#### Commoner to be put

on November ballot

By LYNDA ROBINSON Daily Collegian Staff Writer A delegation including the Consumer Party candidate for the 23rd Congressional District seat recently submitted petitions in Harrisburg to

place Barry Commoner's name on the state ballot as a presidential candidate Doug Mason, local Consumer Party candidate for the U.S. House of

Representatives, and other party officials presented over 76,000 signatures to the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections, according to a party statement. Mason was accompanied to Harrisburg by Jeff Goldsmith, cochairman of the Consumer Party in Centre County. There they met with a group of the party's state officials who

Mason said. "We received a re-affirmation, in very concrete terms, that the party will support my candidacy 100 percent," he

pledged to support Mason's campaign,

State Campaign Chairwoman Susan Markus stressed the importance of Mason's campaign to the party officials at the state level.

"The 23rd Congressional District in which Doug is running is one of the largest in the state. A strong campaign by Doug would greatly increase our chances for state-wide ballot access,"

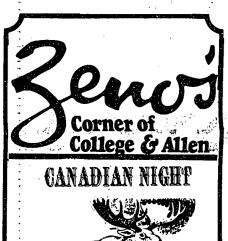
However, despite interest in Mason's campaign there has been no promise of direct financial aid, Mason said. Commoner's presidential campaign is not expected to have much beneficial effect on Mason's bid for congress, Mason said.

"Except for State College, I don't think Commoner is going to help me as much as I'm going to help him," he said. Mason predicted Commoner would receive 5 percent of the state vote.

"It seems pretty evident based on the effort we are putting out in the state, and plan to put out in the future, that Commoner will get 5 percent in Penn-

sylvania," he said. In addition to submitting the petitions, the delegation also decided to hold a statewide meeting sometime in early September to discuss campaign coordination and financial matters, Mason

"The September meeting will give us direction on every issue," he said.



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Sellers in his last roles

## 'Fu' a poor farewell film

"The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu" between and not terribly humorous. For film's directing is rather second rate as comes as a sad ending to the brillant film the most part, the action moves very well. The actors do nothing more than career of the late Peter Sellers. The film slowly, and sometimes it does not move take up space on the screen; instead of actor of such genius deserves a better epitaph. With the exception of Sellers' "Fu Manchu," fails almost totally as a



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inema 77/Film Group @1980 Filmways Pictures, In

chu's 168 brithday party, and one of the neither of the roles has much potenial, movie's few moments of humor: Fu Sellers makes them work as well as any Manchu's henchmen singing a chorus of actor possibly could. "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday There is only one good reason to see dear Fu, happy birthday to you." The "The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu,"

perhaps, that's enough.

film's level of comedy continually and that is, of course, to see Peter progresses downhill from this already Sellers in his final role. It is tragic that low start. During the birthday party, one such a brillant career must end with of the henchmen spills the last bottle of such a poor film. But fortunately, Sellers Fu Manchu's life-giving elixer. As the will be remembered, and remembered story struggles forward, we follow Fu well, for his roles in such great films as Manchu and his gang, as they attempt to "Dr. Strangelove," "Being There," and assemble all the ingredients of the as the unforgettable Inspector Clouseau. Doctor's secret formula of longevity.

The film's script is totally lacking in remembered along side Keaton, terms of cleverness, and devoid of Chaplin, and W.C. Fields, as one of the originality. The vast majority of the truly great comic performers in the jokes fail terribly and the only saving history of the cinema.

And Peter Sellers will undoubtably be

moments of humor scattered through grace is Sellers. He is capable of turning

the action. But, they are few and far the poorest of lines into laughs. The

out of respect for Peter Sellers. But, meaningful performance.

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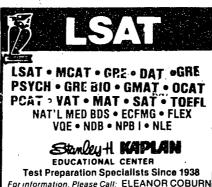
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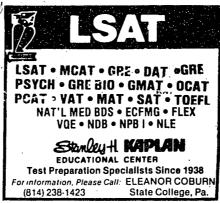
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# Failing to get the blues

Belushi and Ackroyd again

By STUART AUSTIN **Daily Collegian Staff Writer** 

"The Blues Brothers Movie" is a movie which asks a question. The question is not "can a blue man sing he whites?" but rather "can a mission from God justify the destruction of hundreds of cars, two comics' credibility and the audiences' sensibilities?"

