Sentencing:

5-year terms to be mandatory for some violent crimes

By RENAE HARDOBY Collegian Staff Writer

become mandatory for certain violent crimes as a result of a law signed this week by Gov. Dick Thornburgh, the assistant press secretary to the gover-

Kirk Wilson said the law provides a mandatory five-year sentence for: Violent crimes involving the use of a gun in the act of committing such

 Any repeat violent crimes by one • Crimes committed on or near

public transit facilities. Changes were also made in sentence ing for second- and third-degree mur der, Wilson said. "A person found guilty of second or

third degree murder will automaticaly receive life imprisonment as a sentence.'' he said. Wilson also noted that the sentence for first-degree murder — automatic

life imprisonment — will not change. The law will take effect June 8, he The new law is part of a four-part

"anti-crime package" originally pro-

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posed by Thornburgh in April 1981,

Wilson said.

Thornburgh) saw as a demand by 'ennsylvania's citizenry to crack down on violent crime." he said. Two parts of the four-part plan have been signed into law. Wilson said. One section provides funding for more than 2,000 additional prison cells across the state. The other section is

The two remaining sections that have not yet been passed involve parole reform and changing a bureau to a cabinet-level department, Wilson Wilson said the proposed section on parole reform calls for two changes in

the present parole system. Under the proposal, a judge would set a minimum and maximum time to be served by a criminal after the iudge has sentenced the criminal. The person sentenced would have to serve the minimum sentence before being eligible for early release, or parole, according to this section.

Now. a criminal is eligible for parole when half the minimum sentence is served; if that person was sentenced 10 to 20 years, he or she would be up for parole after five years. Should this part of the anti-crime to 20 years would have to serve at and Delinquency, Wilson said.

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"The package was based on what he ble for early release. The second part of the parole reform section gives the judge passing a sentence more discretion. Pennsylvania law now provides that a minimum

half the maximum; this reform secminimum at any number, even if that For example, if this section passes.

tion would allow judges to set the number exceeds half the maximum sentence, Wilson said. judges could assign sentences up to nine to 10 years for convictions of crimes for which they previously

could assign only five to 10 years. The final section of the package would call for elevating the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corrections to a full cabinet-level department called the Pennsylvania Department of Correc-

tions. Wilson said. A campaign of television, radio and billboard advertising will be launched to make the public more aware of the stricter sentencing law, Wilson said. No cost will be involved because the majority of the advertising will be done through public service announcments, he said The development of the overall

campaign will be done through the

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime

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police log

 An unidentified woman was seriously injured in a two-car accident Wednesday afternoon and was taken to Centre Community Hospital. Her head was bleeding, the State College Smith's car at \$3,000, police said.

intersection of South Atherton Street and West Beaver Avenue, he collided with the victim's car, which had been behind the

An investigation of the accident is continuing, police said.

• A truck driven by Terry R. Smith, Centre Hall, collided with a car driven by Michael R. Button of Lemont at the intersection of South Atherton Street and University Drive on ices that a car stereo was missing from his car which had been Wednesday, State College police said. The accident occurred parked south of Porter Hall. when Button's car went across the southbound lanes of South The car stereo is valued at about \$450, police said. Atherton Street, police said.

Button received burns on his chest and stomach, police said. Damage to Button's car is estimated at \$2,000 and damage to

• John Best, 953 Robin Road, told State College police Wednesday that some sterling silverware was missing from his home some time between Dec. 1 and March 9. The silverware is valued at about \$850, police said.

The rings are valued at about \$450, police said.

Martin Gillespie, 313 Porter, told University Police Serv-



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Fashionable ways of coping with the various temperatures in featured. University buildings and a home insulation model were two of In addition to the exhibits, the organizations provided pamphthe many features of Energy Conservation Day, held Feb. 22 in

Energy Conservation Day, sponsored by the Executive **Energy Conservation Committee with the Hetzel Union Board** and Eco-Action, was one in a series of events the committee is sponsoring to increase the awareness of the need to conserve

The event consisted of exhibits open to the public in the HUB browsing gallery and an energy fashion show The exhibits, contributed by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, the Central Pennsylvania Solar Energy Cooperative and the Pennsylvania Energy Center, demonand techniques to save water. A solar collector was also

lets with ideas on cutting home heating costs, passive solar heating methods and other energy-related topics. Information on energy seminars was also available. The fashion show. "Fahrenheit Fashions," showed a number of ways to dress for the environnment in different University

Models wore athletic wear that could double as casual wear, as well as miniskirts and layered outfits. The versatility of layered outfits was stressed, because they allow the wearer to adapt to a variety of temperature conditions.

