C.

"We look for skills that are needed in each country," Stuges said. The Corps' goal, she said, is to "bring the world back home."

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