

Editorial Opinion

Cool change

RE schedule change beneficial to riders

Some people avoid making changes because a certain amount of risk always exists when a change takes place. But without change, there would be a lot of messy babies and a lot of disgruntled and disgusted bus riders in State College.

But thanks to the foresight and courage of the Centre Area Transportation Authority, the RE bus route has been changed to "better serve" its riders.

It was no secret to those students and community members who ride the RE and the R routes that things were not running smoothly. RE buses were cruising around town late and empty, and R buses had standing room only because they ran the only Waupelani Drive route that stopped at College Avenue and Allen Street — the most popular bus stop.

And the RE was truly not an express route. It took just as long to get to campus on the RE as it did on the R.

But since Dec. 1, all that has changed. Now, the RE runs on Atherton Street without any stops instead of running on South Allen Street,

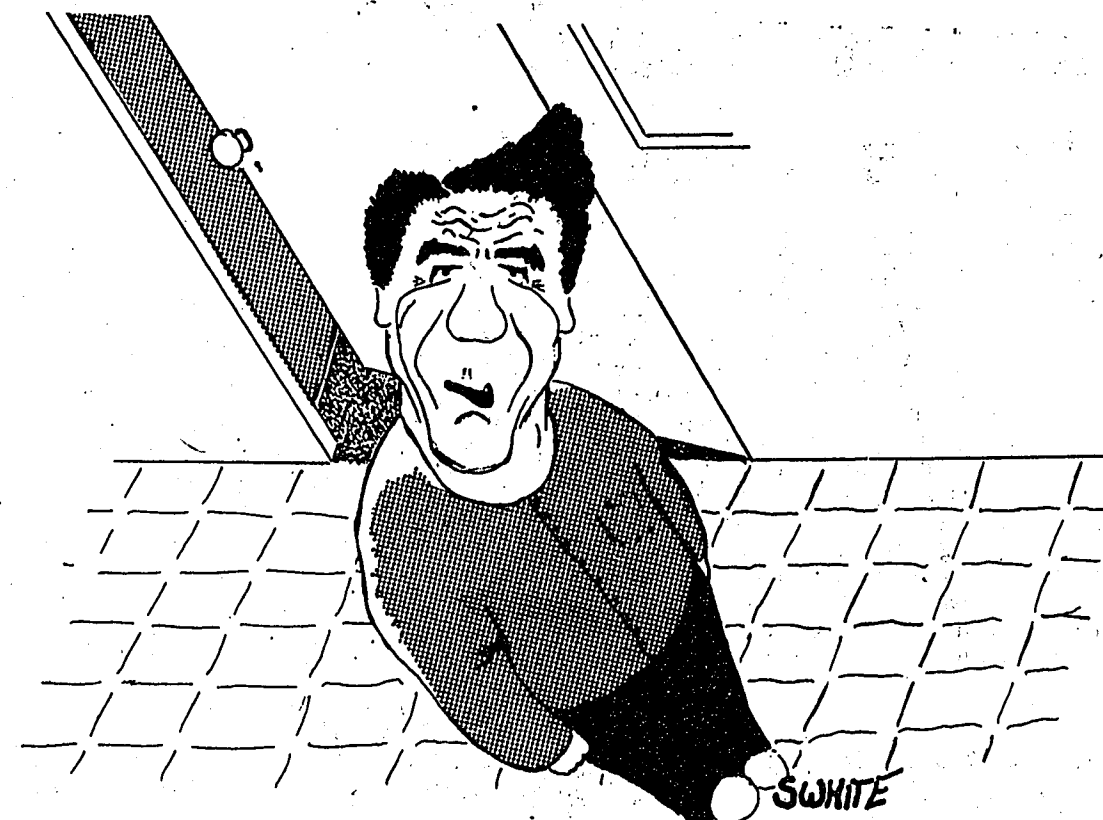
which makes it a quicker route. It also stops four times an hour at College Avenue and Allen Street, which eliminates overcrowding and long waiting periods.

Joseph Biedenbach, CATA interim manager, said the idea for the change came about in a management committee meeting. Biedenbach said the board knew a problem existed with the RE route because it had trouble keeping the route on time and more people were riding the R because its performance was better.

After the first week of service on the new route, a 50-50 ridership split between the R and the RE has been achieved, relieving the overload on the R route and improving the RE's on-time performance. Biedenbach said,

"We're really happy with the way things are going. It's amazing what a dramatic difference a small change can make," he said.

CATA should be commended for its actions with hope the change continues to be successful for CATA and its riders. It is refreshing to see that a public service is truly concerned for the convenience and the comfort of those it serves.



"HI LORD, IT'S ME, RONNY REAGAN. SORRY IT'S BEEN SO LONG, BUT I'VE BEEN BUSY. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE ELECTION. NOW ABOUT THIS IRANIAN THING, I HEAR YOU KNOW THE AYATOLLAH PERSONALLY....."