movie considers, and answers with the the unsatisfying conclusion, "sometimes." John Belushi and Dan moving with any thoughtful direction. Ackroyd, as Joliet Jake and Elwood I must say that I'm rather hesitant to Once again, it is Sellers who manages to Blues, repeat their first album's give this film a negative review, if only rise above the mediocrity, and give a message, now on the silver screen. The message is that two white boyscan dig the blues and even sing the directing is poor; the supporting cast is although it is nowhere near his best. In blues. But for some reason, they just

poor. Even the title is poor. Yet, there is "Fu Manchu," as in many of his films, don't have that bluesy feeling. he incomparable Peter Sellers; the film Sellers plays more than one role. Here, In the movie, however, we are offers nothing more than that, and he plays both the evil Fu Manchu and treated to some (unfortunately brief) Fu's foe, retired Scottland Yard real lean, clean and bluesy footage "Fu Manchu" 's plot, if you have detective Nayland Smith. Smith, who is from famous blues performers, white already managed to guess by the title, is the better of the two roles, is a halfand black.James Brown, Ray centered around the evil doings of Dr. Fu senile, very odd man, with a strange Charles, Aretha Franklin and the Manchu. The film opens with Fu Man-fixation with his lawnmower. Although Blues Brothers Band which appeared on Saturday Night Live all give

> dark suits come off as just that: a numorous gag from two TV show As a good audience, we are willing suspend our disbelief about this. After all, we came to see the Blues Brothers knowing exactly who they are. No problem here; plenty of lighthearted humor and a dose of some decent vibes. The brothers' "mission from God" is to save a ghettodwelling orphanage and its mystical. nasochistic nun and soulful

> > caretaker from extinction due to tax

lebts. The plan is to use the blues to

honest, fiery performances. By

comparison, our two white boys ir

Complicating things are Jake's forsaken lover, hell-bent on lestruction; the Illinois state police,

aise the dues.

hell-bent on suspension of Elwood's driver's licence; and a handful of good old boys and Nazis hell-bent on vengeance and apprehension of the brothers. What starts as exciting close-call escapes eventually end up

as an insultingly absurd chase scene combining "Bullit," Keystone Kops and "Casino Royale" schticks and reducing them to wanton destruction The first question is one which the of cars, cops and the remaining fragments of the audiences Of course, the senselessness of the

destruction matches the senselessness of the whole film. The plot is as fascinating as the dry white toast which Elwood survives on throughout the film.

So why see it? Da blues, of course. Since Belushi and Ackroyd know humor, and not documentary techniques, the film is their way of cinematically showcasing the music tinction" with "Briefcase Full of cogniscenti and intelligensia rush for the nearest copy of TV Guide for some stimulation As mostly mindless entertainment the film will either amuse or offend depending on your tastes. If you enjoy funky song-and-dance routines delivered by a sea of lithe young bodies and two mechanical, middle aged white boys; if you enjoy seeing the police portrayed as mindless, violent animals easily outwitted b

two middle-aged white boys; and i

you enjoy seeing talented blues

Blues." So it doesn't matter about the

inconsistency with accepted con-

cars, or the risk of making film

ventions of good film-making, the wasting of a couple fleets of police

performers downstaged by two middle-aged white boys; you will hail "The Blues Brothers Movie." If not, your best bet is to stay home and listen to Sam and Dave's Greatest Hits with a bottle of

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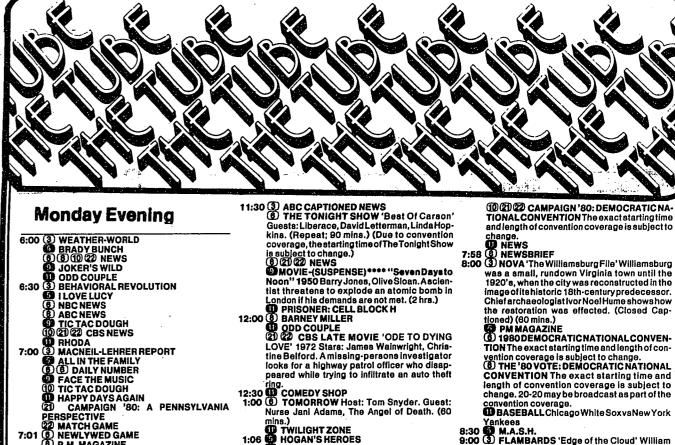
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