-Editorial Opinion-

No shows

Too many students stayed home on election day

Considering the differences between the determined the outcome of this election. candidates and the importance of Tuesday's Every one of us will be affected for years to general election, student turnout was far too come by the actions of the new president.

was only 63 percent. While this is a tremendous Congress and appoint Supreme Court justices increase over a 30 percent turnout in 1978, it who serve for life. does not compare to the 79 percent turnout for As holder of the highest elected office in the the 1976 presidential election.

national average of 52 percent, there is still no economic and foreign policy goals, and excuse for such apathy. The national average ultimately affects the lives of its citizens and has also slipped from the '76 turnout of 54 the future of the world itself. percent.

voters in this country chose not to go to the polls While each of us will enjoy the benefits or Tuesday. So less than 26 percent of the suffer the consequences of the president's Americans registered actually voted for decisions, it seems students are always the first Ronald Reagan. And the percentage of and most vehement critics when a president Americans supporting Reagan drops even makes a mistake. more if you take into account the millions of The first place to voice discontent with any unregistered citizens.

rather than those who did, may have actually no right to complain later.

He will be commander in chief of the armed Voter turnout in the eight student precincts forces, decide the fate of most bills passed by

country, he represents the United States to its Although student turnout was better than the allies and its adversaries, sets its military.

To have only half of the registered voters help Think about it: Almost half of the registered choose the president is unforgivable.

elected official is in the voting booth, and It is frightening that those who did not vote, students who stay home on Election Day have



## Positive solutions

I am writing in response to the anti-right-to-life advertisement that appeared in the Oct. 27 issue of The Daily Collegian. The members of the National Organization for Women who are responsible for the adseem to be grossly misinformed in several areas. I would like to take this opportunity to enlighten them and set the record straight for readers.

First, right-to-life people do not want to see women become pregnant "when they have been raped, when they are 12 years old or when they will die giving Second, there are two possible victims of incest and

rape: the woman and the innocent child who may be conceived by these illicit acts. Third, members of right-to-life organizations are not

opposed to a woman exercising "reproductive" freedom" or "being in charge of her own body," provided she understands that this freedom does not include the "right to choose" to kill another human

I would like to point out that abortion does not solve the problems of rape victims (often it compounds hem), and it does not prevent birth defects (as is often mplied in pro-choice literature). Abortion merely provides a quick, cheap, but at best cosmetic cover-up or some of the most difficult issues all of us will have to confront

I urge the membership of NOW to investigate the reasons behind the right-to-life stances on abortion, and hope they will realize that their monies are best spent on seeking and promoting positive solutions to the problems of society as a whole and of women in particular

Arthur Simone, Vice President, Penn State Students for Life

## Oct. 28

Right to Life?

I have always held an aversion to the anti-abortion groups calling themselves the "Right to Life" people.

The group opposes abortion, but they do also hold a few other views, which I have just recently read about. I would like to relay these to readers of The Daily Collegian Right to Life people:

1. Actively oppose sex education in the school system. 2. Are working to stop research in amniocentesis, the science of detecting prenatal birth defects.

3. Helped persuade Congress to deny to the poor access to abortions At this point I question whether or not the "Right to

Lifers'' are trying to turn their personal beliefs into the law. Is this right? You have to make the choice.

Kathryn J. Johnson, 5th-business administration Oct. 28

## Life amendment

Pro-lifers are watching with deep concern the recent rise of fascism that is showing a revival both in the United States and abroad.

The underlying ideology of fascism seems to be that some human beings are inferior either by virtue of race (black, hispanic, etc.) or by religion (Catholic Jewish, etc.), and they should therefore be eliminated. Both the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party, whose hilosophies threaten the lives of those whom they label as "socially expendable," are experiencing a

growth in membership and activity that is frightening to those of us who remember the horrors of the past. Citizens Concerned for Human Life believes every human life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death and should be protected by both the government and society in general.

We, therefore, condemn all ideologies that threaten the life of any human being, regardless of age, residence, race, religion or sex. We reaffirm our support for the protection of all human life

We call upon every citizen to reject the mentality that condemns to death those whom the strong label as "unwanted," "socially expendable" or "inHuman Life Amendment to the Constitution,

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errors. They shouldn't occur. If a student gets nothing else out of a high school education, he or she should at least learn how to ommunicate effectively with the rest of the world. Not loquently, just effectively.

