

Council approves sale of Centre Cab Co.

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The high costs of operating the Centre Cab Co. led to the State College Municipal Council's decision to put the cab company up for sale, Council President Joseph P. Wakeley Jr. said yesterday.

Wakeley said bids for the cab company will be accepted beginning April 30. However, the council can reject any or all bids if they are too low, he said.

The municipality has been losing about \$3,000 each month on the cab system, he said.

State College took over the operation of Centre Cab after the Centre Area Transportation Authority asked to be relieved of the operation because the cab company was operating at a deficit. The municipality bought the system in 1979 from private owners.

After taking over operation of the system from CATA, the council agreed to let the municipality run the cab company on a one-year trial basis with the option to sell it after that year.

At the council's March 11 meeting, it agreed to put the system up for sale.

Because the cars that Centre Cab uses are not as big as regular cabs, Wakeley said, the municipality would have to buy more cabs if it were to continue operating the service.

The municipality would also have to hire another mechanic. Because of the additional work required on the cabs, the municipal garage's mechanics had less time to work on the municipality's vehicles, Wakeley

USG Senate questions committee's purpose

By MARCY MERTEL
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The Undergraduate Student Government Senate has been confused about the purpose of its Appropriations Committee, said Deb Riebmam, chairman of the committee at the senate's Feb. 22 meeting.

The confusion surfaced last term when the committee voted down a bill for the senate to allocate \$100 to the USG department of communications for 2,000 pencils advertising USG and a bill for a \$2,000, USG-sponsored scholarship.

Riebmam said that after working two years on the committee she thinks its job is to determine the senate's ability to afford a bill and leave the decision on the bill's merit to the senate.

But East Halls Senator Eric Schnatterly said members of the committee "do have to consider the merit before they allocate money."

The senate overruled the Appropriations Committee and brought the pencil issue to the senate floor while keeping the scholarship issue in committee.

Town Senator Jeanne Thompson said

CATA to receive 12 buses in statewide pool purchase

By L.A. HILL
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The Centre Area Transportation Authority will receive 12 new buses next year from Neoplan USA — a Colorado-based branch of a West German company — completing the country's first bus pool purchase program.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and 16 of the state's transit systems — including CATA — participated in the bus pool last month in which six companies submitted bids for the construction of 1,000 buses.

At the end of the program, representatives from the transit authorities recom-

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- Counseling and Psychological Services will hold registration for all its Spring Term personal change groups through next Thursday. Anyone interested can stop in 217 Rittenour or call 863-0395.
- The Student Dietetic Association will meet at 7 tonight in the Living Center of Human Development Building. Chris Lewis will be the speaker.
- Kalliope, Penn State's literary magazine, is accepting short fiction stories, poetry and art from students, faculty and town residents until March 20. Leave submissions at the box at the Student Book Store, 330 E. College Ave., in the office at 424 North Burrows Building or at the Kalliope mailbox in the HUB Desk.
- The National Teacher Examinations will be given April 17. The scores from the examinations are used by some states for certification of teachers and by some school systems in the selection and hiring of teachers. Prospective teachers are reminded that registration forms must be mailed to the Educational Testing Service before March 15 when the regular registration closes. Information bulletins describing the examination and registration procedures may be picked up in 181 Chambers.
- Tours of Pattee will be held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. today and tomorrow. An evening tour will be given at 7 tonight. All tours will begin in the main lobby of Pattee. Branch libraries will offer tours on the same dates. Tours for undergraduate students will begin at 10 a.m. and graduate tours will begin at 2 p.m. For information call 865-6368.
- The HUB Craft Centre is holding registration for classes and/or membership from noon to 5 p.m. through March 14. Classes offered include stained glass, silk-screening, wheat weaving, wheelthrow pottery, calligraphy, batik, card weaving, loom weaving, basketry, macramé, watercolor and drawing. For more information call 863-6611 or drop by 312 HUB.
- The School of Music will sponsor a free piano recital at 8:30 tonight in the Music Building. Pianist Barry Hannigan, a faculty member at Bucknell University, will perform new music by Pennsylvania composers. The recital is open to the public.
- American Studies 406, "Ethnicity and American Experience — The History of Ukrainian Immigration to North America," is being offered this term. The course is for three credits, and anyone interested can call W.O. Luciw at 865-7213.
- The conversant program is looking for volunteers to make an international friend and help him or her practice speaking English. For more information, call 863-1604 or come to 305 Sparks.
- Openings are still available for College Reading Skills Improvement, RCLED 006A, a two credit reading/study skills improvement course being offered this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays second period on Tuesdays and Thursdays third period.
- The Office of Religious Affairs will show a videotaped interview with evangelist Bryan Green from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the informal lounge in the Eisenhower Chapel. Canon Green will be visiting the University on March 14, 15 and 16.
- Homophiles of Penn State is sponsoring a coffee-house at 9 tonight at 415 E. Foster Ave.

