McAllister Alley blocked off, but no go-ahead yet for mall

Collegian Staff Writer

A deceptive quiet has settled over McAllister Alley. For the next five weeks, the alley, located between College Avenue and Calder Way, will be closed to all but pedestrian traffic. But downtown merchants and borough officials are still wrangling about who controls the alley, and the future development of a pedestrian mall is still not

If too many traffic problems result, construction on the alley (originally scheduled for this spring) would be reconsidered, said State College Municipal Council President Joseph Wakeley Jr. He added that construction on a mall with trees, grass, flowers, murals and benches could start this fall if the temporary closing goes well. The mall would be funded by a \$45,000 Community Development

The concrete green poles that block off the alley between College Avenue and Calder Way will be in place until Oct. 5. During the next few weeks, State College borough officials will monitor the alley for traffic snarls. So far, no foul-ups have marred the alley closing, said State College Municipal Manager Carl Fairbanks. After receiving a report on the closing, Fairbanks said the only problem seems to be that the green poles will have to be painted white because they aren't visible enough. The decision to temporarily close the alley is actually a

compromise by the borough and the surrounding property State College attorney Richard Kalin, representing Pat Daugherty and Bill Tucker, owners of the Tavern Restaurant, 220 E. College Ave., and Jay Storch, owner of the Ski Station, 224 E. College Ave., sought an injunction to prevent the alley from being closed on Aug. 16 because they said the closing would hurt their business.

But a compromise was reached between the borough, represented by borough Solicitor Robert Kistler, and the owners, stating that the alley would instead be closed on

Storch, stating that the alley would revert to the control of

In addition to the injunction, Kalin filed a lawsuit against the borough on behalf of Daugherty, Tucker and

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However, Kistler said he advised the council that as long as the alley is open to pedestrians it is in the public domain. Kistler said five other cities in Pennsylvania have developed similar malls and only one of them faced a lawsuit about the matter Despite the lawsuit, Kalin also stressed that his clients

would like to see McAllister Alley developed. "We still want to talk to (the council) so we'll have a walkway there that will please the people of State College and the owners," Kalin said. But Wakeley said he did not understand the owners

motivations in filing the lawsuit. "The property downtown is very valuable, and maybe they just want to own that property," Wakeley said. "If they owned it, they could expand their building." Other merchants near the alley seem eager for the

development to get underway "How can anyone object to taking an ugly asphalt alley and putting in grass and trees?" said Art Fine, owner of Barefoot, 212 E. Calder Way, "I think it's wonderful, and I think people who are objecting to it are doing it for selfish

Most of the merchants on McAllister Alley and Calder Way said the proposed mall could only help their business. "We're looking forward to it being turned into a pedestrian mall," said Laura Craig, director of the Douglas Albert Gallery, 107 McAllister Alley. "That really en-

hances the asthetics of the area." Dave Fahrenbach of Station Cycles, a store that adjoins the gallery, said that although he was concerned his business would be hurt because bikes weren't allowed in the alley, he still wanted the alley to be developed. "The alley's a dirty mess right now. I clean it; the Tavern people clean it," he said. "Hopefully, when it's a

pedestrian walkway, it will be maintained." Managers of Wilson's Sporting Goods, Esprit, Barefoot, Station Cycles, Four Seasons and the Cheese Shop, agreed that because most of their business comes from pedestrians, the alley closing would not affect them too much.

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New GSL rate to start

Borrowers applying after Sept. 13 get 8 percent

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Although the interest rate on been lowered from 9 to 8 percent, est rate. only those students who borrow after Sept. 13 will be eligible for the

Although the U.S. Department of Education made an announcement. in June that interest rates on GSLs for new borrowers would drop, confusion arose when many students were still required to pay the higher rate, said John Ebersole, public information officer for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance

Those students had heard about the 8 percent rate and questioned why they did not receive the lower interest rate on their loans, Eber-

The information was released in June to notify the public about the decline in interest rates in U.S. treasury notes, Ebersole said. The decrease in the interest rates on GSLs depends on the U.S. Treasury bills, he said. When the rates of Treasury bills dropped to 9 percent on June 13, the interest rates on the student loans were scheduled

later, he said. In response to calls from students about the lower interest rate, PHEAA mailed news releases to colleges and universities in August to explain the interest changes and who would qualify for them.

to be reduced exactly three months

those applying for their GSL, begintotal of about \$6,228, said John ning with the 1984 Spring Semester Brunner, Consumer Loans Manand are considered a new borrow- ager at United Federal Savings, 122 Guaranteed Student Loans has er, may receive the 8 percent inter- E. College Ave.

