

Expanded bus service proposed

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A proposal to expand bus service routes in the Centre Region is being reviewed by various local planning commissions.

The proposed plan, which would expand the Centre Area Transportation Authority's service area to Ferguson Township, Tofrees, Laurel Glen and Bellefonte, was prepared by James Miller, director of public transportation, who will present the plan to the State College Planning Commission tomorrow night.

Miller said the proposal, which is called the Transit Redevelopment Plan, would require the purchase of three more buses to operate in the new service areas.

Miller said the additional buses, some of which may be purchased new, will replace present vehicles so the system will have adequate backup in case of breakdowns.

"We're talking about getting additional buses to hold us over for at least two years," Miller said.

CATA owns 15 buses, two of which serve as spares. The buses are 9 to 27 years old. One of the spares is used during rush hours, Miller said.

Miller said the Transit Redevelopment Plan must be submitted to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration in order to receive a federal grant, which will cover 80 percent of CATA's capital costs. The rest of the funds are provided by the state (16 and two-thirds percent) and local municipalities (3 and one-third percent).

Fifty percent of CATA's operating expenses also would be paid by a federal grant from UMTA if the plan is accepted by the three participating townships — College, Harris and Patton — and the State College Borough.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation would provide 33 percent of the operating costs and

local municipalities would follow suit by providing at least 17 percent of the operating costs. Assuming the municipalities accept the plan, the grant should be approved by July, 1979, Miller said.

Operating expenses, according to Miller, depend on the amount of service provided and the revenue received from riders.

The proposed Ferguson Township bus service would extend the present service area to the Park Hills-Overlook Heights areas along with a "work trip service" going through Fairbrook, Pine Grove Mills and Glenview. The work trip is a bus running mornings and evenings only.

Miller said Laurel Glen Apartments showed interest in having CATA take over the private bus service provided by Laurel Glen to its residents. Miller said CATA is still considering the offer.

"With good signalization and a better road, we could serve them safely," he said.

OTIS expresses regret over PIRG decision

The Organization for Town Independent Students Monday night expressed regret over the Associated Student Activities Budget Committee's refusal to fund Students for a Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group.

"OTIS expresses its disappointment in ASA's refusal to fund PennPIRG," said OTIS President Glenn Meyer. "I know it hurt them, but they're trying not to let it bother them. They do plan to go ahead with their petition drive, though."

The drive is set to begin tomorrow. Meyer also said Students for

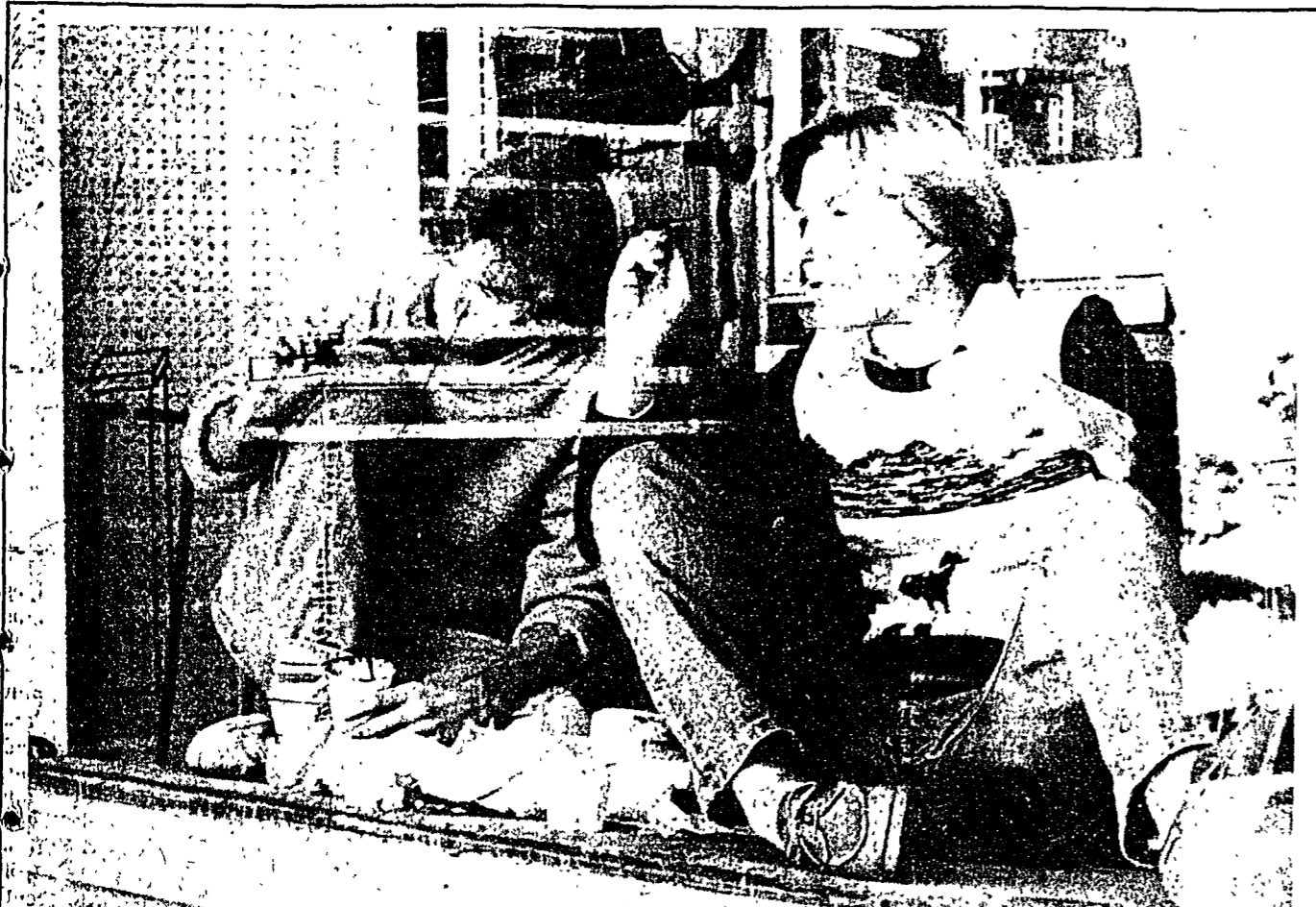
PennPIRG will be able to keep the OTIS office space it is using.