Jan

I could sit here, safe in the knowledge that I have passed the School of Journalism language test three times, and point fingers at the educational system for glossing over spelling lessons and making English composition the dread of every student. But the educational system is only partly to blame. There is another factor. It sits in most people's living

Too many children grow up sitting in front of the TV. Not that TV is all bad, but the more kids watch, the less they read. The average person spends three hours a lav in front of the tube

Of course, it makes a difference what kind of person that so-called average person is. Children from bettereducated families get more out of TV. But the problem is that too many parents use the tube as a babysitter, instead of encouraging the kid to read. And it is only by reading that a person becomes familiar with the language and learns proper grammar and spelling.

Unfortunately, the usual high school English fare of Shakespeare, Chaucer, Milton, Hemingway, Steinbeck and Dickens does not appeal to most students. hakespeare may have been the Neil Simon of the 16th century, but to many he seems stuffy today.

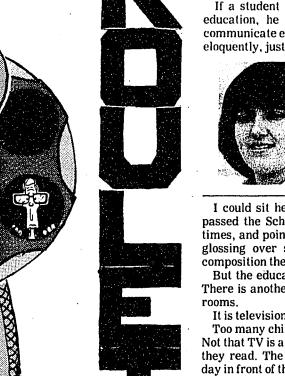
So instead of reading for entertainment, people turn on the tube. Sometimes they get something out of it. Other times they sit in a catatonic state, wasting time

that could be spent on more enriching activities than watching "I Love Lucy" reruns In my house, when I was a kid, either the television or the record player was going most of the day. But my parents were also members of a book club, and from the time I was in third grade and sick of childrens' books, my goal in life was to read all the books on the shelves in our rec room, especially the ones with racy titles that were kept on the upper shelves I couldn't

But too many people hardly read at all. They are the people who make spelling mistakes in road signs (like "Contruction entrace"), in pamphlets and press releases and a million other places Every time I see a mistake, the copy editor in me comes out. For over a year, though, I have resisted scribbling a correction on the sign in the laundry room

that reads, "This laundry room for residence of Thompson only! I can't assume the problem is new, because some of the most atrocious errors have been in handouts I have received from professors. I even got a letter from a national magazine that had six spelling errors in it.

It was pretty sad I like the English language, but it isn't an easy language to learn. There are more exceptions to the rules than there are rules. But while English teachers will make you remember that you never use an adverb to modify the prepositional phrase following the gerund of the participle, most writers readily admit to copy editor for The Daily Collegian.



convenient.

Every day I see evidence of the demise. In pam-

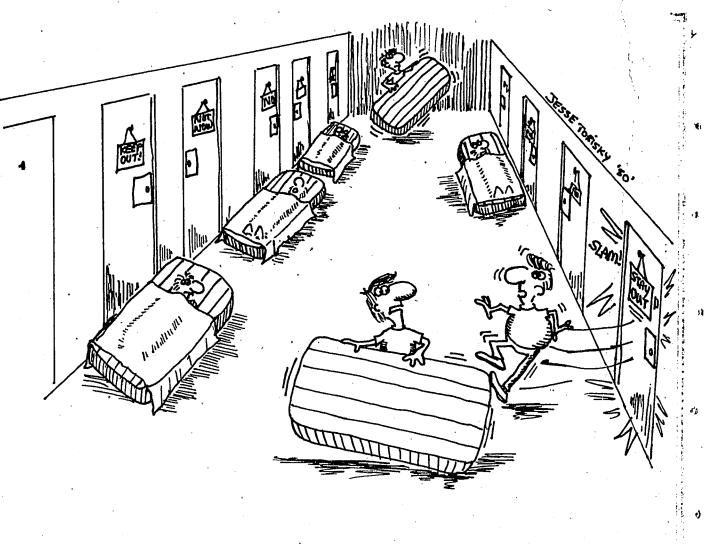
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"TAKE A NUMBER!

## Semester change issue demands critical study By DAVID T. WILSON

professor and chairman of marketing towards tenure? The proposed change to a semester system raises many questions that demand answers. Both faculty and students need to be better informed. Students should ask their will I receive? professors and college adinistrators the following questions :

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professor's course? merit to the change?

of course offerings increase or decrease? 4. How many courses per semester will be required for graduation?

5. Is a 15-week semester required to make up a failed course? 6. Will the semester system extend formation he academic year and reduce the

duration of summer employment? disadvantage in the summer job market?

Faculty should ask their department chairmen and college administrators

1. How will my load be adjusted time for course and curriculum changes of this magnitude are being design?

2. Will such activities count; 3. How will the research environment be improved? 4. If I teach a summer semester,

what percentage of my base salary 5. Faculty on M-plan contracts should inquire as to the timing of their contractual obligations. 6. If the University closes during the winter, will faculty have access to offices and labs?