Local clothing merchants provided the fashions.

Gary Abdullah, coordinator of the fashion show, said the strated energy tips such as effective ways to insulate homes show went well and plans for a show next year will be made.

James E. Yoho, Pine Grove Mills, told police that while he was trying to avoid a truck that had turned into his path in the

Damage to Yoho's car is estimated at \$2,000, police said.

Charlene Mullen, 340 E. Beaver Ave., told State College

police that two rings and \$5 in change were missing from her apartment some time between Feb. 28 and March 7.

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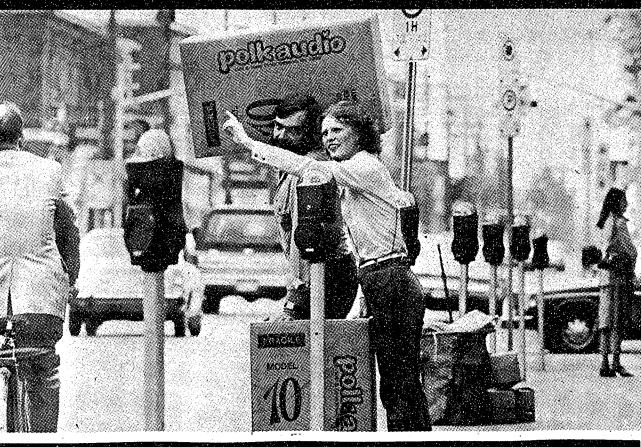
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Citizens and agencies discuss fund allocation

Collegian Staff Writer

The State College Municipal Council received help last night in deciding how to allocate community development block grant funds as more than 15 private citizens and representatives of agencies

presented proposals for use of the funds. Centre County became eligible for \$705,000 in block grant funds because an increase in population as recorded in the dard metropolitan statistical area.

Director of Community Development

Henry Lawlor said at the public hearing on funds distribution, four categories of activities are eligible for funds: housing improvement projects, economic development programs, human services and Lawlor said a program must either benefit low to moderate income house- help expand the agency which provides holds, help in the elimination of slums or gynecological care, help for patients with

blight or meet an urgent community

need to receive funds. He said projects under consideration by the council include programs for the helps, 3,000 live in State College. handicapped, street repairs, historic preservation and a job program.

for use of the funds was Iran Mohsenin, financial and grants manager of the income with emotional problems. He Women's Resource Center, 110 Sowers asked for \$7,200 in funds for office space St. She said her group is requesting \$10,- and \$7,500 for partial staffing of the 000 for one year's rental and utilities for a project.

Mohsenin said the resource center be given to the 24-hour drug and alcohol treated 165 women last year who were crisis hotline and drop-in center for an battered by their husbands. She said office computer, equipment and funds most of these women had to return to for two additional staff positions.

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permanant shelters and these women had nowhere else to go. "What we do now is put a band-aid on," Mohsenin said, "We stop the bleeding

Nancy L. Kulcyckis in behalf of the Easter Seals, 1300 S. Allen St. tion to the Easter Seals Clinic in State College. The money represents 70 per-

Two organizations requested funds to build State College satellites of existing

ices Inc., Bellefonte, requested \$30,706 to sexually transmitted diseases and child She said of the 6.000 clients the service

Republicans and Democrats in Congress. Raymond Rife, director of Counseling Services Inc., Bellefonte, also requested Among those who presented proposals funds to expand his agency, which provides counseling for people on a low

> Ray Boyle, program coordinator for On Drugs Inc., proposed \$17,000 in funds

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lori Froeling, a University of Iowa senior, assumed that "the biggest hurdle" in her academic career "would be to get accepted to law But now that the prestigious University of Chicago Law School has admitted the 23-year-old Keokuk, Iowa, native, Froeling says she is facing an even figuratively and literally, but only for a bigger obstacle: how to pay the \$7,100-a-year tuition. When Bob Harrington graduates from Tufts University Dental School in Boston, he will carry a debt of \$60,000 into his new career. The monthly payments of \$1,000 on student loans will consume half the \$25,-000 that the average dentist makes starting out in Carla Walters, 25, a third-year medical student at

Howard University and a single mother of 8-year-old twin girls, expects to be \$50,000 in debt by the time she graduates next year.

