

## Protesters resist military taxes

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Among some State College taxpayers who waited until the last minute to mail their tax returns yesterday, Rita Snyder stood in line at the local post office and quietly announced that she was withholding \$100 in federal income tax from the United States government this year.

Snyder, who said she will withhold a portion of her tax in protest of a 38 percent increase in military spending since 1982, joins a growing number who go against the traditional fanfare of tax day on April 15.

In front of post offices and Internal Revenue Service headquarters in about 80 U.S. cities and towns yesterday, taxpayers waged "war tax resistance," said Kathy Levine, a staff member of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee in Patchogue, N.Y.

Levine's group, a coalition of 100 war tax resistance groups, estimates that 63 percent of every taxpayer's dollar is finding its way into funding the U.S. military and national defense projects such as the Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars." Meanwhile, social services are significantly underfunded or cut altogether, Levine said.

"I've already paid about \$600 in income tax from one job," Snyder said. "But with this \$100, of which some 50-plus percent will go to the military, I cannot — in good conscience — plan to pay this. . . I'll be doing my own withholding."

Although Snyder is not a member, volunteers of the Centre County Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze distributed leaflets against military spending in front of the U.S. Post Office at 237 S. Fraser St., all day yesterday and Tuesday.

Among other things, the leaflets asked citizens:

- Enclose a letter of protest

with their tax returns to their representatives and senators or President Reagan.

- Support the World Peace Tax Fund Act, a congressional bill that would create a conscientious objector status for taxpayers, meaning people could prevent their tax money from going to the military.

- Refuse to pay a 3 percent federal excise tax on telephone service.

- Refuse to pay either their entire income tax, the portion of the tax that would be devoted to the military, or a symbolic amount such as \$1.

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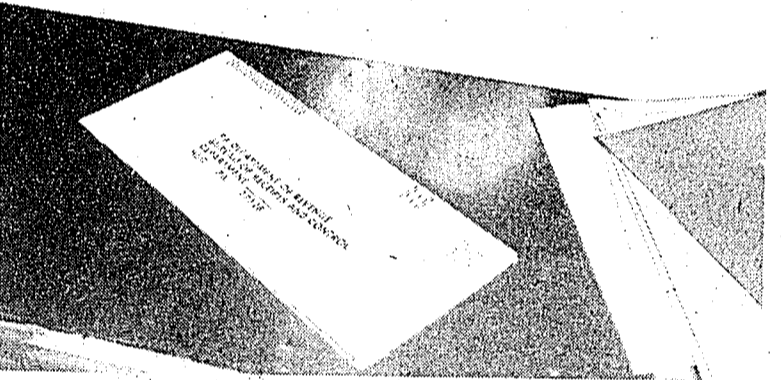
- Contribute the withheld tax money to social service agencies or pool the funds with other tax resisters.

A Pittsburgh IRS representative, Warren Schrum, said that several priests around Pittsburgh came to the IRS headquarters there and noted that they would withhold a portion of their income tax due because it was going to defense.

"Our position is that everyone has to pay their fair share — no more, no less," Schrum said. "We'll do anything to make them pay what they owe under procedures established under the law."

Local campaign member Donald Ealy said three out of every four people to whom he presented

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Sharyn Bertrand (senior-advertising), one of many students paying income taxes at the last minute, licks a stamp for her 1986 income tax form at the campus post office yesterday afternoon as the information comes due. Others withheld portions of their income taxes to protest military expenditures.

## Sloan goes for business control

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In an attempt to keep the Undergraduate Student Government out of debt, USG President Todd Sloan has appointed himself as chairman of the USG's Business Board of Directors. Sloan's decision will change the traditional structure of the board, which used to be chaired by a non-USG student with business experience. In the past, the USG president was just a member of the board.

The board is the governing body of USG's Department of Business and is responsible for allocating unrestricted funds within USG.

A non-USG student traditionally chaired the board to allow the chairman to spend more time on the board than a USG member could, and to have the chairman represent an apolitical view.

One reason cited by Sloan for appointing himself as board chairman is strengthening the board with members who are familiar with the inner workings of USG.

Also, by keeping a close eye on the board, Sloan hopes to keep USG out of debt. In the past, USG debts have totaled more than \$20,000, this is the first year in recent times that the new executives are not inheriting a debt. But Steve Lauser, board member and USG Appropriations Committee chairman, said University students might misinterpret Sloan's decision as sign that he is seeking power over the board.

However, "as chairman (Sloan) has no more power than any other member on the board," Lauser said. "The chairman is only responsible for ensuring that items on the agenda are addressed and directing the flow of the conversation to the topic."

Board members, including USG Vice President Bonnie Miller, Senate President Joe Scoboria and Treasurer Marcia Strackhouse, support Sloan's decision to become chairman.

Sloan's decision strengthens the board because it eliminates "another level of bureaucracy within USG"



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**Todd Sloan**

and simplifies the board's structure, board members contend.

They said some past chairmen were not in the USG office enough and were not familiar with the internal workings of USG.

Also, because all members will work in USG, communication between board members will improve, they said.

Board members also include the director of the Department of Business and two elected representatives from the senate, one of whom is Scoboria.

Although board members are convinced Sloan's decision is a good move, former USG executives question whether Sloan's decision will hinder the effectiveness of the board because of a shift in the balance of power, time constraints placed on the president, and the loss of a person who is apolitical and has business experience on the board.