7. What will be my student contact load? These and many other questions need to be answered before we make the change to the semester system. On the surface, the semester systems offers no compelling academic a vantages to the students or faculty. 2. Is there significant educational Please do not let this major change happen without full and rational \_3. Will the number and the variety consideration by all of the academic

community. AMM AND CAR Our task, as, members of the academic, community is to discuss. and debate the issues in a rational manner. This means we need to pecome involved and demand in-

We all live with change and realize that change can be both good and 7. Will University students be at a bad. It is encumbent upon those who would change the system to provide solid evidence and arguments illustrating how the University

community will be significantly. mproved by the change. Statements of faith, that all will be during a conversion period to provide well, are not acceptable when

proposed.

## World reactions are a mixture **By United Press International**

Ronald Reagan's sweeping election with Washington, but stressing the victory plunged the world into extent to which this depends on political reappraisal yesterday and ratification of the SALT II treaty the initial reaction was guarded, criticized by Reagan. reflecting concern over some of his campaign promises and doubts about his foreign policy expertise. China made no secret of its disp- leadership, which seems to prefer

pointment, the Soviets sent mixed signals and a warning on SALT and For them, President Carter was an Iran said the election would not affect the hostage crisis. While major allies withheld official

form, privately their reactions were themselves caught between a desire mixed and tinged with doubts of to see a stronger America capable of whether America becomes more or checking Soviet ambitions and their less isolationist under GOP stewardship. The only nations openly greeting this ambivalence.

Reagan's election with relief were rightists in Latin America and Asia, viser to President Valery Giscard whose regimes have been sweating d'Estaing, said he felt "a reaction of under the heat of President Carter's relief." The United States, he said, human rights campaign.

were tempered by fears that he un- Soviet Union." derstands little of East-West and economic issues and is not predisposed toward detente. In the Middle East, both Israeli and Arab officials saw Reagan's victory problems that at one time or another

as being to Israel's advantage. Camp David was Carter's biggest foreign tried to assess what a Reagan policy triumph and Egyptians asked presidency will mean for them. whether Reagan would have the same interest in continuing the ordeal of America's 52 hostages, held

process. The Soviet Union hinted it could release of the hostages are unreact either way in a commentary changed."

Analysts also noted Reagan's election may not be unwelcomed by the deeply conservative Soviet conservative American presidents.

unreliable partner, Richard Nixon was not. Among America's NATO allies, comment beyond congratulations to whose governments are preoccupied the president-elect, according to by security issues, politicians found fears of a return to confrontation politics. The French reaction typified

Michel Poniatowski, a close ad-"lost these last few years a great deal In Western Europe, hopes that of its power, bringing about an in-Reagan will infuse a new sense of creasing imbalance to the detriment leadership into the flagging alliance of the United States vis-a-vis the But another senior French official said bluntly: "Reagan understands

Specific nations faced with major became issues in the campaign all Iran said it would not affect the for 368 days. "The conditions for the

The election of Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan sparked

around the world.

# ARHS funds attorney for Laurel Glen suit

## **BY KAREN KONSKI** Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Harrisburg attorney Lawrence Frank has been hired by the Organization for Town Independant Students and the Association of Residence Hall Students to represent the tenants of the former Laurel Glen partments in their fight for the return of withheld security deposits. ARHS President Fran Kenawell said his

sh ganization is supplying funding for the lawyer. "Anything that concerns OTIS either directly or indirectly concerns on-campus students." Kenawell said. "It was just as much our concern as OTIS's." Although both OTIS and ARHS receive funds from ssociated Student Activities, these funds are Kenawell said

However, through functions such as student movies and campus pinball machines. ARHS has some the case and will eventually submit the court brief for unrestricted funds that will be used to pay the lawyer's fee. Kenawell said. OTIS and ARHS missed the Oct. 25 court deadline to supply more documentation because their original

attorney was ill. The security deposits have been in contention since Laurel Glen declared bankruptcy in 1976 OTIS President Bob Karp said Frank explained the situation to the court and explained that OTIS will still

represent the tenants. Karp said Frank was recommended to him by an former tenant's security deposits. area attorney. He said OTIS and ARHS hired Frank because of the intricacy of bankruptcy laws, and Harrisburg where all the records are.



not knowing the rules, but just having a feel for the way a sentence should sound to be right. This is practical, fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants education. You don't have to be an accounting major to balance your checkbook, so it follows that you don't have to be an English teacher to write a literate sentence. Unfortunately, too many English courses buffe students with complex rules and require they write like .