Letters to the Editor

Judicial joke

On Dec. 7, the Harrisburg Sunday Patriot-News reported the woeful plight common to our plus 600 appointed-for-life federal trial judges.

As a nation we have let our robbed people of distinction slide into relative economic poverty. In these years of double-digit inflation "your honors" are objecting that \$54,000 to \$57,000 does not sustain their family as far as it has years ago. Since it is hard to make ends meet, they want a raise, and I agree with them.

I believe they deserve the following increased benefits to restore their self-esteem, dignity and lifestyle in the eyes of the private practice professional colleagues and to maintain the excellent standards of our expensive, yet quality, legal system.

1) An economic rehabilitation center to help them cope with the cold turkey wage cuts they must endure frolic service transition — from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually.

2) White collar felons and transferred jail guards to replace the butlers, Swedish maids and mummies forgone for public service.

3) Food stamps good for double S&H Green Stamps and a coupon book loaded with free ball/concert tickets and a 50 percent discount card for any liquor purchases, private club dues, lottery tickets, social games (bingo) cards, vacation/travel vouchers, etc.

4) Guaranteed admission and free tuition to the Ivy League law school for their children and guaranteed Philadelphia law firm placement after graduation.

5) Interest-free loans, free checking accounts without minimum balances.

6) Rolls-Royces or Mercedes of their choice with government-paid insurance, and free inspection stickers complete with a gas station employing Mr. Goodwrench.

This despicable, national travesty must not continue. Our federal judges need money because they cannot literally spend their status. It is a shame our judges must tolerate tarnished silverware — what would the lawyers think?

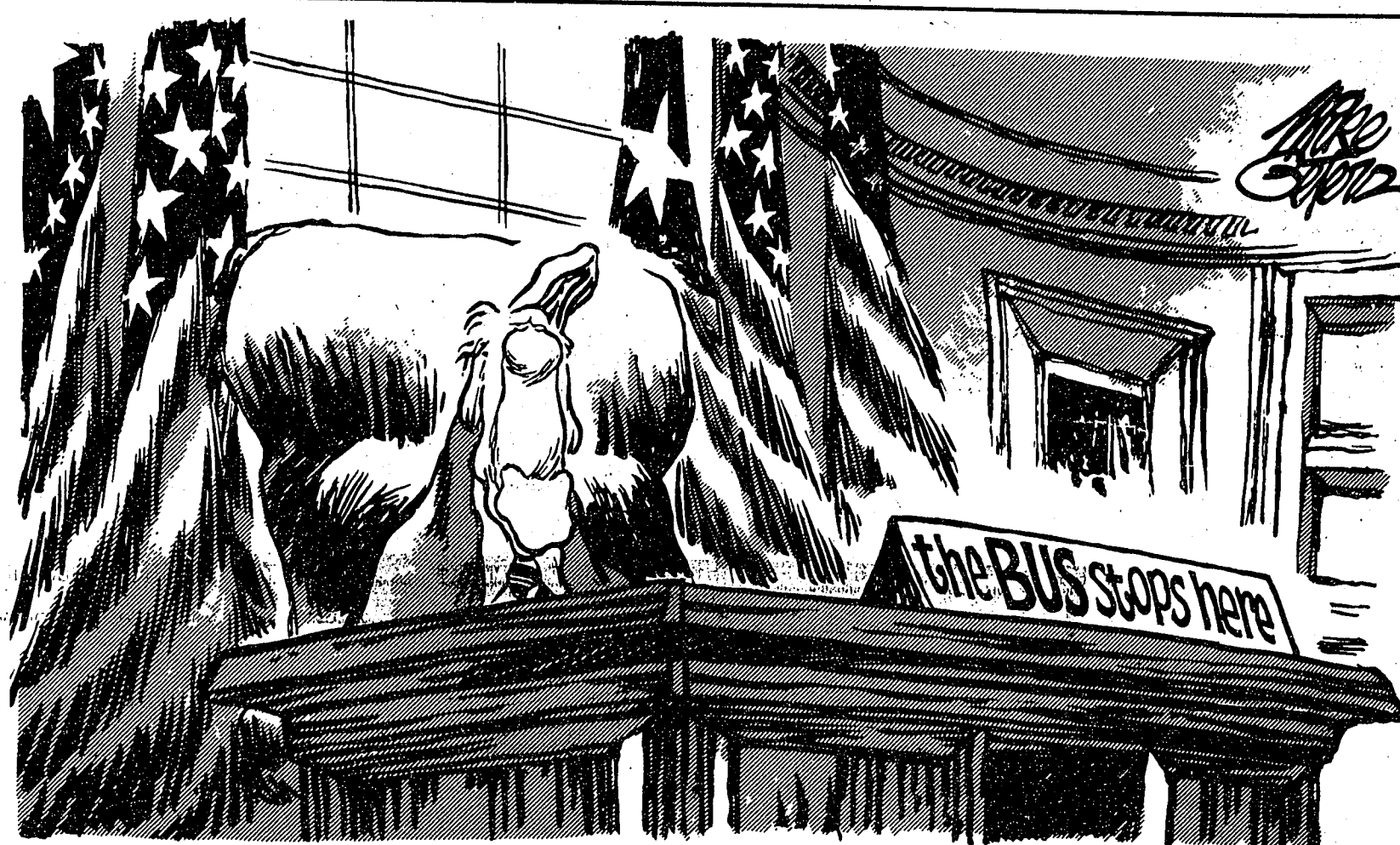
Gordon Zernich, 7th-theater and film Dec. 8