"Sure they can continue to use what they have now," he said. "If there's anytime we can help them it's now. We'll do what we can for them."

One of the main reasons PennPIRG did not get funding, Meyer said, was ASA's belief that funds would be used for purposes not restricted to University Park. "ASA believes the money it gives out should benefit only University Park students," Meyer said.

"A PIRG would extend to branch campuses," he said.

—by Lisa Greenburg



Pane in the glass

Fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations are busy drawing and painting theme windows in businesses around State College for Homecoming 1978. Dan Basin (4th-architecture) of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and Mary Jane Sagan, (4th-architecture) of Kappa Alpha

Theta sorority work together on a painting of Old Main and the gateway of campus, at the University Book Centre yesterday. Fraternities and sororities are also building floats that will be judged in Saturday's Homecoming parade downtown.

Photo by Dave Kraft

'Watergate' reporter will speak

Bob Woodward, well-known investigative reporter of the Watergate affair, will speak at Eisenhower Auditorium tonight at 8.

The event is being sponsored jointly by Colloquy, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic Council as part of a presentation on "The New Press," according to Colloquy publicity chairman Jeff Schroyer. The presentation is free to the public.

In 1972, Woodward teamed with fellow Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein to investigate the June 17, 1972, break-in of the Democratic National Committee Headquarters and the subsequent "cover-up" of the incident. The break-in occurred at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.

Woodward and Bernstein's first book, "All the President's Men," chronicled the Watergate investigation and its results. Published in 1974, the book soon became a bestseller and was made into a movie, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.

The reporters' second collaborative effort, "The Final

Days," described the last 100 days of the Nixon Administration and became the first book in history to become a number one bestseller from the day it was published.

Woodward is a 1965 graduate of Yale University. Before joining the Washington Post in 1971, he spent five years in the Navy as a communications officer. He is still listed as a member of the Washington Post staff, although not in a reporting capacity.

According to a public relations spokesman for the Post, Woodward is writing another book. The spokesman said he did not know the content of the book.

At 1 p.m. today, Robert Blanchard, head of the School of Journalism, will speak in the HUB main lounge on "Congress and the News Media."

State College attorney Virginia Eisenstein spoke on "The Legal Aspects of the Freedom of Speech" yesterday at the HUB. Both speakers are part of this week's "The New Press" presentation.

—by Elyse Chilant

State highways may get millions

HARRISBURG (AP) — A Pennsylvania congressman said yesterday he is sure the federal government will pump millions of dollars into the state's stalled highway program under a change in matching fund policy.

Rep. Doug Walgren, an Allegheny County Democrat, told a capitol news conference the U.S. Transportation Department will deliver at least \$10 million for the unfinished Allegheny Valley Expressway outside Pittsburgh.

In a letter, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams promised to look into making the state eligible for credit on money it has spent on planning, design

and right-of-way acquisition for interstate and federal highways.

Earlier this year, Adams had said such credit was prohibited under federal highway regulations. But Walgren said Adams changed his mind after a visit to the unfinished Allegheny Valley Expressway a few months ago.

Adams' letter specified that the money may be applied only to sections of highway not already under construction.

A U.S. highway official who attended the news conference affirmed that under Adams' policy revision, the final 4.5-mile section of the Allegheny County Expressway is eligible for funding.

"There's no doubt about it, the Allegheny Valley Expressway will be eligible," said Donald Hammer, Pennsylvania's district representative for the Federal Highway Administration.

However, funding for numerous other stalled roadways in the state apparently will depend on individual applications for aid.

Walgren said the federal grant would be used to help offset the estimated \$56 million completion cost of the final expressway link.

Pennsylvania's highway program has been stalled for over a year because of a lack of money.

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