

# Riders cut time, money, hassles

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Most students not only find it cheaper to travel home from Penn State by car, but it is also a faster and more comfortable ride than the bus.

Plus, most drivers find it too expensive — and too lonely — to drive home without riders.

As a result, an increasing number of people are scrambling around the ride lists in the HUB every weekend.

"I've spent \$100 so far on bus trips home because my parents don't like me to take rides with strangers," one woman student complained. Another student said he found it annoying to take the bus because it stops in every little town on the way home.

Carolyn M. usually takes two to four riders when she travels to York. It would cost her \$12 for gas if she made the trip alone, but by charging four riders \$5 each for the round trip, she can pocket \$8. Or if she takes only three people, she will at least break even.

For Carolyn's riders, it is a savings of \$7.55 from \$12.55 they would normally pay for a round trip bus ticket to York.

Not only is it economical for the driver to take riders, but for many students who must drive home on a regular basis, it is an opportunity to make friends.

A quick glance at the chart will show the economical advantages of finding a driver going in the same direction. The cost of going home... round trip figures:

	by bus	by car
New York	\$34.80	\$10
Philadelphia	\$20.90	\$5-\$7
Harrisburg	\$9.45	\$3-\$5
York	\$12.55	\$4-\$5
Scranton	\$11.90	\$6
Johnstown	\$11.50	\$5
Allentown	\$11.90	\$6
Erie	\$32.35	\$5-\$8
Lancaster	\$13.40	\$6
Pittsburgh	\$18.05	\$6

## Director won't verify newspaper story

# Rape discipline action reported

The University has disciplined two male students reportedly involved in the alleged gang rape Oct. 10 at Phi Gamma Delta, according to a Pennsylvania Mirror story.

According to the Mirror, one of the students received a three-term suspension and the other received a three-term probation.

Donald T. Suit, director of the Office of Conduct Standards, would not verify the report and said he does not

know where the Mirror received its information.

The University has not released any information in keeping with established procedures for private hearings, Suit said. "It is possible the students themselves released the information," he said.

State College police are continuing their investigation of the alleged rape, although no criminal charges have been filed yet.

Police Chief Elwood G.

Williams said there is a vast difference between the amount of evidence necessary for the University to justify disciplinary action and what is enough to justify filing criminal charges.

Williams said the University's disciplinary action will not adversely affect the department's investigation. Because the alleged victim has left campus, it would be no more trouble to contact the suspended student than it

would be to contact the woman during the investigation, Williams said.

The Interfraternity Council plans to conduct a hearing early this week to determine if disciplinary action should be taken against Phi Gamma Delta.

The council held a hearing two weeks ago but a new witness uncovered by the University administration prompted IFC to conduct another.

# Hughes, gov't. contracts linked

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The U.S. government in the last 10 years has awarded at least \$6 billion in contracts, largely on a non-competitive basis, to companies affiliated with billionaire reclus Howard Hughes, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported yesterday.

The \$6 billion figure, most of which represents Defense Department contracts, is a "firm minimum" based on available government records, the paper said in the

first of a copyrighted series.

The paper said Hughes' firms received "many contracts" from the CIA but said the agency refused to disclose dollar amounts.

The Inquirer said that during its eight-month investigation, the government went "to extraordinary lengths" to protect Hughes.

"Howard Hughes has become almost a clandestine branch of the federal government, operating in total secrecy, guaranteed


secret profits, checked or monitored by no outside force whatsoever," the paper said.

Since 1965, "Hughes and his enterprises, as measured by all the available evidence, received more American tax money — more than \$11.6 million a week, every week — than is paid to any other privately controlled business in the world," the paper said.

The Inquirer said its survey showed that eight of every 10 contracts entered into, with Hughes' companies by the federal government were awarded without competitive bidding.

Efforts to reach Hughes, who has not been seen in public in years, were unsuccessful, the Inquirer said.

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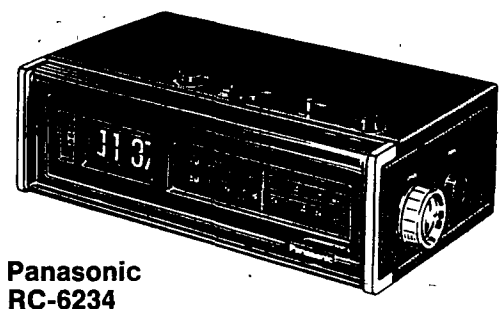
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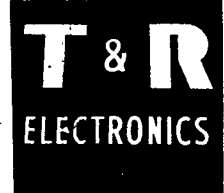
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