Alumna bears handicap well

By CINDY COX but inside University graduate Diane with others who are different.

Bockoras's differences resulted from a older before you are kind to handicapped Bockoras's experiences are illustrated rare disease called leukocytoclastic ar- children. They need your understanding in the book by Kathleen Brinko. While a thritis, a crippling disease that left her now."

Bockoras's peers were less than under- Teachers should discuss with students about, I was sure I knew Diane," Brinko standing of her handicap. They taunted how people are different in size, color said. "It turned out that we had met on a her, calling her "jelly belly" and "fin- and physical abilities, she added. gers," making fun of the way she looked. "People would tell me to ignore the teasing, that's OK if it's only now and then." Bockoras said. "But it happened

and it took me a long time to overcome "It wasn't until late in high school that the teasing stopped. By then, I started to believe I was ugly and not worthwhile." But Bockoras had the courage to continue her education after high school and

all the time. It affected my self-image

graduated from the University with a degree in education in 1977. Her experience with teasing and intolerance because of her handicap resulted

in the 1980 publication of a book for children, "Please Don't Tease Me. "I questioned God and I realized there was a purpose for my pain," Bockoras said. "Someone else can learn from my early in life to help their children develop experiences through this book and may-self-esteem," Bockoras said. "They

'The idea for "Please Don't Tease Me while even if they are different." 'resulted from a teasing experience Response to the book has been very Bockoras had at the University during a rewarding, Bockoras said. While speakclass with Jane Madsen, associate professor of education. Madsen saw some children were surprised at her experiadult students making fun of Bockoras ences and a little reluctant to discuss behind her back and approached her with them at first.

sen also wrote the small children's book. had put her real name on the book She appeared physically different from detailing experiences during childhood instead of an assumed one. children her age as she was growing up, and giving children guidance for dealing "The book is more effective because Bockoras had the same needs - At the end of the book, the message "If I didn't it would be like I was says, "Please do not wait until you are ashamed, which I'm not."

fingers and hands twisted and her joints Through this book, Bockoras said tea- as a graduate assistant for Madsen who chers and parents can help children to asked her to work on the book. During her elementary school years, understand people who are different. "When she told me who the book was

Diane Bockoras

"It's also important for parents very

bus to Pittsburgh a few years earlier." From working on the book, Brinko said she became more aware of the details of a handicapped person's life. After drawing a picture of Bockoras

> cafeteria, Brinko said she learned that Bockoras could not hold a lunch box because of her handicap. "I was already aware of some of the major problems of the handicapped," Brinko said. "But knowing Diane has made me aware of the fine tuning of having arthritis in everyday life.'

sitting alone with her lunch box in the

student at the University, Brinko worked

Being aware of these details of handicapped life will help children and adults understand handicapped people, Bocko-"Kids are smarter, but the teasing

problem can still go on," she said. "My

book is geared to adults too. Sometimes,

they need as much education about the must let their kids know they are worth-When not working part time as a child-Health Center, Bockoras spends her leisure time dancing or riding a bike in her

"I love dancing; it's a great release for me," Bockoras said. "I'm just glad I can Even some of Bockoras's family mem- still laugh."



## USG senator serves students despite handicap

Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Tom Morris (9th-biology) ran for an Under graduate Student Government senatorial position student government — to become involved and to

becoming a Pollock-Nittany senator, plans to go beyond the normal confines of the office by pushing legislation to help other handicapped Morris said he wanted to be involved, and

becoming a Undergraduate Student Government senator was one way to actively participate at the "I felt I didn't look at humanistic aspect of college life, so I decided to get my stuff together

