Motors. He said more businesses sent black represen-

# Empty promises

USG must fulfill campaign promises to improve credibility

not made good on his campaign help, if any, from USG.

Throughout the campaign, Joe Healey repeatedly brought up two issues: improving communication between students and the Centre Area Transportation Authority, and setting up a program "to choose and nominate a student or student representative and help him or her

next election." But neither of these promises was acted on, USG waited until late Fall Term to replace the student CATA representative who resigned in the spring. However, part of that delay was caused by a selection process change made by the State College Municipal Council. And no effort has been made to elect a student representative to municipal council.

And although two of Healey's other proposals — working toward coed housing and increasing student input on residence

What is almost as bad as having a hall contract submission — have seen former actor as President-elect of the tremendous progress during Fall Term, United States? Having an Undergraduate both projects were done by the Associa-Student Government president who has tion of Residence Hall Students with little

Even Healey's pet project, the freshman yearbook "Fresh Start," which was scheduled to come out during Fall Term, still may not make it before they become sophomores ("Soph start?").

Healey's promise to reorganize USG has also received attention, but not from USG — it took an independent committee get elected to the Borough Council in the to call attention to the 1978 reorganization

> Other emphasized campaign issues which have not been acted on are: creating an off-campus night map, increasing study space, increasing student input to the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation to make more athletic facilities available to students. and conducting student polls once a term. Healey and Weintraub used "It's time USG meant something to you" as their campaign slogan. But since taking office

> more than two terms ago, USG has meant

little more than bureaucracy and unkept

The duo has less than 15 weeks to get its act together. It is doubtful that Healey can organize himself and USG to do an effective job on any issues in such a short

And talk has now surfaced of Healev and Weintraub running for a second year in office. Although their administration has reorganized the business department and claims to have solved its personality conflicts, can USG survive another year of the same administration? Or do Healey and Weintraub deserve another chance to use this year's experience to make good on last year's promises?

Voters have only the candidates' experience and campaign promises on which to base their decisions. And with student government elections, in which few candidates offer much experience, campaign promises take on even greater importance.

But if no attempt is made to fulfill those promises, student elections become nothing more than a popularity contest.



# Reagan ideas bring feeling of impending doom

taste of the American people." — H. L. Mencken. be a slow dissolving of water, air, and soil quali-Nor the electoral judgment, I'm tempted to ty, but we cannot rule out a more dramatic end

in the great tradition of big-business, dominated, non-thinkers like Coolidge and Harding. It's just that we should have known better this time than to try to "return to normalcy," when that "nor-

Doom? Come on now, Chicken Little! We've been down this road before, and the world is still here despite all you doom-sayers who were so ween nations for dwindling oil and coal resources Sorry, but I'll stick with doom. All those people and our third catastrophic possibility —

vho have predicted disaster in the past were • Nuclear war. Our generation's common culture. When Rome went down it was a terrible blow to Western culture, but the Orient kept on its way, and other Western civilizations could, and did, evolve to take Rome's place. But if the industrial world of the 20th century neets a violent end — that's it. The odds are very

Our potential disasters threaten the very life support systems of the planet — the fundamental conditions that have to be met in order for any human civilization, or even mere human survival, to be possible. In other words, if we blow it this time, there's not going to be a next time. There are three over-arching, inter-connected crises that stare us inn the face, that must be

some kind of Super Deluxe Combo Ozone/Greenhouse/Love Canal/TMI/Thermal Smog Inversion/Algae Explosion Deoxygena-

tion/Polar Icecan Melt Effect. • Fossil fuel depletion without a viable backup. While this may seem to promise only mass starvation, rioting, and gang warfare as the overextended food system in industrial countries collapses without its massive petroleum fix. the danger here is that the fierce competition betwill contribute to both ecological degradation

escaped so far, but the mushroom cloud, our symbol, may become our epitaph at any time. danger, what do you do? Do you step back and ask yourself where it all went wrong, and take the radical (to the root) steps necessary to stop the downward spiral? Or do you vote for a man who promises to turn loose the very forces that

have driven us to the brink? Well. I can tell you what 27 percent (hell of a wasn't it?) of the eligible American

Give Reagan a chance, you say? I would, except I'm scared that if we give him enough rope he'll hang not only himself, but the rest of us as

• Ecological degradation. "A full cost-benefit

review of environmental regulations." Sounds harmless enough, but the problem is in translating environmental quality into numbers that can be weighed against projected economic gains. If it can be done at all, which I doubt, it would require people of extraordinary vision and sensitivity, yes, even loving reverence, toward our fragile home.