Ban support

Although my opinion seems to be very much in the minority among Penn State students, I think that both the State College Municipal Council and Gov. Dick Thornburgh should be applauded for their recent anti-paraphernalia laws, or "bang bans."

The only change I would make would be to make these laws stricter. In my opinion, all paraphernalia used with illegal drugs should be outlawed.

I realize that this would cause some inconvenience. For example, during the summer, when I earned my lunch to work, I had been in the habit of putting my sandwich in a baggie. However, if



it would help save the moral fiber of our youth from the corrupting influence of the worst and most dangerous drug in America, I will gladly use Saran Wrap.

I also won't be able to shave without a razor blade or a mirror, but who likes to shave anyway? The only slight problem I can foresee is the need to do without paper money.

To some, I might seem idealistic, or even naive. I realize that this proposal is unconstitutional and would be totally unenforceable. However, it would definitely accomplish the municipal council's aim of making a strong statement of their disapproval of the use of illegal drugs.

Greg Pierson, 8th-industrial engineering Dec. 8

Take note

As an educational institution, Penn State does a good job of making its resources and facilities available for the use of students and community members.

Colloquy speakers, correspondence courses, plays, concerts, library services and recreational facilities can all supplement the student's classroom education and provide a valuable service for non-students in the area.

The purpose of this letter is to point out the effort of a few students who are devoting their time to providing an additional service in the form of free campus films. In cooperation with Eco-Action, these students have acquired a number of pertinent, interesting movies that can entertain without insulting the viewer's intelligence, that can serve as a forum for real ideas and issues. If you are tired of the usual year-old box office fare, watch The Daily Collegian this Thursday and Friday for announcements of good free movies.

Greg Babel, 4th-mechanical engineering Dec. 8

Lacking response

About a month ago, The Daily Collegian saw fit to print one of my pieces in a column for the editorial page. For this, I will be forever indebted.

But I was dismayed when I found the general reaction to the piece was positively underwhelming, if not completely non-existent. It has been a month now, and my name is not a household word anywhere but in my own house, and there only to take out the dog.

A few close friends and acquaintances said they liked it very much, which only served to indicate to me that they had missed the point. But here I labored many a minute on a subject that had little, if anything at all, to do with anything else, and yet not one single letter to the editor for the immediate and unconditional release of my services.

Here I had covered some 40 square inches of the slickest college newspaper in America with the incoherent ramblings of your average state legislator, and not a peep of protest is heard from the student body. One of my friends insinuated that my column might be "too illiterate and subtle" for the average reader. To obscure is more like it.

He was talking twaddle. And it pained me to hear him impugn the literary acumen of my school mates. I will gladly make public his name and address and furnish the requested hand gun to the first person who writes a letter to the editor demanding that persons holding such a malicious opinion of The Daily Collegian's readership be summarily pistol-whipped.

My even the editorial page editors discreetly suggested that I "reconsider my audience." I will not tolerate such slander. There names are found easily enough.

My guess is this. The average reader possesses even more of a critical mind than I give him or her credit for. Obscurity, incoherent thought and

love. Why would anyone shoot such a person?

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barbaric prose are simple not tolerated. The readership realizes that it is symbolic death for any writer to be ignored, while controversy and criticism are a blessing.

Therefore, the readers have chosen to remain silent. Many probably did not even read my column. In this, they showed rare wisdom. Originally I thought that my continuing anonymity was the best way of avoiding misunderstanding, and I console myself with the a Thoreauvian maxim, "To be great is to be misunderstood."

Then I realized that it was not that I was misunderstood, but more basically, that I was not understood. But then what is it to be understood? Answer: Not to be worth the trouble.

Josh Borowicz, 10th-English Dec. 8

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?

Anyone wishing to comment on this topic for the first time all year when they return home for the Christmas holiday, please submit letters to the Editor of the Collegian. 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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Evidence disputed in July clerk robbery

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The check had been paid to the University by a visitor, James W. Zolickoff, who had rented a room July 12 in Waring Hall during a conference. Zolickoff on Tuesday identified the check as the one he paid to the West Halls clerk.