Associated Press Writer

She fears the rapidly escalating costs of medical school, coupled with deep student aid cuts sought by the Reagan administration, will "knock completely out . . . this myth called the American dream." President Reagan's proposals to bar graduate students from the Guaranteed Student Loan program and to slash \$1.5 billion from other student aid, loans and job subsidies now costing \$3.3 billion have brought howls of protest from hundreds of American campuses. The cuts face stiff resistance from both

Alice M. Rivlin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told a House panel Wednesday that overall federal aid to college students would be sliced early in half by 1984 under cuts Reagan has already pushed through Congress or is now seeking. The aid peaked in 1981 at \$14.7 billion and would drop to \$7.7 illion two years from now, she said. With the average tuition at private medical schools

earing \$10,000, future physicians routinely take on debts the size of a home mortgage Students such as Harrington and Walters already n the verge of their careers may have gotten off



Alice M. Rivlin

John C. Carl, a medical student at George Washington University, which is raising its tuition to a record \$19,000 annually in the fall, says, "I don't want to downplay in any respect the \$60,000 or the \$35,000 debt, but we're talking about increasing this tenfold." Carl said that a student who borrows \$4,000 from a Health Education Assistance Loan program, a federal program that lends money at market rates, would

Grad students may face huge debts due to aid cuts 18.5 percent. A student who borrows \$20,000 a year for four years "is going to have to face paying back \$450,000 to \$500,000," said Carl, who took this year off from his

> studies to lobby for the American Medical Student Some 3.5 million students borrowed \$7.7 billion through the Guaranteed Student Loan program in 1981 at a cost to the federal treasury of \$2.7 billion. Some 600,000 to 700,000 of those borrowers were graduate students. They pay no interest until after leaving school and then pay only 7 percent to 9 percent, with the government absorbing the rest of

Reagan wants to shift graduate students into a 14 percent loan program that charges interest from the

first dav of the loan Only 14 states and the District of Columbia actually have made loans under this program, which was created two years ago for students' parents. Reagan would allow graduate students to horrow up to \$40,000 instead of \$25,000 in the so-called Auxiliary Loans to

White House budget director David Stockman told a House Budget task force on Feb. 26, "I think it is fundamentally wrong to ask a steelworker who works all day for \$25,000 a year to pay taxes to subsidize a graduate student in metallurgy or petroleum engineering who is going to . . . (earn) \$50,000 a year within two or three years of graduation."

U.S. Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., who heads the Budget Committee's task force on entitlements and chairs the House subcommittee on post-secondary education, rejoined, "That steelworker is going to end up being out of a job if we don't produce the people who renew the technology of this nation."

University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences derided the auxiliary program program as "a safety net for the rich." Graduate students could face monthly interest payments of \$466 while still attend ing school, which Anderson charges ''would virtually

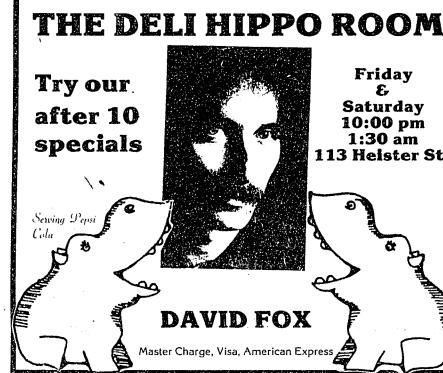
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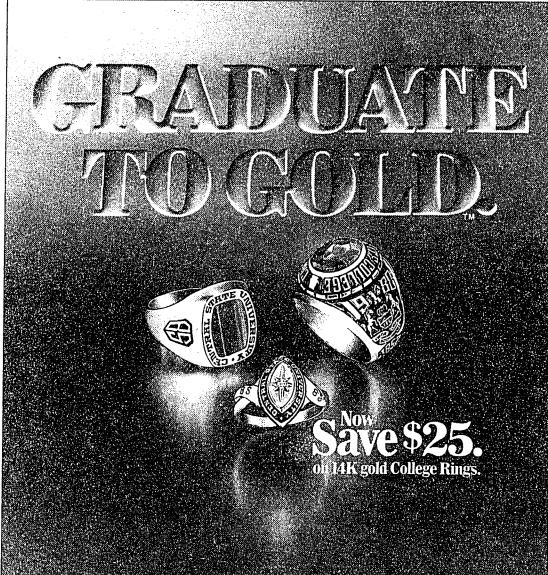
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