

To 'reduce congestion'

Road projects suggested

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The Centre Region Area Transportation Study Technical Committee yesterday recommended road improvement projects to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for analysis.

At a meeting yesterday, CRATS Secretary Ronald N. Short said the projects will be included in a PennDOT program called "New Initiatives." The purpose of the program is to save lives and reduce congestion on roads. The federal government will provide 100 percent of the funding for traffic lights and bridges, he said.

Some of the projects that will be evaluated include a proposed turning lane at North Atherton Street from Clinton Avenue to College Avenue and signal light adjustments for that artery, Short said.

Other projects include installation of signal lights for Struble Road at Benner Pike, and at the intersection of Routes 26 and 45 in Pine Grove Mills, said Thomas Collins Jr., chairman of the Centre Area Transportation Authority. Other proposals from Ferguson and Harris Townships will also be included in the proposal sent to PennDOT, he said.

PennDOT will determine the importance of each of the proposed road improvements and additions through a cost benefit analysis, Short said.

Projects with the most favorable cost benefit ratio will be examined first and others will follow in order of importance, Thomas Ickes, assistant director for engineering and design for PennDOT, said.

Collins said the proposed improvements will be sent through a PennDOT review process. PennDOT officials will review some of the improvement proposals themselves and send others to outside groups who are better qualified to evaluate them, he said.

Ickes said PennDOT will decide which projects will be kept and which will be given to other groups by Nov. 15. PennDOT hopes to have the evaluations of the projects completed and returned to CRATS by January.

In other business, Short said the proposed South Atherton Street bikeway will be funded by combining federal and local funds. Seventy-five percent of the project will be funded by the federal government and the remaining costs will be split between the state and participating local municipalities.

Council still studying CATA plan

A proposal to eliminate four board members from the Centre Area Transportation Authority is still being reviewed by the State College Municipal Council, CATA Chairman Thomas J. Collins said last night.

Collins said the members who would be eliminated represent the Undergraduate Student Government, a member at-large and two CATA riders. The reduction would leave CATA with five board members, representing the five participating municipalities, State College borough, Harris, Patton, College and Ferguson townships.

"The council will determine what to do with the proposal," Collins said. "It is in their hands now."

Collins said he was not sure when the council will take action. In other action, CATA approved Collins' recommendation to extend the CATA employees' union contract for as long as the current negotiations continue.

Collins said there are 90 days remaining on the current contract and he does not want to get caught in a time squeeze should negotiations continue much longer.

CATA also received a request from riders of the H bus to provide night service on that line.

Fred Lancaster of Toftrees presented a petition with names of 111 H bus riders. Lancaster said if night service were provided, it would attract riders who are now using their cars to get to campus.

Collins said the board would look into the request.

CATA also approved the appointment of Robert Kaiser of Waynesboro, and Stephen Travers III, a former CATA bus driver, as operator's assistants.

—by Michael Flach

Committee to study evaluations

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Undergraduate Student Government Academic Assembly last night formed a course evaluation committee to study evaluations and devise a new plan for the University.

The purpose of the committee will be to study course evaluations from other universities and then come up with a new plan here, said B.J. Wanamaker, assembly president.

Wanamaker suggested that the evaluations be made independent of faculty members by using a random survey distributed to the students by the assembly. This would be similar to the system used at Indiana University, she said. However, it was left up to the committee to decide which plan to use.

The assembly also formed a grievance board which would hear students' complaints about instructors, teaching methods, grading and violation of Faculty Senate policy.

Wanamaker said it is important that the University have something like this because "every student should have a

voice."

She said the board would take action on the grievances more quickly and also could help when no Faculty Senate rules apply. In other business, Carol Gifford, assembly vice president, said that the College Bowl competition will soon begin. The competition is scheduled for Oct. 22 to 25 and Oct. 29, 30 and Nov. 1, in the HUB.

The possibility of an adviser hotline was proposed by Kim Kramer, Division of Undergraduate Studies student council member. The hotline would deal with individual student-adviser problems. A complaint form would be filled out and returned to the dean of the college. It was decided to take the idea back to the student councils for discussion.

In other action, the assembly decided it will send a memo to Dean Robert Scannell of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation expressing its displeasure with the recent policy change concerning physical education classes. The new policy gives course selection priority to students of sixth term standing and lower.

Director says the law victimizes minorities

By TIM BEIDEL

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The law has victimized racial minorities in the past and is doing so now, the director of New York City College's Center for Legal Education said last night in a lecture on racism and the law.

"The dominant experience of minority people has been different than the experience of the majority's when it comes to dealing with the law," Haywood Burns said. "The law has victimized racial minorities."

Burns, who was educated at Harvard, Cambridge and Yale universities, said he does not see an end to the victimization of minorities by the law.

"I don't see an end to it in the near future," Burns said. "I hope there's a solution in the future, but it's a continuing problem and it will be a continuing struggle."

Burns dotted his speech with famous cases of racism in the law that occurred in the early part of United States history, but said racism did not end there.

"In law today you will still see the malevolent hand of racism," he said. "It is most obvious in cases of overt personal racism, but more of us have gotten to the point in 1979 where we can address a racist judge."

"The problem that is more serious is the way that the generalized racism keeps cropping up in institutions today," he said.

Burns said incidents of racism in the law include the "lesser weight" testimony of black witnesses gets in court, jury exclusion, the difference in jail sentences minority members receive, money/bail situations and exclusion from the purchase of property.

"There are two points in jury exclusion," he said. "The first is that there is somebody that makes up the jury selection rolls, and there could be some discrimination there."

"Secondly, the prosecutor has a certain number of preemptory challenges — removing a juror without giving a reason — that can be used to get rid of prospective jurors, perhaps because they are black."

Burns said on the average it takes a



Haywood Burns

Photo by Stel Varlas

white prisoner three years less to be rehabilitated than a black prisoner. He said blacks as members of a lower economic class also face discrimination.

"We have people sitting in jail because they can't afford to pay the bail," Burns said.

He said the problem of being poor is also a racial problem. "Since a disproportionate number

of poor are non-whites, there is a racial vector," Burns said. "Race has an economic implication because you are more likely to be poor if you're black."

Burns said he does not blame the legal system entirely for victimization of minorities, however.

"We will not have a legal system that will transcend American society, it will reflect society."

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