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# Tests ordered to detect toxins in lake

By Diana Penner  
Staff Writer

Tests have been ordered to determine whether a highly toxic fluid entered Campus Lake from a transformer leak in Health Service. John Meister, director of SUC Pollution Control, said Tuesday.

Meister said the equipment and chemicals needed for the tests have been ordered, and that results will probably be available around the middle of the semester. The tests will be conducted by Pollution Control workers.

It was disclosed this summer that University officials

had discovered that an unknown quantity of the fluid had leaked from a transformer in the basement of Health Service. Officials are not sure exactly when or how long the transformer leaked because it is located in a room people seldom visit, but it was probably some time during the summer of 1978.

The fluid, used to cool sealed electrical transformers, contains polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCB. Meister said that research, which is still inconclusive, has linked PCB to many human maladies and diseases.

The fluid is suspected to

have leaked two to three feet from the transformer to the sump pump in the Health Service. From there, it could have traveled to Campus Lake by way of a storm sewer and a 10-yard dry-run stream. Dry-run streams only contain water during rainy periods, Meister said.

Meister said that PCB adheres to soil and sediment and is not found as a free-floating element in water. In order for the substance to move down the stream into the lake, water would have to be moving swiftly enough to carry sediment into the lake. He said that although the

stream has contained water, he doesn't feel that there have been rains strong enough to wash large amounts of sediment downstream.

"We've been in contact with the EPA on proceeding with the testing," Meister said. "The sump was rinsed down with kerosene over break to meet EPA standards."

Meister explained that the tests involve a special variation of gas chromatography using an electron capture detector, which clearly picks up the presence of PCB.

Meister said there is no danger to swimmers who use

the lake because the substance is not soluble in water. He said he feels the possibility that fish in the lake are contaminated is minimal.

Meister said the tests will cost about \$2,500, even though the University is conducting them itself.

He explained that PCB is not actually found in a natural environment at all because it is a man-made chemical. After being used for about 100 years, however, it is now normally found in ecosystems such as Campus Lake in small quantities. The EPA sets the guidelines for acceptable quantities of PCB.

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Gus says what better place than the Health Service for a PCB headache?

## Bike registration on campus to continue through Friday

By Bill Crowe  
Staff Writer

Bicycle registration for students living in on-campus dormitory locations began Monday and will continue for the rest of the week, said Marilyn Hogan, campus parking manager.

Saluki Patrol officers have been conducting bicycle registrations at Grinnell Hall Monday and Tuesday, Hogan said, and they will be there again Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the officers will be stationed at Thompson Point to register students on the west side of campus, she added.

Hogan said she would like the Saluki Patrol officers to register bikes for eight hours each day. However, she explained, the officers are students who also have to attend classes and they may not be able to register bikes that long. Registration hours are indefinite, pending the class schedules of the officers involved, she said.

Bicycle registration costs \$2 and the license plates—to be displayed on the rear of the bike seats—are valid as long as the resident lives in Carbondale, she said.

The Carbondale Police Department, 610 F. College, is

also registering bikes for cyclists who live in the city, Hogan added.

When a student applies for a bicycle license, his bike must pass a safety inspection conducted by the officers, Hogan said. A few of the safety features a bike must have to pass the inspection include:

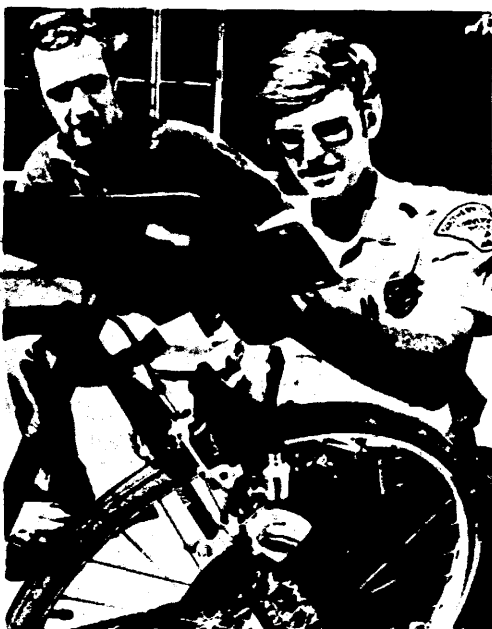
—A reflector on each pedal which can be seen at night from a distance of at least 200 feet.