Henderson testified Tuesday he had never seen the piece until Bennett showed it to him. He also said the only way it could have gotten in his sneaker was if the officer had put it there.

Nollau, in his closing arguments, said, "Bennett did not put it in the shoe because he had no reason to. How could he put the piece in the shoe if the rest of the check was not found until 12 hours later?"

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—Lee G. Nollau, prosecuting attorney

In a brief account of the events of July 12, Allan said that during his midnight to 2 a.m. shift in the Waring Hall Post Office, he had dozed off and was awakened by a man who pulled a gun and demanded money. After putting bills and a check into a bag, he was taken into the basement and forced to lay on the floor.

His attacker then choked him until he passed out, Allan said. When he regained consciousness at about 6 a.m., he called University Police Services, he testified. His injuries were severe, requiring treatment at Centre Community Hospital and then at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

University police apprehended Henderson at the bus station about 6:30 a.m. After Allan identified him as his attacker, they arrested Henderson.

Allan said he was satisfied with the verdict and relieved that the trial was over. Despite McGee's questioning of Allan's testimony, Allan said he was positive that Henderson was his assailant.

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Nollau said Henderson, a former University student, has another charge pending against him. Henderson is charged with the theft of about \$8 from an anti-vandalism collection container in the Corner Room, Nollau said.

After the trial, several jurors agreed that the check fragment was the most damaging evidence.

One juror, who did not want to be named, said, "The piece of check was the most incriminating thing they (the prosecution) could have done. Up to that point, there was really nothing."

The jury decided without trouble that Henderson was guilty of robbery, the juror said, but they had some trouble at first with the attempted murder charge because they were not sure of the differences between aggravated assault and attempted murder.

One juror, Robert E. Klinger Jr., said, "We were not really sure on what the meanings were. It was best to ask and be sure than to say something that we didn't really want." He also said the piece of check strongly influenced his vote.

Joe Lamey Jr., another juror, said the piece in the sneaker "brought everything together."

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One display at the military museum in Boalsburg shows the chronology of the cannon starting with an old machine gun on the right, a Gatling gun in the center and a cannon on the left. The museum has many such displays picturing events and military equipment from the French and Indian war to World War II.

Commission may close Boalsburg museum

By JUSTIN CATANOSO
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Budget cuts and closing of museums operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission are still in the speculative, uncertain stages, Commission Executive Director William J. Weaver said.

Last week, the Associated Press reported the commission may face budget cuts ranging from 3 to 9 percent of its \$7.3 million appropriation for this fiscal year. Such cuts would reportedly require the closing of seven museum and historic sites across the state, including the Pennsylvania Military Museum and 28th Division Shrine in Boalsburg.

Kirk Wilson, assistant press secretary for Gov. Dick Thornburgh, said the commission released the budget information, and that museums and historic sites would not necessarily be closed if full funding were not appropriated.

Weaver said that alternatives to closing sites and museums have been discussed, but denied the commis-

sion had released the information. He said he had "no idea" how the information got out.

"The entire matter is still under research and in the preliminary stages," Weaver said. "We won't be able to make any decisions until late February or early March. Right now, I just can't say if there will be a need for any budget cutting. I can only speculate."

Weaver said museums and historic sites are statistically the second-largest tourist attraction in the state. Because of that, he said, the commission will continue its plans to operate all 32 sites under its control and also improve them as necessary.

In the event of budget cuts, however, Weaver said those historic sites contributing least to the economic growth of their areas would be forced to close, at least until full funding could be restored.

Since its opening in 1968, the military museum in Boalsburg was affected once by budget limitations when two of five staff members were laid off for eight months in 1975.

Donald Morrison, administrator of the Boalsburg museum, said the site is a popular attraction. He estimated 70,000 people have seen the museum or used the sprawling grounds for recreation this year.

"We have a great historic value here. That's evident," Morrison said. "But what people don't realize is that we make a significant economical contribution to the county by attracting tourists."

Located on U.S. Route 322, the museum houses interpretive exhibits concentrating on individual servicemen and the role they played in major conflicts involving Pennsylvanians, from the French and Indian War to World War II.

Displayed in chronological order on the circular route through the museum, exhibits include military dress and weaponry from each war era. The museum's primary feature is a recreation of a World War I battle, complete with service trucks, foxholes, a tank, sound track and simulated explosions.

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Lennon leaves musical legacy

When John Lennon died Monday night, I thought the world was going to end. Seventeen years of my life died in a matter of minutes from bullet wounds.

But the world kept turning. I was copy editing at The Daily Collegian on Monday night and, in spite of Lennon's death, I still had to read other stories and write other headlines. Many of my friends said nothing mattered to them; they didn't care about classes or work anymore. John Lennon was dead — that was all that mattered.

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