Home? Fragile? The people advising Reagan, speak in terms of the domestic resource base" (read 'combination mine and garbage dump.') This is the very runaway "objectivity" has olayed such a major role in getting us in our present mess. Until we elect people who can still feel awe when they look at the earth, then we will ontinue sliding relentlessly down into ecological

• Fossil fuel depletion. "Production, production, production." Of course. What else does one do with a "resource base?" What happens when

coal? Those dedicated public servants, the courage to admit that true security in this energy companies, spurred on by those savage unclear world can only come from arms reducing taskmasters, "market forces" will take care of

But what if by the time the oligarpolistic energy companies, who dictate to, rather than have gotten all the profit they can out of fossil fuels and they can no longer put off serious solar development, what if that time is too late for a safe, smooth transition?

proposed ... deploy sophisticated neutron warheads in Europe, strengthen the Minuteman missile and step up development of the multibillion dollar MX mobile missile."

This is all part of Reagan's grand design to scare the Russians back to the negotiating table with the threat of a new arms race. The Russians, of course, will not take the bait because of our "superior industrial base." These are rather questionable tactics, to say the least. For one thing, how long will we remain

economically superior with the inflationary pressure that capital-intensive military spending generates? Secondly, Reagan shows no recognition of the paranoia of Soviet leadership. The odds are very real that threatening them will do nothing but force them to remain locked with us in our dance of death, trading technological advances, each one heightening tensions and and thus increasing the chance of a

substantial unilateral arms cut to show our good faith? I think we would all be surprised at the

fighting the good fight against the divine right of kings, so Reagan's not the very worst choice we could have made. Or is he? What's the difference between a troglodyte self-made businessman and al Depression-child who never got over his first exet posure to people with money and who still can't-

We could have elected Ed Clark, who's still

lurking melodramatically in the wings here, but rather the unconscious forces of "class interest" and "ideology." It is just that Reagan's mawkish sentimentality, pathetic nostalgia, and stunning lack of self-examination make him appear so

One can almost imagine the Reagan response to such charges: but they're my friends, they just encouraged me to go into politics, all my deas are my own! Sure, they're not out for more country great again." Uh-huh.

It would be sad if it weren't so dangerous. John Protevi is a 13th-term philosophy major and a columnist for the Daily Collegian.

# Letters to the Editor



He'S Making a List, CHECKING IT TWICE, GONNA FIND OUT WHO'S Naughty or NICe ....

## Foot in mouth

Well. Michael Kulp has again shown why The Daily Colegian has a terminal case of foot-in-mouth disease. Pertaining to the review of Backseat Van Gogh's HUB concert, you seem to think you are an expert on live rock concerts. Well, what are whole style of music based on one evening's performance? Just because you had a bad term is no reason to bad-mouth State College's top band. That is right, Kulp, the top band. Who else draws larger crowds every night at the local bars? And

If you think they are self-centered and impersonal, you have never seen them perform. Sure, they do not sound like the Grateful Dead (grating is right), who the hell wants them to? If we wanted that, we would just go up to Rec Hall every Sunday evening to hear their weekly concert. As for spontaneity and improvision, just spend a Friday

night down at the Phyrst sometime when they are surrounded by their closest friends and fans. Then, you will see improvision and hear excellent music. As for being eaten alive at The Main Point, anyone doing that belongs in a zoo and was not really interested in hearing

