Collegian Staff Writer HARRISBURG - Secretary of Education Robert C. Wilburn said Friday he hopes the controversy surrounding a Board of Education

school districts will not paralyze the board's intent to improve school stan-Both school administrators and the public are concerned about the effects the proposal will have on the

proposal to decentralize the state's

state's 501 school districts.

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backs actually did not occur.

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the amount they need.

The purpose of the new Chapter 5 regulations, as originally drafted,

Despite cutback threats students financial aids needs should be satisfied By ALECIA SWASY

incomes of \$30,000 or more - have stant threat of federal aid cutbacks and the lack of increases in state been implemented, but "this sharp financial aid, Secretary of Education reduction that everyone was planning on and worried about" has not hap-Robert C. Wilburn said the needs of students in Pennsylvania will be met. However, in anticipation of the proposed cuts last year, the state

"I don't think that we really face a very serious problem in financial assistance today or projected in the budget had increased PHEAA's budget by nine percent — the largest near future." Wilburn said. In a recent interview, Wilburn said increase ever in PHEAA grant monalthough financial aid is a very controversial area, most are able to get

The state also enacted a multi-million dollar loan program through the "I know of few students who can't Wilburn said the bond program and get the assistance that they need the increase last year would offset either with grants or loans and actuany planned reductions for next year. ally aren't going to college," he said.

"We really didn't think, given this very difficult year, that this was an

al aid programs, Wilburn said the significant cutbacks are similar to when Gov. Dick Thornburgh signed those made last year, but the cutlegislation Dec. 29 authorizing "I think there's been a myth per-

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out the state and allowing each ing, Wilburn said. district to establish "goal-oriented

"I see a lot of merit in the proponents of Chapter 5, about what they were attempting to do, but I also understand the concerns that were raised by individuals that do not want to see any decrease in quality," Wil-

at our curriculum to make sure that the curriculum reflects the needs of society today, and that is a greater emphasis on the basics," he said. On one hand, the curriculum specialists want course outlines to be

backs that have occured," he said.

Some restrictions — such as a ceil-

ing on loans to families with adjusted

lizing the 501 school districts through- based on goals, objectives and learncertain disciplines would be removed from the curriculums to save money, On the other hand, he said, some citizens are concerned that if the

"Everyone has heard the concerns schools are not required to provide and it's going to be rewritten to make "some of the old disciplines that they sure that those concerns don't beare comfortable with," a school discome a reality," Wilburn said. "It trict might not offer the courses in the seems to me the solution is to bring those people together."

"I think the solution is there as long as we look at this issue, from a detached, objective point of view that you can as the two sides are proposing things that are not mutually exboth should be done." Once the regulations were pub-

lished, people began to fear that

The current ceiling for the program

is \$300 million, but the program

could expand from year to year,

depending on the demand for the

loans, said John Ebersole. public

PHEAA is currently looking into

The agency has never made direct

loans to students because it does not

Part of the idea behind the bond

have the facilities or the staff, Eber-

issue was to help students when the

future of federal financial aid ap-

pears to be uncertain. Ebersole said.

would be available for the 1983-84

academic year, Ebersole said. But

the bond committee of PHEAA's

Board of Directors have not reached

any definite decisions about the bond

Wilburn said this "holding the line"

funding does not reflect a negative

attitude towards PHEAA and the

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Initially PHEAA thought the loans

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the loan program, he said.

in Chapter 5 now are "truly miniand "inadequate," Wilburn

The department must provide guarantees that the intent of Chapter

PHEAA in the last five years has

shown a significant financial commit-

tment from the state relative to the

ognizes the value of the agency," he

Education and PHEAA have been

involved in some "administrative

hassles" and philisophical differ-

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as to whether the money should be

used to guarantee grants to low-in-

structive debate, one has to look at it

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CATA expects to ease the overcrowding by leasing some of its older buses to other transit sys-The money that has gone into

> The Indiana system leases school buses and has been looking for regular buses to lease, Over-

burg and Johnstown transit au-

leasing plan with the borough rethree years.

#### **CATA** considers bus lease to ease fleet overcrowding

By TONY PHYRILLAS Collegian Staff Writer

The arrival of the 12 new Neoplan buses has prompted Centre Area Transportation Authority ofthe older buses in CATA's fleet. "It's great to be in the position of

ing someone else out." CATA managing director Paul Oversier said. "Usually, we were the one who needed to find buses." The 12 new buses, which were added to CATA's existing 19-bus fleet, leave the authority with too many buses to store in its garage.

And CATA has found its first customer in the Indiana County Transit Authority, a rural transit system in western Pennsylvania that now uses five buses and 10

sier said. The Indiana County system is managed by Lewis T. Poorman, a University graduate and former CATA bus driver. Poorman chose to lease the CATA buses instead of buses from the Allentown, Harris-

Monday the CATA board approved a plan to lease four older Centre Line buses to the Indiana

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taining a three percent processing

Indiana County is also considering leasing a fifth CATA bus as a spare for \$100 a month, Oversier

If CATA can lease five of its older buses, the authority would be left with 26 buses - one more having the spare buses and help- than the system needs, Oversier

Last year, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation purchased 1,000 new buses from Neoplan USA Corporation for 15 of the state's transit systems in the nation's first bus pool purchase program. Many of the state's transit systems are now trying to lease Under the leasing arrangement,

State College will serve as the middle man in the agreement between the two transit systems. CATA now leases five buses

from the borough for \$200 dollars a month. CATA could save \$7,800 in leasing payments to the borough for the rest of the year when Indiana County enters the leasing plan. The leasing agreement ends December 31, 1983 and CATA has the option to buy the buses from the borough for \$1 each.

