

Editorial Opinion

# Victory lap

Football coach is running campaign to house delinquent kids

Everyone knows our country has a problem with delinquent, disturbed and unwanted children. Most people are concerned for the situation. A few people do something about it. Jerry Sandusky is one of the few.

Sandusky, a linebacker coach for the University's football team, is the founder and chairman of the board of a foster home for needy, "at risk" children — ones who have the potential to be serious troublemakers and could wind up in a detention center. The home, named The Second Mile, will be located in Patton Township and will initially serve boys from the central Pennsylvania region, ages 10-18, who are orphaned, abused or from broken homes.

Director Ron Coder said the reason for the name is because "Jerry felt that his home was going to provide a second chance to a kid who had a poor first chance, or first mile."

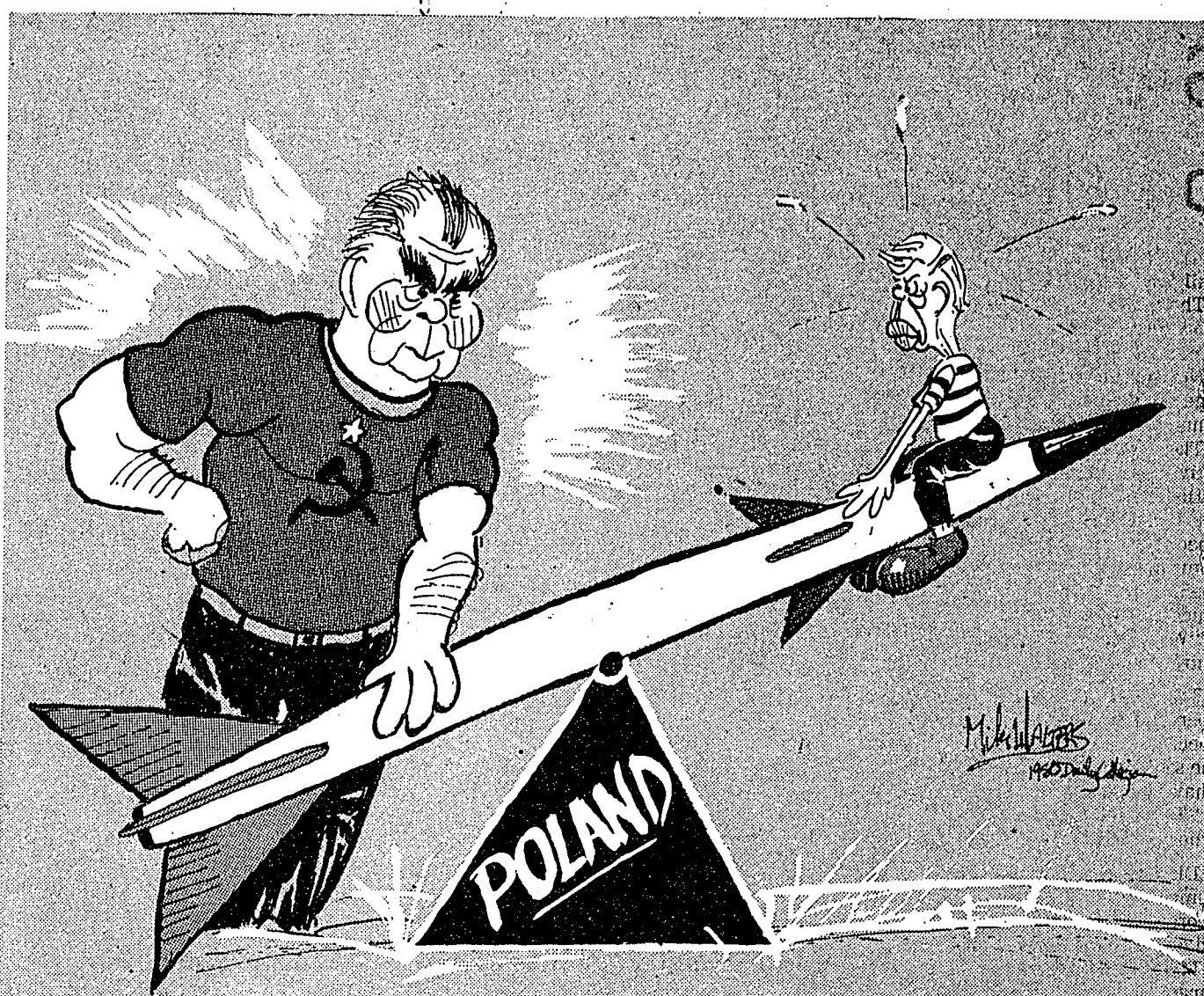
However, The Second Mile is still on its first mile to completion. The organization and planning are there, and it has a strong board of directors. What The Second Mile doesn't have, however, is money, a building and people to staff it.

