Beloved Northnotable to retire

By KATHY O'TOOLE Collegian Staff Writer

Students returning to North Halls in September prepare yourselves! A familiar figure who has been around almost as long as North Halls itself will be noticeably absent.

On June 30, Ruthie Weaver, Warnock Snack Bar attendant for the past 17 years, will serve her last cheeseburger and soda before retiring.

Since 1960, Ruthie has been to North Halls what Joe Paterno is to Penn State football. Outwardly, she is a combination of the stereotyped concerned parent, busybody mother-in-law and nagging girlfriend. Beneath her stern, sometimes grouchy surface she's one of the most popular, highly admired persons in North Halls.

'One of the very first thigs I heard about when I first came here was 'Ruthie's Grill,' " said Carol Kelly, North Halls area coordinator. "She's part of

'Ruthie's Grill," as Warnock Snack Bar has been dubbed by many customers, has become the hub of North Halls nightlife. Sunday through Friday, students wander into the snack bar area for a nightly snack, a study break or sometimes just to stir Ruthie up a bit.

"People like to tease her and give her a hard time," said Kathy Nuss, Ruthie's co-worker for the past three years. "But she just gives them a hard time right back," she added. "She doesn't take anything from anyone.'

Over the years, Ruthie has become notorious for her high-pitched voice, used to notify customers when their orders are ready. One steady customer claims that he sometimes sits on the Wall on College Avenue and hears a shrill, "Your burger is ready" drifting to his ears from the direction of North

At other times, Ruthie turns her voice on students and admonishes them about everything from drinking too much to ordering sodas after she makes a trip to the refrigerators, but everyone knows that Ruthie is all bark and no bite.

"She really makes you feel at home," another customer said. "She's always interested in what we say; she's a sympathetic listener and she yells at me more than my mother."

"She always manages to keep in touch," said Scot Guenter, a North Halls resident. "She never fails to ask about family and friends."

Ruthie, who will visit with a daughter and two sons in California after retiring, may stay in closer touch with some students than she ever dreamed. Several residents of fourth floor Leete Hall, all snack bar regulars, have recently decided that they want to accompany Ruthie into retirement. Now



Hager predicts GOP win for governorship in 1978

By PETE BARNES

Collegian Staff Writer State Senator Henry Hager of Williamsport, a possible candidate for the Republican nomination for governor said the GOP could win the governor's seat next year if the candidate were Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo because Rizzo has almost no support outside of

Philadelphia. . He said, though, that the party would have a tougher time defeating state Auditor General Robert P. Casey because Casey has built a good image for himself in the media.

"I think the next governor is going to be a Republican," Hager also said, indicating alleged corruption in the administration would lead voters to rout Shapp.

He said he would probably run for governor and his campaign would center around making government a coor-dinating force. He indicated his administration would work on a problem by problem basis and said it was ridiculous to think that every problem could be solved.

To solve problems, he said, it's necessary to gather the people involved to work with an organizing force rather than a polarizing force.

He accused Governor Shapp of attempting to solve problems by charging private interests with responsibility for a problem. He called this a vote-getting technique.

"It's great politics, but it's poor government," Hager said.
Once Shapp placed the blame on

someone, he said, he had created an enemy for the public, which would then make pre-judgments and lose count of the

Hager said he has been trying to have a five member independent crime commission established to investigate organized crime and government corruption.

The members of the commission would be appointed for 6-year terms by the Commonwealth court and would receive adequate funding from the state.

On the state budget proposed in the senate, Hager said the five per cent across the board cut in taxes is a phony. He said he expects the spending figure will go up and new taxes will be levied.

Hager is in Centre County campaigning for GOP candidate for the 34th District State Senate seat, J. Doyle Corman.

D.A. hopefuls Bryant, Mitinger disagree

By TIM KONSKI Collegian Staff Writer Republican candidates for district attorney disagreed last night on the decriminalization o f marijuana and the use of plea

bargaining in the D.A.'s of-Speaking at a candidates night sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Government, and the Organization for Town Bryant said, "The drug laws, in regard to marijuana,

woman was listed in fair College.

Marilyn Wenzig, 600 W. Burrowes Street dri College Aye., was struck and pinned to the pillar about 801 West Aaron Drive.

condition last night after

being pinned to a brick pillar

11:30 p.m. Wednesday, by a

car driven by Grame Mood,

According to police, Mood

failed to stop for a red light at

and West College Avenue

the corner of Burrowes Street

25, of 425 Waupelani Drive.

by a car Wednesday night.

further. You can't enforce accomplices." laws that people don't want enforced.'

"When you enforce victimless crimes you breed police corruption," he said. "To say you're going to decriminalize marijuana is a cop out. If it's bad for you,

of plea bargaining, Mitinger Independent Students, James said, "There is an absolute necessity for plea bargaining. It is sometimes in the best should be modified much interest of society to uncover that is the job of the judge and

The Mood auto was then

struck in the left rear fender

by a car north-bound on

Burrowes Street driven by

forced the Mood auto south

across College Avenue to

strike Wenzig and pin her to a

Timothy A. Alexander, 22, of

"The worst possible thing you can do with multiple offender cases is plea bargain," Bryant said.

The D.A. candidates also disagreed on the use of lie detector tests. "The lie detector is to be

let's do everything to discourage it," his opponent, Robert Mitinger, said.

The first detector is to be viewed with suspicion," Bryant said. "It breeds lazy policemen and sometimes, Referring to the D.A.'s use because of the psychological pressures, forces the confessions of innocent people."

"Lie detectors are not used to measure guilt or innocence,

said, "it is most hypocritical to call the possession of marijuana illegal." Democrat Richard Sharp A 23-year-old State College while traveling west on nessed the accident pushed said, "I would certainly urge the legislature decriminalize the possession

Mitinger said.

County's common pleas judge

agreed that the possession of

small amounts of marijuana

Republican Thomas E. Sterling said, "The evidence

accumulated on marijuana

has proven the penalties to be

too severe. The penalties

determin that it is not a

Republican Charles Brown

crime to use marijuana,

"Since the legislature has

should be reduced.

should be decriminalized.

Discussing the death agreed that it is necessary.

small amounts of

"Capital punishment, to a certain degree, is a deterrent A passenger in the Alexander auto, John abuse," Sharp said. "It Haroski, of 801 West Aaron should be used only to punish severe crimes like murdering police officers.'

Sterling said, "The people

Pedestrian pinned to pillar by auto the car away and Wenzig

collapsed to the ground. Wenzig was treated at the of Mountainview Unit of Centre marijuana. Community Hospital for a broken right thighbone, fractured left wrist, abrasions agreed that it is necessary. of abdomen and possible Police said the impact internal injuries.

brick pillar behind the Drive was injured but did not require treatment, according Several persons who wit- to police.

jury. They are used only to support a verifiable fact," of Pennsylvania want it in some degree. I think it is appropriate for heinous Candidates for Centre crimes such as rape and murder." 'Capital punishment is a

deterrent and I am in favor of it," Brown said.

Commenting on a judge's decision concerning the severity of punishment inflicted, the candiates agreed that a judge should be familiar with the defendant's background and the state's correctional institutions.

"A judge should rely on an offender's background before deciding the severity of sentencing," Sharp said.

"Also, he must know the correctional institutions," he

"A judge should know about the institutions and probation,"Sharp said. "He should then adapt the individual's needs to this."

"The individual should be evaluated by experts who would then submit their opinions to the judges," Sterling said.

The candidates also agreed that a judge should rely on professional help before deciding to commit a defendant to a mental institution.



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