police log

- While traveling west on Route 322, a car driven by James B. Cernab of Indiana crossed the highway divider into the eastbound lanes and struck a pine tree, the State College Police Department said Tuesday. Damage to the car is estimated at \$5,500, police said.
- Robert S. Fooks, a University estimator, told University Police Services Feb. 27 that two antique lamps were missing from the entrance to Electrical Engineering West.
- The lamps are valued at about \$5,000, police said.
- Chris McKevey, 756 Whitehall Road, told State College police Tuesday that two tape decks, two speakers and a receiver were missing from that address. The items are valued at about \$900, police said.
- A fire in a janitor's closet in an East Halls locker area on March 5 was caused by sparks from an oxy-acetylene torch, University police said.
- The fire was extinguished by an outside contractor working in the area. The closet was destroyed, police said.
- A car driven by Irene Toth, 301 Rolling Ridge Drive, collided with a car driven by Linda J. Goudeau of Nevada at the intersection of Pollock and Burrows roads on Tuesday morning, University Police said.
- Both cars had minor damage, police said.
- William Hickey, owner of W.R. Hickey Beer Distributor Inc., 1221 E. College Ave., told State College

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR SPECIAL EVENTS Thursday, March 11

GSA Workshop: "Resume Writing," 7 p.m., 102 Kern
Kern Classics, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 7 and 9 p.m., 112 Kern.
HUB Craft Center, Open House, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., 312 HUB.
Penn State Dames Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 101 Kern.
Barry Hannigan, pianist and member of the music faculty, Bucknell Univ., 8:30 p.m., Music Bldg. Recital Hall.

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Sky Top adult bookstore opens with little fanfare, opposition

By JIM WICKIZER
Collegian Staff Writer

The Sky Top News and Gift Shop has opened with very little ballyhoo, despite being an adult bookstore, its owner said.

Ignatius Pitz said the new business at Sky Top, located along Route 322 about seven miles west of State College, is half an adult bookstore and half a gift shop.

The gift shop, which is not yet fully stocked, will include snacks, popular magazines, morning papers and gift items.

Pitz said he's selling a little bit of everything — from regular gift shop items to hardcore sex items.

"A lot of the items right now are either

too cheap or too expensive," he said. "The giftshop is only about one-fourth full."

The adult section of the store is guarded by full-time store clerks Dan Truax.

"We don't advertise this section of the store," Truax said. "It's up to you to go through the door into the adult section."

The sign on the door of the adult section, removes any doubt as to which section it is. "Adult Section — you must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Be prepared to show proof of age!"

"The 21 years of age rule is my own rule," Pitz said. "It'll be easy to enforce and I'll keep me away from the trouble I've had before."

The Pennsylvania law for buying adult material is 18 years of age.

Customers must have a Liquor Control Board identification card to document their age, Pitz said.

"If I have to go to court I'll win," he said.

Pitz said he has not had any problems with juveniles sneaking into the adult section.

"Three people asked if they could go into the adult section," he said, "but they couldn't prove their age."

"You could tell by the way they were sneaking they weren't old enough."

"Those old enough to enter the adult section can choose from a large collection of magazines, ranging from Playboy to less familiar ones, including Honcho, Blueboy, Oui and Cavalier.

The magazine prices range from \$1 to \$10.

The section also has a movie booth featuring the latest peep shows for 25 cents.

Because the store is not advertising the adult section heavily, Pitz said he does not expect much opposition.

"There was a woman quoting from the bible on a local radio show the other day opposing us — but little else."

Since Sky Top's opening, it has attracted a cross section of clientele, but his most frequent customers are middle-

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