Many of the group's fans will be there to see them and you can betthey will give them enought support to make an impact. You say they played their own less-than-exciting originals, etc. If you turned off your disco for a while and listened to their songs, you would hear real music in the making. A band cannot be expected to go very far without original

music, and Backseat Van Gogh has more than enough to make their mark on the music world. So Kulp, as their song goes "... Desolation, there'snothing you can do. . . . " Backseat Van Gogh is here to stay! Rick Fray, 11th-electrical engineering

## Niche in society

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Pittsburgh Steelers football team lost a key game which may keep them out of the championship playoffs. Some people view this as the end of a football dynasty, while others will consider the event to have no significance. Many people compartmentalize life into categories to which they give different orders of importance. Many see sports as the lowest level of this hierarchy. This is a serious conceptual made most frequently by the so-called

What a person who ignores sports, for "more important" things such as science or art, misses, is the solidifying factor which binds these areas together. This factor is the nobility of ıman endeavor, the search for success, that striving to make lings happen which is so well characterized by the Pittsburgh

are just the people who are prone to making the type of error of that bike beside you and to always signal before turning which sports, like professional football, are best at eliminating. This mistake is a loss of focus, or motivation, or clear sight of the goals one hopes to reach. The true point of pro-sports is epitomized by the Pittsburgh

Steelers. A team built without apparent talent, ability, in telligence or any of the traits traditionally thought to lead to success. What the Steelers do have is the drive to always keep trying, to never give up while any chance of success still exists, to strive, to push, to fight, to bring about a successful end Are these qualities not the true measure of professionality?

lare say that societal progress would move at a faster pace if the "intelligencia" were able to learn from sportsmen how to apply these qualities to their knowledge and ability. I think it is very important for college students to evaluate carefully sports and athletics to see what they can learn from them. In my experience at college, I often encounter a lack of seriousness among students. This is a sin which no Pittsburgh

Steeler is ever to be guilty of. To those who say the Steeler dynasty is finished, I urge caution in counting out too quickly a group of people possessed of such tremendous character. To those who believe sports are of no importance, I say open your eyes, and just maybe, if you can see past your upturned nose, you will not miss the lesson which is so obviously displayed by those in sports who choose a goal and strive to achieve it with never-ending faithfulness.

## Biker's dilemma

Beaver Avenue. I was beside a BMW and we were going about the same speed. Without warning, the driver began to swing into a parking place and forced me into the curb. Luckily, the driver saw my desperate attempts to avoid him before I was

crushed between his vehicle and a telephone pole. A bike is my only transportation since I sold my car to pay for college a year ago. As the cost of fuel, insurance and repairs rises in this period of economic depression, many car drivers see the sense or necessity of traveling by bike. The number of bikes in America will probably continue to rise as money gets tighter, so those who can afford cars must realize the bike as a serious form of transportation. Aside from constantly watching for cyclists, the most important task of a driver in coexisting with bikes is to indicate

where he will turn. Hand signals or blinkers are the only way a cyclist can know how to get out of the car's way. If the BMW above would have signaled, I would, of course, have dropped behind the car and 'let him pass. Since ber, at least five cars have failed to give me the correct Swerving to miss a car on wet pavement in heavy traffic is

The sad thing is that people who fail to see the value of sports no joke to the cyclist, so I ask all car drivers to please be aware

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Daily Collegian Staff Writer State College borough has made no plans Fairbanks said. the income standard for potential

Fairbanks said. for a new year and we're looking for annually

Although the idea of selling the com- County Area Agency on Aging, said she on-site person," Fairbanks said. "In plex was discussed by the Senior believes the elimination of the income return for his services, he would receive Citizens Advisory Commission, it is not standard could be helpful, but its consideration in the rent. The commisan alternative being seriously con- usefulness would depend on how the sion is looking into job specifications for municipality handled future tenants. this position now."

Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre The incumbent said he raised most of and \$200 respectively County, spent less than half as much his funds through private donations. money in regaining his state House seat as he did in defeating incumbent Helen Although the state Republican Party

reports filed recently by candidates from the 77th District, Cunningham spent \$8,146 in defeating Democrat

To win the seat in 1978, Cunningham

spent more than \$18,000.

ing removing the income standard to over the low limit that definitely need Despite rumors to the contrary, the make Bellaire available to more people, help and don't have anywhere to turn.' Edvar said. "I think (the municipality) "There are a number of people just above the limit," Fairbanks said. "To would still give preference to lower-income people, so (the removal of the make housing available for other people limit) could be helpful. It would depend tenants, Municipal Manager Carl B. in the area, we're looking into the on how they dealt with it. I think there possibility of removing the income limit, still could be some limit."

but keeping the age limit." alternative ways to operate (the com- - To qualify for housing in Bellaire plex)," Fairbanks said. "We're looking Court, a perspective single tenant can-commission is hiring a full-time at everything to make sure we're doing onot earn more than \$10,400 a year and a maintenance worker, Fairbanks said. things the right way. We're budgeting couple cannot earn more than \$11,900

Cynthia Edvar, director of the Centre provements in maintenance by hiring an

## Cunningham spends less the 2nd time

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contributed \$600 to his campaign, Cunn-

ingham said he turned down "thousands" According to campaign spending of dollars from a wide range of political Robert C. Brazill and independent tracted about 250 people, the campaign

Aside from a \$25-per-plate that atreport showed State College residents Henry D. Suhakian and Thomas E. Kerr as top individual donors to Cunningham's campaign, contributing \$300

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the purposes of each one — but primarily we will practice the basic postures used for meditation, the physical and mental techniques involved. Because this class is for beginners the meditation periods will be ten minutes long, and the emphasis throughout the class will be on building one's own practice. I am not a monk, simply an enthusiast with some experience, and would like to share my interest.

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University student Brazill (9thpolitical science) reportedly raised and spent less than \$250. Much of that money came out of his own pocket, he said.

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employer's interest in the student.

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fair, which is geared mainly toward black students.

Mary Kay Tomlinson, representing HRB Singer Inc.

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the program," said Tony Shelton, a co-coordinator of the "I do come across a lot of minority students unprepared this gives them a sense of confidence." Greene said. Because black students may not go through traditional "It gives us a chance to identify candidates for recruiting avenues for finding employment, Shelton said, employers and gives them chance to become more knowledgable recognize the need to contact the black student directly. about our company,"Greene said Another reason, he said, is black students make up only 2 Warren Harris, of Michael Baker Inc. — an engineering percent of the total enrollment at University Park. consultant firm responsible for the Beaver Stadium expan-Shelton said the fair provides employers with an oppor sion - said, "If they don't know who we are, most black tunity to meet students, especially freshmen and students will go to larger corporations.' sophomores who have yet to make career decisions.

'Careers Unlimited' helps blacks

choose their future occupations

More than 20 employers, from American Telephone & tatives this year than last. He said having black represen-

Telegraph Co. to Xerox, and more than 300 students par- tatives at the fair gives students the opportunity to ask

fair, held in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center yesterday "So far, the fair is more of a service to the student than it

Employers said they were pleased by the turnout at the Denise Haley (Ilth-accounting) said, "Here they give you

"Several employers made the point that this year they Wendell L. Greene, representing Corning Glass Works,

saw more black students in the first morning than they did said he sees the fair as a tool for both his company and the

is helping us," Emanuel said.

ticipated in the sixth annual "Careers Unlimited" career about the black experience in industry.

He said one important aspect of the program is the Vince Kovalick of IBM said, "The black student, like any other, is a very valuable asset. We're not interested in the "There's a recognition that students want to make the color, but the talent. This is as important to us as it is to link with employers and the employers want to make the them." link with students, in particular black students," Shelton This year for the first time, "Careers Unlimited" includ-

> employers and black professional people. University alumni, students and faculty. In the workshops, Shelton said, "students heard white people talking for the first time about issues they didn't

> ed workshops for employers and students, staffed by

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Richard Emanuel, a 1978 University graduate, is now an think they understood or were sensitive to."



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