The board of directors hopes to raise between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and break ground for the facility by this spring. Luckily, The Second Mile is gathering support from all over the state and has some notable people as honorary board members, including Senator Richard S. Schweiker, former President Gerald R. Ford, golfer Arnold Palmer, Pittsburgh Pirate Willie Stargell, and sportscaster Howard Cosell.

The Second Mile needs and deserves the support of all state residents, especially the people of its home, Centre County. Jerry Sandusky has started a very special project, one that can truly benefit society, and it would be a shame to see The Second Mile lose wind.

An incredible amount of work has gone into The Second Mile so far. Sandusky, Coder and the board of directors — President Fredrick Ferniser, Vice President John Sheridan, Secretary Calvin Zimmerman and Treasurer Dr. Earl Strong — are to be heartily commended for their efforts.

With support and continued hard work, The Second Mile will cross the finish line in record time, a winner.



# Letters to the Editor

### Pro-choice

I would like to reply to the letter from Arthur Simone which appeared in the Nov. 6 issue of the Daily Collegian. Simone states that members of the National Organization for Women have been "grossly misinformed" and decided he had the knowledge to set us straight.

He says that "right to life" is not opposed to a woman desiring her reproductive rights, so long as this freedom does not include that right to choose to kill another human being. What Simone failed to understand is that it is not a proven fact that a fetus is a human being. He may believe life begins at conception, but there are countless others who sincerely believe that life begins at birth.

Simone has no right to tell a woman that his beliefs are correct and that she must abide by them. For those women who believe that a child has a right to be wanted, it is immoral to take away their right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. I have yet to see any pro-life organization pledge to take over the financial responsibility of raising an unwanted child. Perhaps, they should be called "pro-birth" groups not pro-life groups.

Simone also says that abortion does not solve the problems of rape victims and does not prevent birth defects. He suggests we are better off solving the problems of societies as a whole. Unfortunately, solving all of society's ills is no easy task and there are no easy answers. Until we eradicate rape altogether, women will continue to become pregnant as a result of rape. True, abortion does not solve all the problems of rape victims, but it certainly does not compound them as much as carrying the pregnancy to term.

Indeed, it is difficult to decide whether or not to abort a genetically defective fetus, but again this decision should be left up to the pregnant woman. Unless right to life groups are willing to support the handicapped person from birth until death, they have no right to impose their morality on the mother of such a child. Many sincerely believe that confining such a child to an institution is far less moral than abortion. Until the day that there are no rapes or birth defects and there is a perfect method of birth control accessible to all, women deserve the right to choose whether or not to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Nancy Jouchette, Centre County NOW member  
Nov. 12

### Exemption crazy

The time has come for us, as a nation, to take a long close look at the tax exemptions we grant every group calling themselves a religion. Obviously, most groups use these exemptions to help support their congregations and communities.

However, in the last month and years, certain TV evangelists have abused these exemptions and poured millions of dollars into the political arena. The most famous of these is the Moral Majority, who in the last election spent millions of tax-free dollars smearing and defeating liberal senators such as George McGovern, Birch Bayh and Warren Magnuson.

Separation of church and state is a principle whose existence is fundamental to the preservation of American Liberty. Federal, state and municipal governments have done their best to stay out of the affairs of churches and other religious organizations. Unfortunately, the converse has exemptions, all other tax payers must pick up the slack. In effect, we are funding the hate campaigns of Falwellian fanatics throughout the country.

I resent the disproportionate influence Falwell and friends have, I resent their depriving America of that most important of entities, another point of view. And most of all, I hate paying for it.

David Keightley, 1980 graduate  
Nov. 11

### Security lacking

We were appalled and upset when we read in The Daily Collegian that a rape had occurred on the HUB lawn Friday, Nov. 7 at 8:15 p.m. It is surprising that a violent crime like rape could occur on a well-traveled route at an early hour on a Friday!

We have traveled this same route many times in the past 2 1/2 months we have been here. Unfortunately, this well-traveled area is poorly lit because many of the lights are not working. Also, we have yet to see a University policeman patrolling any area of campus at any time since we have been living on campus. This incident should not be treated lightly by the PSU security forces. More preventive measures should be taken to insure safe access to all parts of campus at reasonable hours.