If a student borrowed \$5,000 un-A new borrower is defined as der the 8 percent interest rate and someone who applies for a loan also took five years to pay back the without having any outstanding loan, the student would only be loans with an interest rate other paying back about \$6,083, Brunner than 8 percent, Ebersole said. University students could benefit Students get locked into an interfrom the drop in interest rates only est rate when they apply for their

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peginning in the spring and ending "More than half the students in with the following fall. the country have student loans," he Although the University discontinued that practice for the transition to the semester system, they will probably go back to the spring to

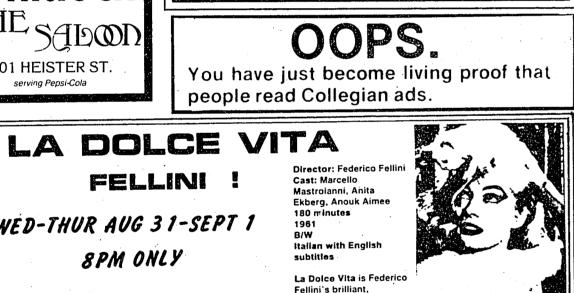
Brugel said he would advise stuthe cost, the lender would not be dents to wait until the second se-The interest rate is subsidized by the government during the repay-

all GSL total is \$550 million, Eber-In the past, the interest rates on careers under the 9 percent interest student loans has only increased,

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Groups to discuss who Jordan will rely on for input

Collegian Staff Writer

Since Bryce Jordan was chosen University president last fall, student leaders have wondered and debated which student group he

would rely on for input. Although Jordan recently said he's not sure which organization or three times a term - once with students would assume that role, some student leaders have definite thoughts on the subject.

They plan to discuss the issue at ment's Executive Council meeting at 9 tonight in 227 HUB. USG President Emil Parvensky

paid back, regardless of whether a said he thinks the current organization that meets with the president — ky said, but it would still meet once a Board — is not effective. And David ings with Jordan. The council would Labuskes, president of the Associa- also include graduate student reption of Residence Hall Students, said resentatives. he thinks that Exec Council and SAB Labuskes said vesterday that Par

said. "It is the single most important source of student financial If the government did not pick up

first student loan until the time it is

willing to provide the program to Even though it is difficult to tell how many people will be affected by the change, the anticipated overdents have the advantage of getting

rate and pay back the loan during a Ebersole said.

Because SAB only met with former University President John W. "The most important thing is that Oswald once every three months, we provide some sort of body that

Parvensky said SAB members were often overwhelmed with the inforbuskes said mation presented to them. SAB is made up of leaders from major student groups. It usually met Oswald, once with the University provost and once with the vice presilent for student affairs.

Parvensky said he is seeking a the Undergraduate Student Govern- group similiar to USG's Executive Council, which would meet with Jordan once a month. This new executive council would replace USG's committee, Parvens-

week in addition to its monthly meet

was time for a reassessment of

speaks with a unified voice," La-

A task force, formed in the spring, is examining the concept of student input. Although it has not met many times, Labuskes said its charge is to examine whether an idea similiar to Parvensky's is acceptable or if a more radical reorganization of student government is needed.

spend the next three or four months studying the question. "I want to see if the present Student Advisory Board is the appropriate group," Jordan said. "I'm not saying it's not, but I just thought it

Jordan recently said he expects to

Jordan also said he had many

speak with before making a decision on the question It has been about 13 years since the last formal evaluation of student input into University operations.