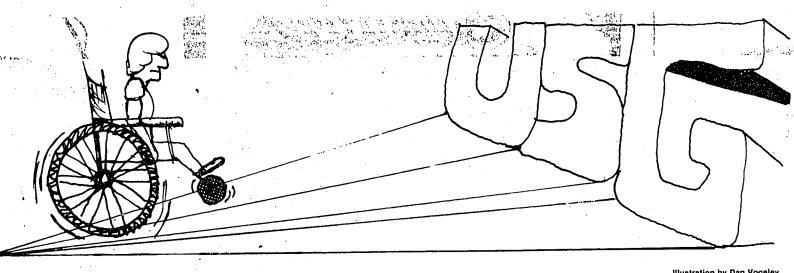
and to see things (that were happening at the University.)" he said. Morris, a Porter Hall resident, said he became interested in the senatorial position when the University decided the fifth and sixth floors of

Porter Hall would be turned into an interest house without the knowledge of the residents. flame; the other things fell into place," he said.

of his ideas to help handicapped students, especially in the area of housing. "Since I was just elected four weeks ago, I

year, kick off with a bang." Although Morris does want to initiate bills to help handicapped students, he does not want to push for only this type of legislation. "I don't want to just push for handicapped

students; I want to serve all my constituents' provide a desk for the Association for Barrier-free iving Environment and Design.



hospital — it was dark and dingy," he said. "Eight weeks later I went back to (the Office of) Housing to find out what they had accom- Summer Term, Morris said sororities occupy the plished. They said, 'We lost your name off the

able, they (ABLED) will have first crack at it."

icapped students have are difficulties with housanything," he said. "I'll learn the ropes and next the winter months. Morris said the housing situa- handicapped students. "I requested a suite last spring because I was living in Hamilton Hall which reminded me of a things where they can be reached easily," Morris

Because of renovations taking place in the ment for handicapped students. At present, Hous-HUB, Cluck said office space for ABLED may be ing offers single rooms to handicapped students

Morris said Housing needs a better arrange-

But because the single rooms have limited want to learn procedure before I begin to do ing arrangements and getting to classes during space, the suite provides greater conveniences for "Because there is more space in the suite, your wheelchair doesn't get in the way and you can put

"Being handicapped, I need a suite —it would

has made remarkable progress," O'Bri-

"A desk may become available; but this is not Hall, so that is how I moved to Porter and got cause suites are equiped with bathtubs and have

"Showering is ridiculous — first you have to find a chair to sit on and even then, it isn't very Morris said although many handicapped students did not support the semester change, he did teach the material effectively.

"The weather will probably cause problems couple weeks of the second semester. The solution to the weather problem is adequate transportation. If the crews would clean the walk areas, there wouldn't be as many problems," he said. "The University does provide vans when the weather is blizzarding, but when the weather is ties and I see no reason why they could not be used

and doing 360s," Morris also said because some buildings do no have wheelchair access, he has to schedule his

"Chambers is a pretty nice building, much better than the Forum, I'd like to take some classes there, but I can't because it has steps leading down into its lecture rooms," he said. Although he does think the University needs to provide better accessibility to some buildings and needs to improve the housing situation for handicapped students, he does think the University made some positive changes to make the hard-

'The curb cuts are very helpful and I don't feel they have hurt the scenery," he said. However, other services, such as elevators, must be managed properly to provide accessibility when ramps cannot.

"Elevators must be kept in tip top shape all the time. It's very frustrating to go to Willard Building and find you have to skip class because the elevator is broken and you can't get to the third floor to go to class." he said. Because the physical plant of the University Park campus makes it difficult for handicapped

students to "get around," Morris said many students go to the Commonwealth campuses. "It's not easy (to get around at University Park), but it's not insurmountable," he said. "If you really want to get somewhere, you're going to get there at any cost." In serving the interests of all University stu-

dents, Morris hopes to make the University awaye of the problems faced by all students. "I think the University should allow professors

teaches directly from the text." he said. at the University; they are used at other university

## Reagan budget may affect aid

tell what and when these changes be hurt.

By BRIAN E. BOWERS and ANNE CONNERS

the Student Advisory Board yesterday.

residence halls on Memorial Day.

that is an essential service." he said.

lected trash would present a hazard.

