

Eye on Campus

SEPTA noise and fumes problem resolved

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For many of the SEPTA buses, Penn State is a rest stop. The drivers park their buses outside of the Main building, leaving them running, which allows fumes and noise to bother people in the building.

This will no longer be a problem.

The SEPTA buses that have a lay-over at Penn State Delaware County have been instructed to park at the north end of the main parking lot instead of in front of the Main Building.

"I'm glad the buses aren't outside the building anymore because they are too loud and I can't concentrate on my math class," said George Bannan, freshman.

"This change was prompted by concerns expressed by students, faculty, and staff in the Main Building regarding the diesel fumes generated by the buses, and SEPTA management has been extremely cooperative in working with us in resolving the matter," said Lisa Yerges, director of business services.

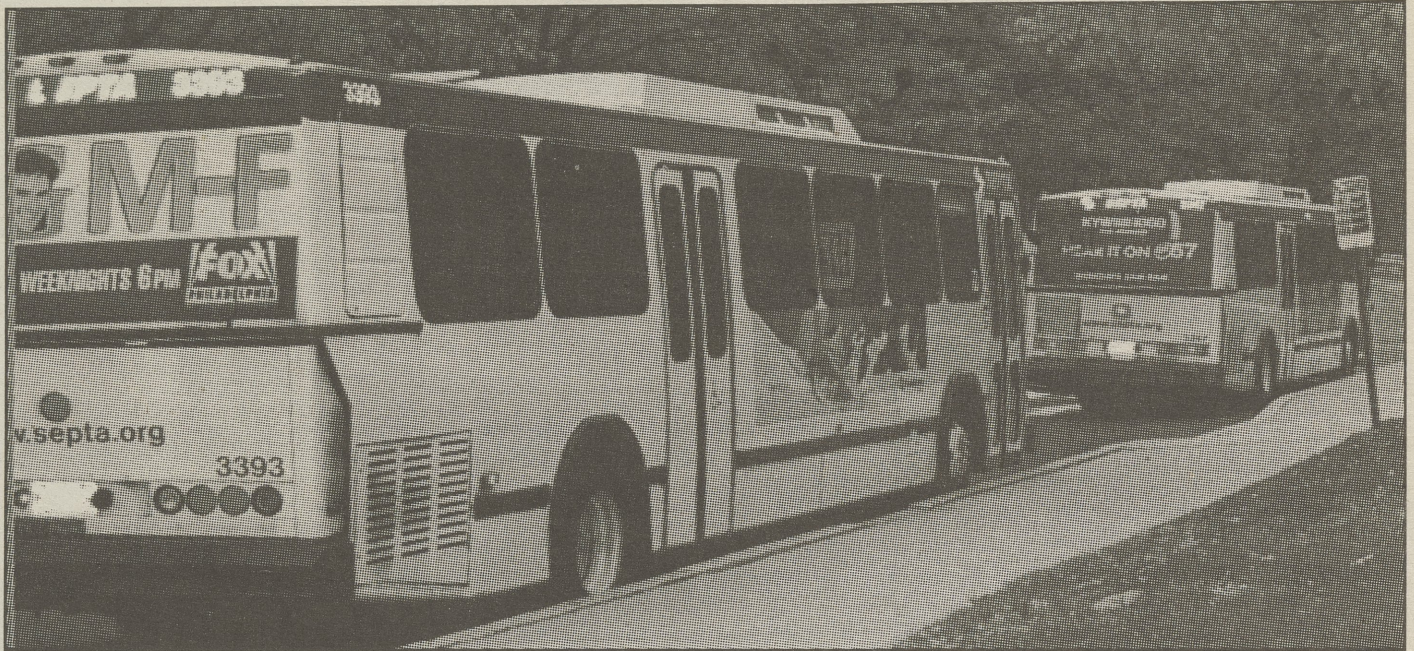


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The SEPTA buses caused disturbances in the past, the fumes bothered faculty, staff and students. The noise made it difficult for professors to teach and for students to focus.

Nontraditional black leaders form a dynamic duo

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George W. Bush on Dec. 16, 2000 for the position of secretary of state. After being unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate he was sworn in as the first black secretary of state in U.S. history.

Last week Powell made the most important speech that any secretary of state under any administration has made in front of the U.N. Security Council in New York City.

Dr. Condoleezza Rice was nominated by President George W. Bush to be his national security advisor on December 17, 2000. After a successful confirmation, Rice became the first African-American woman to serve as the assistant to the president for national security affairs, also known as national security advisor, on Jan. 22, 2001.

Born November 14, 1954 in Birmingham, Alabama, she earned her bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Denver in 1974; her master's from Notre Dame University in 1975; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of

International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981.

She has been awarded honorary doctorates from: Morehouse College in 1991, the University of Alabama in 1994, and the University of Notre Dame in 1995.

Before becoming national security advisor, Rice had made quite name for herself.

As professor of political science, Rice has been on the Stanford faculty since 1981 and has won two of the highest teaching honors -- the 1984 Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1993 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

From 1989 through March 1991, she served in the Bush administration as director, and then senior director, of Soviet and East European affairs in the National Security Council, and a special assistant to the president for National Security Affairs.

In 1986, while an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, she served as special assistant to the director of the joint chiefs of staff. In 1997, she served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender -- Integrated

Training in the Military.

In June of 1999 she completed a six year tenure as Stanford University's Provost, where she was responsible for a \$1.5 billion annual budget and the academic program involving 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students. While Dr. Rice was created several new and innovative academic programs, she also reduced \$20 million in base budget costs of the university, balanced the budget in the first year, and reported budget surpluses during the rest of her tenure as Provost.

It's no wonder President George W. Bush chose her for his national security advisor, this woman seems to do everything.

Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice aren't your traditional black leaders that deal with the struggles for civil rights and social injustice that affect blacks and minorities. But they deserve credit and respect for their contributions to this country. Here are two African-Americans paving the way and breaking barriers for aspiring African-Americans as they continue to advance in the ranks of our government.



Dr. Condoleezza Rice

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