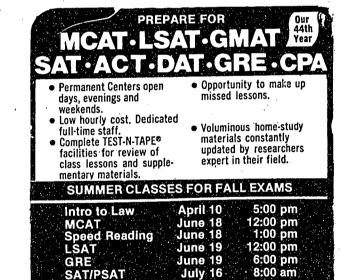
Instead of CATA buying the buses back, State College will lease them to the Indiana County transit system. The borough will then pass the money onto CATA, which could use it for local matching funds in future capital projects or as working capital.

The lease, which could run from one to three years, might yield CATA as much as \$36,000. Indiana County would have the option to Council has already approved the buy the buses for \$500 each after

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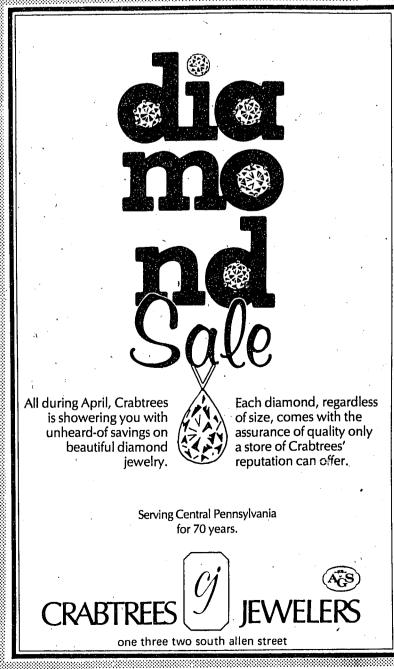
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### Commissioner candidates discuss issues

Collegian Staff Writer

Two Democratic candidates for Centre County Commissioner, John T. Saylor and Sue Smith, spoke to a small group of students last night on why each is qualified to serve as

The Candidate's Night, sponsored by the College Democrats, gave the two candidates a chance to address a range of issues, with the two candidates spending much of the meeting backing each other's positions.

The two candidates agreed on almost every issue discussed, ranging from increased cooperation with local governments, bridging the gap between the county's rural areas and State College, to continued funding for human service programs. Saylor, a Bellefonte resident and a two-term incumbent, said he is proud of his record as a commissioner and would like to continue serving the

Smith, a Lemont resident and political newcomer, is attempting to become the first woman elected to a

Al Brelo, the third Democratic candidate seeking one of three commissioner seats, did not attend the

Smith, although a first-time candidate, stressed her involvement with the League of Women Voters in the past 10 years and her knowledge of

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me continue doing the job." human service agenices as qualifications for office Saylor said his eight years on the Board of Commissioners have been marked by sound fiscal management, accessibility to the public and cooperation with other local government "You have to stay on top of the

Rick Garcia

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government operation and my knowledge of county government will help

them," Smith said, Smith said her extensive involvement with many area human service agencies will give her the backround

Three-fourths of the county's \$17 million budget goes toward human service programs in some way, Smith

John T. Saylor and Sue Smith

Smith is spearheading the drive by the Task Force for Emergency Temporary Housing to bring an emergency shelter to State College. Last month, she asked the State College Municipal Council to consider funding the shelter from the borough's Community Development Block

ARHS approves new officers, announces Movin' On bands

By LAURIE JONES Collegian Staff Writer

The Association of Residence Hall Students last night approved the students chosen by the president and vice president to fulfill appointed positions for the 1983-84 council. The new officers chosen by

ARHS President Dave Labuskes and vice president Jennifer Gould are: Judi Smith, executive vice president; Jane Morris, secretary: Trisha McGuinn, treasurer; Leslie Horn, executive council working representative; Joyce Darkey, Residence Hall Advisory Board director; Leslie Jacobs, publicity director; and Lynn Wilhelm, national communications

coordinator. Labuskes also informed council of a meeting with the Panhelenic Council to discuss sorority expansion. He said ARHS and Panhel have not formed a recommendation on how the need for more sororities will be determined, but have decided how expansion should occur. He said this proposition from ARHS and Panhel will be sent to the Office of

He said that once the 15 percent allowed for reserved space in the dorms is reached, a new system. would be needed. Under this new, system the sororities would be divided between East and Pollock halls, with 10 sororities in each

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Under the present system, 11 sororities are located in Pollock (including Alpha Omicrom Pi, which will not have reserved

space until next fall) and 8 are located in South Halls. Labuskes said the new system would not be implemented for at

least three years. In other business, Movin' On chairman Ed Doherty announced the bands that will play at the weekend-long concert on the HUB lawn. The concert will be on Saturday, May 7 from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 from 1 p.m. to 9

Saturday's bands will be Borderline, The Freddy Wright Band. Johnny Deadline, Archie Blue, W.C. Billhick, Tahoka Freeway. Nightcap, and Robert Ellis Orrall. The bands on Sunday will be Bookends, John Jackson, The Markley Band, Cartoon and the

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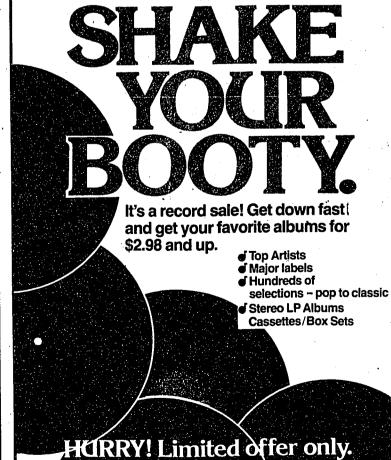


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