Former USG President Dave Rosenblatt questioned whether Sloan's decision will create an imbalance in the "sharing of powers between board members."

Rosenblatt said that during his term, several executives revised the board's bylaws to stress the importance of a joint sharing of powers.

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## Group remembers lost PSU professor

By LISA NURNBERGER  
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At noon yesterday, about 50 students gathered together on the steps of Pattee to share their sorrow and stimulate student awareness for what they call "a tragedy that has hit home" — the mysterious disappearance of University Professor Boris Weisfeiler.

"People should realize that we're not removed from these things," said Dorothy Kielkopf (junior-political science), adding that Americans are not directly affected by political oppression and torture, and often don't want to think about it.

But the 1984 disappearance of a University professor has caused both University and State College international groups to begin a campaign aimed at creating a congressional investigation to uncover what has happened to the professor.

Weisfeiler, a Soviet Jew, disappeared while on a hiking trip in Chile. Many suspect foul play in his disappearance and fear that he has been taken prisoner in an interrogation colony which has reported torture chambers.

At yesterday's vigil in recognition of Weisfeiler's disappearance, the Penn State Undergraduate Amnesty International Campus Network and the State College Amnesty International, in conjunction with the Under-

graduate Student Government's Department of International Affairs, began circulating petitions requesting the investigation.

The petitions, which will also be circulated tomorrow along in front of Old Main and Friday in the HUB basement, will be submitted to U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and John Heinz, R-Pa.

"Students have forgotten about Dr. Weisfeiler," said Kielkopf, adding that his disappearance is a relatively recent event and should not be forgotten.

Carl Rupert, coordinator of the State College Amnesty International, spoke from the steps of Pattee to the solemn students gathered at the foot of the steps. Behind Rupert, students held signs asking questions like: "Professor Weisfeiler: 'Dead or Alive?'"

As Rupert explained to students why campus groups are calling for an investigation, the crowd grew and passersby stopped to listen.

In a quiet voice, Rupert told students, "Boris Weisfeiler disappeared in Chile more than two years ago. The Chilean police claim that he drowned, but I (don't believe) this claim" because unanswered questions remain in the contradictory police report.

Most importantly, Weisfeiler disappeared near an estate called Colonia Dignidad, which a 1976 United Na-

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### Sick tree

John Yohn, a University arborist, points out the damage done to this tree cut down between Davey and Chandlee Laboratories by Dutch Elm disease.

## Carter, Hoffman acquitted

By CAROLYN LUMSDEN  
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NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A jury found Amy Carter, Abbie Hoffman and 13 other protesters innocent yesterday of charges stemming from a demonstration last fall against CIA recruiters at the University of Massachusetts.

The six-member jury announced the verdict to a courtroom packed with 130 spectators about three hours after they began deliberations. Hampshire County District Court Judge Richard Connon cleared the chamber after the reading of the first verdict was greeted with thunderous applause.

"The people of Northampton, a jury of six in Northampton, have found the CIA guilty of a larger crime than trespassing and disorderly conduct and decided we had a legitimate right to protest that," the daughter of former President Jimmy Carter said as she left the courthouse.

"I don't know what is in the future, but I am sure I am going to be involved in this sort of thing for the rest of my life," she added.

Carter said her father had called her Tuesday night to wish her luck, and she would have been willing to go to jail if the verdict had gone the other way.

"It feels very good, very good," Hoffman said

afterward. "I am proud of what we did. It's good for the country. It's good for democracy."

Prosecutor Diane Fernald had argued that Miss Carter deliberately blocked buses and other protesters refused to leave a university building to publicize their demands that the school ban CIA recruiters.

The defense had argued that the protesters broke minor laws in an effort to put a stop to graver law-breaking by the spy agency.

"I think (the jury) was saying students have a right to protest against illegal CIA covert actions, against their dirty little war in Nicaragua," said Stephen Schlang, an attorney for the defendants.

"If there is a message, it was that this jury was composed of middle America," said District Attorney W. Michael Ryan Jr. "It was a great jury for us. They weren't kids. There were a couple of senior citizens. And they believed the defense. Middle America doesn't want the CIA doing what they are doing."

Miss Carter, 19, was among three defendants accused of disorderly conduct at the Nov. 24 demonstration. Hoffman, a leader in the student movement of the 1960s, was among a dozen defendants accused of refusing to leave a school building. If convicted, the defendants could have been sentenced to a maximum of six months in jail.

Hoffman suggested in his closing arguments that the CIA was the true offender.

## Students alarmed by false calls

By RICK WOODWARD  
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False fire alarms are pulled as many as five times a week in residence halls, and when this happens, students may choose to ignore the alarms and remain in the building — a violation of state law.

In West Hall's Hamilton Hall, as many as four alarms occurred between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. last week. After the first alarm, many people refused to leave, said Ken Brennan (senior-real estate).

Last semester in Hamilton Hall, there was at least one alarm a week, he added.

The state requires residence halls to have at least one fire drill per month, said University Fire Protection Engineer Tom Hand.

The number of false alarms has decreased dramatically since 1985-86.

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#### correction

Due to a news editor's error, we ran the previous week's weather, forecasting snow, Monday in place of the correct forecast from meteorologist Ross Dickman. The Daily Collegian apologizes for any inconvenience the error might have caused.

#### weather

This afternoon and tonight cloudy and dismal with periods of rain. High 56. Low tonight 46. Tomorrow continued dreary, with occasional rain showers. High 58. . . . . Ross Dickman