### Townhouse benefits

While I realize this is not a burning issue, I feel the topic of sorority townhouses merits serious discussion. I recently heard a sorority woman mention it. Being a male freshman, I have no idea what has been done with it. As I understand it, at least some of Nittany Halls could be torn down to make room for townhouses for use by members of sororities. There are many potential benefits, among them:

1. Greater sorority activity. Because sororities would be together, they could coordinate activities better. Also, more space could encourage growth of sororities.
2. More on-campus housing. Space efficient buildings would mean more people could live in that area. Areas now occupied by sororities in South Halls could be converted into rooms.
3. Stable on-campus rents. More people living on campus could mean less competition for apartments.
4. Additional parking. Space efficient townhouses might leave room for an additional parking lot.
5. Fewer problems for present residents of Nittany. I believe there have been some difficulties there in the past.
6. Adjustments to dining hall allocations. Rediker and Pollock dining halls might be used to their best respective capacities.

I mean merely to show that this proposal deserves a good look by all concerned. There is potentially too much gain to ignore it.

Gary Dickerman, 2nd industrial engineering  
Dec. 4

### Sunday school

The most religious time of the year is upon us again. Many students will be attending church for the first time all year when they return home for the Christmas holiday.

### Why do so many students stop attending religious services regularly when they attend college? Is it because they are no longer forced to go by their parents, or are they just too lazy?

Do students stop attending church because they no longer believe in God or because they are skeptical about organized religion? Does a person with a higher level of education tend to leave the church because he or she thinks the church's teachings are too simplistic?

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, The Daily Collegian will focus its weekly Op-ed page on students and organized religion: faltering faith.

Anyone wishing to comment on this topic should submit letters to the Editorial Office, 126 Carnegie. All letters must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 30 lines. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

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**Friday, Dec. 12**

Communism by Karl Marx... First there will be economic chaos and depression...

and then a class struggle... and workers will rise up against their oppressors

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# Quality rises when administrators return to class

Amid the din of the semester-term controversy, an intriguing idea has been put forth: Why not use the proposed calendar change to implement a rule that University administrators are required to do some teaching?

Before this suggestion is summarily dismissed as a bad joke or a plot to overthrow the University, a review of its ramifications is in order.

Disadvantages are several: departmental teaching assignments would be more complicated, especially if administrators taught only once a year or once every two years. Teaching contracts would also be complicated by classes taught in classroom hours. Possibly, some very able administrators would leave the University rather than be forced into the teaching trenches. In addition, teaching requirements might

make it difficult to hire outside people to fill administrative vacancies.

Moreover, administrators are not professional teachers. Students might object to being taught by people who do not see themselves as teachers, who do not consider teaching to be among their salable skills. Administrators would probably raise the argument that their time is already too restricted without the added imposition of teaching requirements.

These are valid arguments, and they would need consideration should administrators be asked to teach. Equally worthy of consideration, however, are the benefits of getting administrators into the classroom, even if just for an occasional lecture.

In many cases, administrators started their careers in academic

fields. Often they were promoted to administrative positions for having distinguished themselves in those fields. Teaching and contact with students felt by the wayside as a result of professional advancement.

At least as well qualified to teach as graduate students. In the second place, teaching was often a part of their early careers, and to brand them all "non-teachers" is inaccurate.

In this discussion, the point is bound to be raised, "But we're SUPPOSED to administrate, and those folks are SUPPOSED to teach. This is how the University is made an efficient conduit of learning. Next thing you know, you'll be wanting administrators to don lab coats and play with rats!"

Well, let's not be extreme. Division of labor may be efficient, but at a university efficiency is worthless unless it enhances the quality as well as the quantity of learning. The business of a university is to increase and disseminate learning. To

keep as many people as close to this purpose as possible is the intent behind putting administrators before a class.

Administrators would be reminded of their roots, but students would also benefit from being taught by their deans and department heads. Many students associate these people only with problems, headaches, inconvenience; it is probably not inaccurate to assume administrators adopt a similar view toward students. When did the adversary situation arise? Where did the emphasis on learning go?

And let's not forget the middle estate, teachers are responsible for teaching. Their input into student interaction. Their input into administrative processes is supposed to ensure decisions are made in the

most informed and equitable manner possible.