Transportation Association shuttle bus.

items before leaving for home.

The University will provide essential services on

George R. Lovette said the University will make Memorial Day.

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Memorial Day, the last day of finals, but will limit other

services, the assistant vice president for business told

some sort of arrangements to have trash collected from

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill

Cluck said the volume of trash would be greater than

other services would not be available Monday, uncol-

"We do provide essential services, and in my

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would be, a congressional official said Regarding GSL's, the May 11 issue Senate and their respective commit-

According to financial aid officials and Ohio have stopped processing GSL so far (in Congress)," Blakey said, "is quoted in The Chronicle of Higher applications until they get a clearer the House and Senate have passed Education, proposed changes will view of what Congress will do. probably not be made in time to affect John Brugel, the University's finan-final targets yet." this fall's Guaranteed Student Loans cial aid officer, said many variables in Blakey said the Subcommittee on and Pell Grants - two major sources the budget process complicate mat- Post Secondary Education has not yet year, trimming an estimated \$566 mil-

President Reagan proposed a \$661 "The timetable is quite uncertain," back on aid programs.

pected shortages in the Pell Grant Blakey said the first step of the tion, Brugel and Blakey said, will Proposed federal budget cuts for program and the House Appropria- budget process was President Rea- probably be passed before Congress education may force changes in stu-tions Committee has agreed to this, so gan's proposed budget to Congress. recesses in August. This step requires dent aid programs, but it is too early to this fall's Pell Grants probably will not The second step — where the budget House and Senate approval, often lead-

of The Chronicle quoted James A. tees to set targets and propose modifi- Blakey said. William Blakey, counsel to the Jung, executive director of the Wiscon- cations of programs to reach these House Subcommittee on Post Second- sin Educational Arts Board, as saying, targets.

However, loan agencies in Michigan "The only thing that has happened

is now - requires the House and ing to two or three proposed concur-

ary Education, said much work re- "We've received sufficient informal The final step is passage of a concurmains to be done by Congress and assurances that any changes in the rent budget resolution by a joint concongressional committees before a GSL program would not occur prior to ference committee of the House and

budget targets. We don't even have

begun work on finding measures to cut

University to provide 'essentials' Memorial Day

Cluck said a time and route schedule will be sent to In a press conference following the SAB meeting, every professor who has a class with a final on Monday. Cluck said the decision to have finals on Memorial Dav Approximately 22 percent of the finals will be given on should have had more student input.

Monday due to the lack of use during the term. "We only affect students," Cluck said. "Students are always the had one student use the van for the handicapped this lowest priority.' While USG and ARHS are willing to provide a bus term." Lovette said In other business, the board discussed repairs to be service for students, Cluck said he did not think it should Cluck said because residence hall maid service and done on the outdoor pool at the Natatorium. Lovette said be a concern of student government

repairs on the pool would cost about \$150,000 if the pool repairs done for \$40,000 but it would still cost an Lovette said the Campus Loop will not run on additional \$150,000 to complete the repairs after the Monday because it is a University holiday; however, recreational swimming season ended, he said.

USG and the Association of Residence Hall Students will He said Intercollegiate Athletics operates the pool so pick up the cost of running an hourly Centre Area it will decide what is to be done. The pool needs gutter should not be the concern of student government. curb and tile repairs and removal of deteriorated CATA ridership has been less than expected and is concrete, Lovette said. usually even less during finals, Lovette said. He said Lovette said if the temporary repair option were to Day finals. CATA negotiates its contract without consulting the be taken, the pool could be open almost on schedule.

The CATA bus will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will Local 8 would not affect the pool repairs because the follow the same route as the evening shuttle. Cost of the University can hire outside contractors to do a big

rent resolutions before one is adopted.

This resolution could drastically

change student aid programs, includ-

ert T. Stafford, R-Vt., chairman of the

Senate Subcommittee on Education.