Thoreau So it isn't really a surprise to find people turning to the TV, which doesn't require you to recognize the spelling of the word, only the sound of it. But unless the printed word becomes extinct, people are going to need to spell at least once in a while. And by spelling, I don't mean the kind of things you see in advertising, like majik, kwik, nite, rite, kleen, ad

nauseum. For centuries the French refused to let garbage words into their language. Words taken from English like "les bluejeans" and "le car," are condescendingly called "franglais" — not quite French but not English, either

It isn't necessary to be language snobs, built Americans should try to preserve some order to their. already-confused language, before everyone spells words his or her own way and no one will be able to. communicate with anyone else. That's the 1984 of the English language Jan Corwin is an 11th-term journalism major and a

 tenants' security deposits were not returned. However, Federal Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas Wood ruled on May 23 that \$40,000 from a \$300,000 escrow fund established by Stanley Melnick, Laurel requesting voluntary conservation ef-Glen's former owner, should be used to refund the forts, but Spearly said the deep wells recorded at 24.58 inches, compared to Home Savings Bank of Upstate New York, part water for the University. About 2.25 owner of the complex, disputed the ruling, saying the million gallons of water are pumped into The total precipitation restricted and cannot be used to hire a lawyer, because of the convenience of having a lawyer in \$40,000 should be used to pay the bankrupt company's three water tanks on campus for reserve debts



both favorable and negative reactions yesterday from various governments

 Karp said Frank is now researching information for the organizations and present their oral arguments in

Karp said he is optimistic about the tenants' chances of winning the case. When Laurel Glen went bankrupt four years ago,



living option on campus, according to a said. survey sponsored by the Association of Residence Hall Students:

offered

proposal.

another option to single sex dorms," Denosaid

Deno said these results will be included in a proposal from ARHS to University President John W. Oswald. The proposal will-include facts from the survey, an ARHS overview of the situation and a feasibility study, she

In other business, ARHS President bankruptcy last year.

Approximately 97.7 percent of 8,785 Harrisburg, who will represent the joint residence hall students responded ARHS-Orginization for Town Infavorably to the idea of a coed housing dependent Students effort, Kenawell

 Housing assignments for Winter Term were also discussed. John Hook, ARHS Vice President Mary Ann Deno Residence Hall Advisory Board said 7,033 residents or 73 percent of the chairman, said several students in residents surveyed also said they would temporary housing had received their choose the coed living option if it were estimated bills for Winter Term and were alarmed to see that their present Deno said one interesting result of the temporary address was used. survey was that the interest houses and Hook said assignment officials did not sorority floors expressed a very know which rooms would be empty in favorable reaction to the coed housing time to make assignments before the estimated bills were sent.

"I believe this is because in each of "Temporary housing residents should these areas, the students have a very not be alarmed because permanent special living environment, and they room assignments will be made and realize the importance of offering affected students will be notified by the assignments office." Hook said.

> Kenawell also announced the association's finalized plans to sponsor a Spring Term break bus tripto Daytona Beach, Fla

> The trip will be run by Echo Travel, Inc. but buses will berented from Fullington Bus Line, State College, he said

Fran Kenawell said ARHS has secured a 👘 Cost of the seven-daytrip is \$195 per laywer to fight for the security deposits four-person room and \$185 per sixlost by residents of Laurel Glen apart- person room. Buses will leave from mentswhen the complex announced campus Saturday, Feb. 28 and return Saturday, March 7.

## Some area wells dry, but no drought conditions yet

conditions, the University's director of system or water mains," Spearly said. maintenance and operations said. "I don't foresee problems with a water shortage on campus, although I cannot

second guess the amount of rainfall in the future," Ralph Spearly said. University water supplies are not at a critical level compared to the eastern

part of the state, but Spearly said they are being monitored carefully to insure adequate reserves. Several area communities are

pressure in the event there are unusual

Although many private wells in Centre — demands on the campus supply, he said. County are going dry, University Park "Unusually high water usage has not vet been hard-hit by drought sometimes indicates a leak in the piping

> Mike Seidel (graduate-meteorology an assistant in the University's Weather Tower, said Centre County is moderately dry, but not as bad as the eastern part of the state

> "Our rainfall in the area for October was almost normal - 2.81 inches as compared to an expected average of 2.90 inches.'' Seidel said.

Actual precipitation for 1980 at University Park through October is used on campus should provide enough average precipitation levels for the area that are averaged at 32.86. Seidel said. months is 8.28 inches.

-by Joyce Venezia