—Side reflectors attached to the front and rear wheel spokes of the bicycle. The front wheel reflector must be amber or yellow and the rear reflector must be red. Both reflectors must be visible at night from 500 feet away.

—A red reflector placed under the seat.

—A white light attached to the handlebars is no longer required if cyclists do not intend to ride at night, Hogan said. However, the light is required if the cyclists are riding at night.

Hogan said Security Police will begin ticketing unregistered bikes in about two weeks. The fine for registration, parking or equipment violations is \$3. The fine for operators or moving violations is \$5.



University police officer Bill Erluyth fastens a license plate to freshman Doug Ciserella's bicycle in front of Grinnell Hall as bike registration continues at on-campus housing this week. Ticketing of unregistered bicycles will begin in about two weeks. (Staff photo by Dwight Nale)

## Still no room for 39 students

By Leanne Waxman  
Staff Writer

About 39 students were living in temporary on-campus quarters Tuesday compared to about 100 students temporarily housed in residence hall basements and rooms at the same time last fall.

According to Sam Rinella, director of University housing, 14 rooms were available for occupancy at Thompson Point for men and women Tuesday. All students living in temporary housing will be moved to permanent quarters for the remainder of the school year by Thursday, he said.

Students residing in temporary quarters are living in rooms equipped with bunkbeds, making the capacity for each room three people. Rinella said all students currently living under these conditions are housed in residence halls at Brush Towers and University Park.

According to Brush Towers Business Manager Arnold Ross, some students were moved to permanent quarters Tuesday. Students had until noon Tuesday to check into residence halls or their housing was cancelled. Off-campus dormitories with University approval were filled by the first week in July. Pat McNeill, supervisor of off-campus housing said, "The housing capacity for off-campus approved dormitories is 1,204. The approved dorms include Wilson Hall, Stevenson Arms, Freeman and the Baptist Student Center."

McNeill said a few spots may be open soon because of cancellations. Students were told by officials to notify housing authorities 24 hours prior to the first day of class if they would not be moving into the dorms in order to obtain a refund on their security deposits. She said Stevenson Arms received word of two "no-show" by the cancellation date.

The majority of off-campus housing was filled by April. Rex Renfrew, manager of Lewis Park, said. He said Lewis Park does not have a specific cancellation date.

## University personnel can expect raises

By Paula D. Walter  
Staff Writer

Paychecks for University personnel will be larger on Sept. 1, Robert Gentry, vice president for financial affairs, said Tuesday.

Gentry said the increases, which average 8 percent, are retroactive to July 1, the beginning of fiscal year 1980. He added that specific figures will not be available until the Board of Trustees approves the increases at its Sept. 13 meeting.

Gentry said the board must meet in order to make sure the given salary increases are in accordance with a plan that was submitted and approved at an earlier meeting. Gentry

said the plan contains salary increase guidelines of between \$75 and \$325 per month for faculty members, administrators and professional employees. He said proposed salary increases above \$325 or below \$75 must be accompanied by a letter from a dean justifying the request.

Civil Service employees are scheduled to receive an "across-the-board" increase of 5.3 percent. Some employees may receive an additional 2.7 percent increase for merit, Gentry said. He said salary increases for labor employees will have to be negotiated through the unions and that all increases will apply to personnel employed

by the University prior to July 1. Salaries of employees hired after July 1 will be negotiated, he said.

Student worker salaries will be adjusted to comply with the minimum wage guideline of \$2.90 per hour and graduate student assistants will receive an 8 percent salary increase, he said.

Despite the fact that the board does not meet to act on these increases until the middle of next month, the increases will be evident in the Sept. 1 paychecks, Gentry said.

"I will be very surprised if the board proposes any interjections, but if that is the case, obviously we will have to

adjust the salaries accordingly," he said.

According to President Carter's proposed voluntary guidelines on salary increases, the average salary increase of 8 percent proposed by the University does not comply, a spokesperson for the Council on Wage and Price Stability said. However, the spokesperson added that the 7 percent guideline will be changed, effective Oct. 1, probably to 8 percent.

Gentry said that there is a large enough turnover of personnel after July 1 to justify the average salary increase of 8 percent.