Arts and Humanities, is one of the first

families earning less than \$25,000 a

ing GSL's and Pell Grants.

"The calendar is a primary example of the general Van service for the handicapped will not be available need for student input into administrative decisions that

"We're (USG and ARHS) delighted to be able to were closed and complete repairs were done before provide a much needed service; CATA is very pleased question why the service ever had to occur."

> accummulate in the dorms on Sunday, May 24 and Memorial Day, creating a possible fire hazard. ARHS President Chris Calkins said a matter like this "Why are we the ones to bring this up?" Calkins asked. "They've had five years to plans for Memoria

Cluck also said he was concerned that trash would

Calkins also said he wished the administration would told University police yesterday that four the amount of the check was \$68.41. He said a possible strike by the Teamsters Union tap student resources more in decision making. wheel covers were taken from his car

By PAT HUNGERFORD Daily Collegian Staff Writer Although a 15-year-old was taken ble for any problems that occur

of alcohol, the State College Police leased to the Briarwood Bash com-Department was generally very mittee, Candee Evelhoch, manager pleased with this year's Briarwood of Briarwood, said. Bash. Police Chief Elwood G. Wil- The committee has already paid liams Jr., said. As far as the police know the minor was not seriously injured, he

Bill Bartholomew, Briarwood minors drinking. The committee invested \$600 in minimal amount of complaints.

he said, so that minors would not be crime prevention specialist, said the served. People who bought a hospi- committee and the police cooper tal band were carded before given ated more this year. the band, he said.

minors are served," he said. the police he went to the stage and future. served and that whoever was serv- with the committee's organization of ing them should stop, Bartholomew the Bash. Patrol cars cruised the

He said about 100 kegs of beer at patrols. individual apartments were not un"We put the responsibility on the der the committee's control. The people organizing the event," Wil-

committee controlled its own 150 liams said.

Police satisfied with Bash The management is not responsito the hospital from overindulgence during the Bash since the land is

the Briarwood management for damages, Bartholomew said. Evelhoch said the committee has The police said there were a few Bash committee chairman, said extra complaints from the neighbors

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enness. Williams said there were a Williams said the committee was

"I'm the one who gets in trouble late in contacting the police about and I'm the one who goes to jail if the Bash and has requested that there be better contact between the As soon as he received a call from police and the committee in the announced that minors were being He said he was pleased, howeve

### Porter Hall furniture stolen

#### police log

Services yesterday that furniture was wheel covers at \$200. taken from Porter Hall sometime before May 6. Police estimated the value of the

 Andrew Petkac, senior housekeep- while it was parked in Green Parking Lot ing supervisor, told University Police F. Police estimated the value of the

 An employee of the Weis Market, 560 Westerly Parkway, reported a forged check Tuesday, the State College Police Jeffrey Bock, graduate assistant, Department said yesterday. Police said







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A swimmer participating in the handicapped swim program is helped into the Natatorium pool by willing assistants

## swim time at Nat

Water safety for handicapped the other better students, serves a dual clude a woman with curvature of the

Dufalla is an amputee, who, in addition Because many of the swimmers are elderly, Defalla said she would also like These are water safety courses that to see some younger people participate in

young and old of the community togeth-"You have college students coming out every Tuesday and Thursday, and are to help your elderly citizens," Defalla Even though many swimmers are el-People of all ages are enrolled in the derly, handicapped children are wel-

serves a positive function in bringing the

line Olsen, said she took up swimming parks) and a program volunteer. Another volunteer, Yan Raybaud (graduate-nuclear engineering) said he He identified four advantages to the volunteered so that he would meet peo- handicapped people involved in the ple, adding that he was involved in social swimming program — survival, exer-

work in France, his home country.

function within the program as swimmer spine and her blind son, who is guided in he water by the rattling of a can. "My theory is the water can be used to a great advantage by the average human

> to help your elderly —Donna Dufalla, program swimmer and

'You have college

students coming out

being by learning to swim, or learning to