The good intention behind putting teachers and students on committees, behind having graduate students teach, behind breaking down the traditional divisions of labor among students, teachers and administrators, is to enhance the quality of the University.

As a means of upholding and carrying forth this good intention, the proposed calendar change provides a rare opportunity for administrators to rejoin the institute of higher learning called a university.

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# Student representative post may be dropped from CATA board

By JOHN SCHLANDER  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The Centre Area Transportation Authority board may be reorganized from nine members to five, one from each of the participating municipalities.

Negotiation of this change is on the agenda for the State College Municipal Council meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Municipal Building, 118 S. Fraser St.

The reorganization would eliminate the two rider representatives, the member-at-large and the student representative.

However, James H. Miller, State College representative to the board, has suggested an advisory committee be added. Special interest groups such as the aged, the handicapped and commuters — who are not formally represented with a seat on the board as students are — would be represented along with students, Miller said.

"We needed to include the others as part of the federal re-organization," Miller said.

The advisory committee would provide input to the operating committee on issues like route changes and the special needs of these groups, Miller said. The elimination of the student seat on the board could reduce student power, but "this is a seat on the board, not crucial," he said.

"There needs to be a way to get advice of students — and others — into the process," Miller said.

Discussion of the plan began at least six months ago when some council members asked the board to consider reorganization, he said. Five members is the minimum allowed on the board, he said.

Miller said he did not think the nine-member structure is too large.

"I don't feel very strongly one way or the other. I don't have any problem with a nine-member board," he said.

He said the five-member board could increase efficiency "as far as management communicating with us (the board)."

E. Emory Ensore, who resigned as CATA chairman last month, called for the reorganization in his resignation letter.

"This would be a good time to make such a change since with my resignation and Pete Everett's term expiring we would be left only with the student member (other than representatives from the five participating municipalities)."

"At the end of her time, no new student would be appointed." Linda Rosa (10th-man-environment relations), the student representative to the board, has been appointed to serve until September 1981.

When asked why he supported the plan, Ensore said, "It's my personal feeling that it (the five-member board) would be more manageable."

Rosa said she would not be knowledgeable enough to comment on the plan until she attends an executive meeting today.

Another issue concerning CATA on tonight's council agenda is the operating fund loan policy.

State and federal appropriations are based on past expenses, not budgeted expenses. This has resulted in CATA receiving funds too late to help pay expenses.

State College Borough has been loaning CATA money — at 6 percent interest — to offset this problem, but the municipal fund is not adequate to continue the practice, according to the council agenda information.

Therefore, according to agenda information, the council finance committee will "request that board make arrangements with banking establishments to provide them with operating funds in the future."

CATA would then have to pay interest at the going loan rates of at least 13 percent.

# Class list problems corrected

By CINDY COX  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The problem of students' names which were omitted from class lists has been corrected, the University Registrar said this week.

Warren Haffner said the names of about 1,700 early registered students were omitted from class lists on the first day of Winter Term classes because of a computer error. The omission was corrected by Friday morning when revised class lists were sent to colleges and deans, Haffner said.

However, students who added classes may have to be dropped from those classes because of an overload caused by the incorrect class lists, he added.

"A lot of students probably weren't aware of the problem," Haffner said. "It's already been fixed. I wouldn't want students to get alarmed. If they

haven't already found they're not on their class lists, they don't need to be concerned.

"There may be a few situations where a department went ahead and let people add," he said. "That might have caused an overload."

The omitted names were all students who had early registered, probably on the first day, Haffner said. Students started notifying the registrar's office Thursday that they were not on their instructor's class lists, he said.

The surrounding temperature and humidity give it to be within certain ranges for the computer to operate correctly, Wheeland said. The computer usually shuts down during thunderstorms, he added.

Management Services also rechecked the totals again after returning the program the first time, he said.

A computer shutdown caused the names to be erased, said Keith Wheeland, Manager of Information Services at Management Services.

"We think it happened when the humidity got too high and the computer shut itself down," Wheeland said. "The air conditioning wasn't working properly. We don't know why."

"It was an inconvenience for a lot of people," Haffner said. "Beyond that, we may find a few students that had a mix-up and it may take some time to fix that up."

The Office of Management Services reran all the class lists and matched them with course cards Thursday night after the problem was discovered, he added.

Ververka received immunity in a trial in Tampa in May in which he and four other policemen were acquitted of all charges by an all-male, all-white jury.

The verdict touched off violent rioting in Miami that killed 18 people. Ververka since has been re-indicted on federal charges.

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