Loop adds van for handicapped

Handicapped students now have an additional van to take them to their classes and, if prearranged, that van will make special runs along the Campus Loop route, said the coordinator of Services for the Disabled.

Brenda Hameister said the new van is equipped with a raised roof and lift for students in wheelchairs. The van is painted like the Campus Loop buses and has the wheelchair symbol to distinguish it from other University vans. It joins the van service that has been in operation since the fall of 1979.

If Campus Loop bus stops are accessible and the weather is good, students are required to go to the stops to be picked up, Hameister said. During bad weather or if the stops are inaccessible, students may call Fleet Operations at 865-7571 to arrange for door-to-door

Fleet Operations will send a car to pick up anyone who cannot use the van, she said.

The purpose of the van is to "try to provide equivalent services for disabled persons," Hameister said. The van is available each term for faculty, employees, parents and visitors for a 25-cent fare. Students may also use a Campus Loop bus pass.

Keith Klaus (7th-accounting), a regular van passenger, said the it is a great help.

'The scheduling is really good and they are willing to take me wherever I want to go," he said.

-by Anne McDonough



Mark Halaszynski (11th-political science) helps Keith Klaus (7th-accounting) into the new Campus Loop van for handicapped students.

Man arrested following local stabbing incident; victim treated, released

The State College Police Department arrested a man following a stabbing incident early Saturday morning in downtown State College.

Michael G. Wallace, 29, 1690 W. College Ave., was arrested on charges stemming from the incident. Marchael McCrumb, 25, 132 S. Barnard St., was reportedly stabbed with a pocket knife at a laundromat at the corner of South Burrowes Street and West College Avenue. Police said they were called to the scene at 2:12 a.m.

McCrumb, an industrial engineering student at the University, was taken to Centre Community Hospital and treated and released for wounds of the head. Part of the pocket knife's blade broke off in his head, police said.

Police said items were found on Wallace's person that were previously reported as stolen. They did not specify what they were.

Wallace, who is reported to be from New Kensington, was arraigned before District Justice Keith Bierly on charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, reckless endangerment, public drunkeness and theft of property lost or mislaid.

Wallace was taken to Centre County prison in lieu of \$25,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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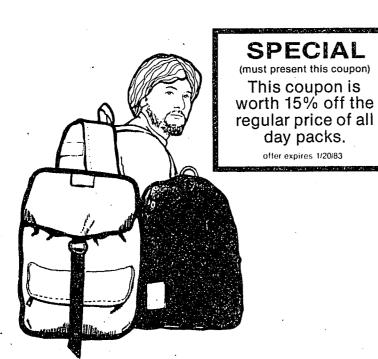
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