When Oswald came into office in July 1970, he faced an increasingly

Working with the University arrival, the trustees had restruc-Board of Trustees, Oswald estab-tured the University's governance lished the University Council, an regulations - ordering the president organization of four adminstrators, to consult with students and faculty four faculty members and four stu- "as appropriately organized" or dents. Oswald also formed the Uni- ' matters that affect them.

ocal officials receive an invitation

Two State College Municipal Council members have been invited to tonight's Undergraduate Student Government Executive Council meeting to hear student views on community problems, said USG President

Parvensky asked Council President Joseph Wakeley Jr. and Republican Council member John Dombroski to attend the meeting to answer student questions and to find out student opinions on current town issues: One of the issues on the agenda is enforcement of the borough housing ordinance limiting the number of unrelated persons living in a house to three, Parvensky

Parvensky said it is difficult for students to determine Council's stand on these particular issues — who they think is at fault and what can be done to solve these problems.

ordinances downtown, he said

He said he hopes the meeting will enable both students and Council members to better understand each other's views

out how students really feel about the issues."

"They are not going to be there to point out views of

the citizens," Parvensky said. "Rather, they will find

-- by Lori Musser

Rush Mixer fills ballroom with interested students

By FELICIA ROSEN Collegian Staff Writer

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Tuesday night's Fraternity Rush Mixer packed the HUB Ballroom while potential

rushees met with fraternity members and signed up for rush. The mixer, sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, allowed male students to sign up for general and preference rush. General rush lists are distributed to every fraternity, while preference rush lists are only circu-

lated to fraternities specified by the rushee IFC President Adam Levinson said increased advertising made the mixer successful. More letters and advertisments were used this year than in the past and radio advertising was used for the first

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"We had all kinds of publicity and it definitely paid off," Levinson said. "I've seen three years of these things, at least three times a year, and this is just huge. "We'll try to use the same publicity meth-

ods for the spring rush mixer." Under the semester system, Levinson said, most fraternities are switching from three pledge classes per year to two bigger ones in order to compensate. IFC increased the amount of advertising in an effort to reach more people.

Freshmen and sophomores are considered preferred candidates because they have more time to devote to the fraternity and can offer constructive ideas, he said adding that fraternities with younger pledge classes become stronger units as a result. "If you live four years in a fraternity, in

'If they haven't joined a fraternity in the first two vears, most will decide not to.'

> -Rich Russo, senior brother at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity

your fourth year you'd be able to have a really good grasp of what the fraternity is like and then you could pass it on to all the

younger people," he said. Rich Russo, a senior brother at Phi Gam-

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

Student Assistance Center meeting, 4 p.m., Room 319 HUB.

Delta Sigma Pi meeting, 7 p.m., Room 316 HUB.

P.S. Sailing Club meeting, 7 p.m., Room 106 Boucke.

Beta Alpha Psi meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 111 Boucke.

P.S. Water Ski Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 165 Willard.

Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 320-322 HUB.

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New Life Student Fellowship meeting, 7 p.m., Room 305 HUB.

ma Delta fraternity, said if a student pledgfraternities will not substitute quality of

freshmen) to come out to one place at one time and meet representatives from all 51 fraternities. Although desiring a large pledge class,

contribution to the fraternity.

most will decide not to.''

fraternities

time before he graduates to make a strong

"A lot of older people are turned away

from fraternities," he said. "If they haven't

Brad Sclar, IFC membership chairman,

said the rush mixer may be a student's first

opportunity to meet with the University's 51

"This is the basic way most freshman ge

their first exposure to the fraternities," he

said. "This affords an opportunity (for

joined a fraternity in the first two years,

ty would like, Levinson said. "Fraternities are not going to lower their

standards," he said. "They're not going to take guys just to fill the house." Although fraternities do not look for just

quantity, new fraternities on campus are finding rush recruitment competitive. Glen Weisman, executive recorder of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, a 2-year-old fraternity at the University said, "Rush is very important to us. We're striving (to fill) a big role and we're just little guys; we need

people to stay alive." Mike Sternberg, rush chairman for Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, said "Rush is very aportant to us this year because we're a new fraternity. We don't have a house right now, but we're looking for one."

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