#### business

## DBA wages war against vandals but apartment owners still suffer

By SCOTT A. ALDERFER Collegian Business Writer

clared October Crime Prevention Month in cost has to be passed on somewhere. Pennsylvania and the State College Downtown Business Association initiated a cam- "That's probably due to doubling the amount damage at all." paign against one crime in particular - of resident managers."

es are crusading against the wanton destruc- Ave., formerly H.H. & B. Realtors, said his lar damage occurs every weekend. tion of property, apartment owners are still company manages several buildings in the Augerman acknowleged vandalism is often individuals vandalizing their rental propsuffering, with little publicity, at the hands of borough,

cialist for the State College Bureau of Police restricted to undergraduates, as well as Ami-Services, said although downtown businesses tie Apartments and Nittany Gardens, where have a vandalism problem, apartment com- undergraduates are not permitted to live. plexes probably are vandalized more fre- "In the undergraduate buildings we have a quently because of the concentration of tremendous amount of vandalism," Auger-

Mary Frantz, property manager for Bench- This past weekend, buildings Augerman mark Realty, 818 Bellaire Ave., estimates maintains collectively sustained the most about half of the vandals are tenants in the vandalism they have had in recent years, he

for replacing broken property. She said that weekend.' while damage on an average weekend usual- Augerman said the \$1,200 loss was caused ly does' not exceed \$200, the annual cost by property damage; he said he does not

ecomes significant. include the cost for his work crews to clean up the apartment building. He added, however, that tenants must be responsible for the higher rents in State College," Frantz said. mates. Last month, Gov. Dick Thornburgh de- "When the landlord's expense goes up, the "It's really hard for me to point the finger and convictions but this year we've had "This year we've had less," she said. "Homecoming weekend we had very little "It seems this is the time and age where

Larry Augerman, maintenance coordina- weekend's vandalism surge to either Hallow- This school year. The Apartment Store However, one month later, while business- tor for The Apartment Store, 478 E. Beaver een or the home football game because simi- raised its reward from \$100 to \$200 for infor-

The Apartment Store manages Park Hill David Caster, community relations spe- Apartments and Lexington House, which are

Frantz said Benchmark's estimates of van- "We had approximately \$1,200 worth of dalism usually account more for the man- damage in one building," he said, "plus the hours needed to clean up vomit and litter than messes we had to clean up from parties this

Vandalism: The cost of criminal mischief

committed by people other than residents of erties. Augerman said the increase was an

at football weekends," Augerman said. none," Augerman said.

He said he did not want to attribute last vandalism)."

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mation leading to the arrest and conviction of

committing an offense. Caster said he questions the idea of offering rewards for information leading to the conviction of vandals, explaining residents people do not want to get involved (in acts of should have enough community pride to report vandalism without a monetary re-

> everybody should realize this is our community," he said. "If that's the atmosphere (requiring monetary motivation) we want to live in — all right.

Caster said vandalism is similar to other crimes in that about half the incidents go unreported to the police.

the damage is substantial," Caster said, adding that incidents such as carving initials in elevators or writing on walls usually are not reported. He said if victims report vandalism, the

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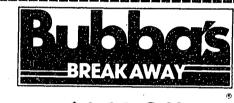
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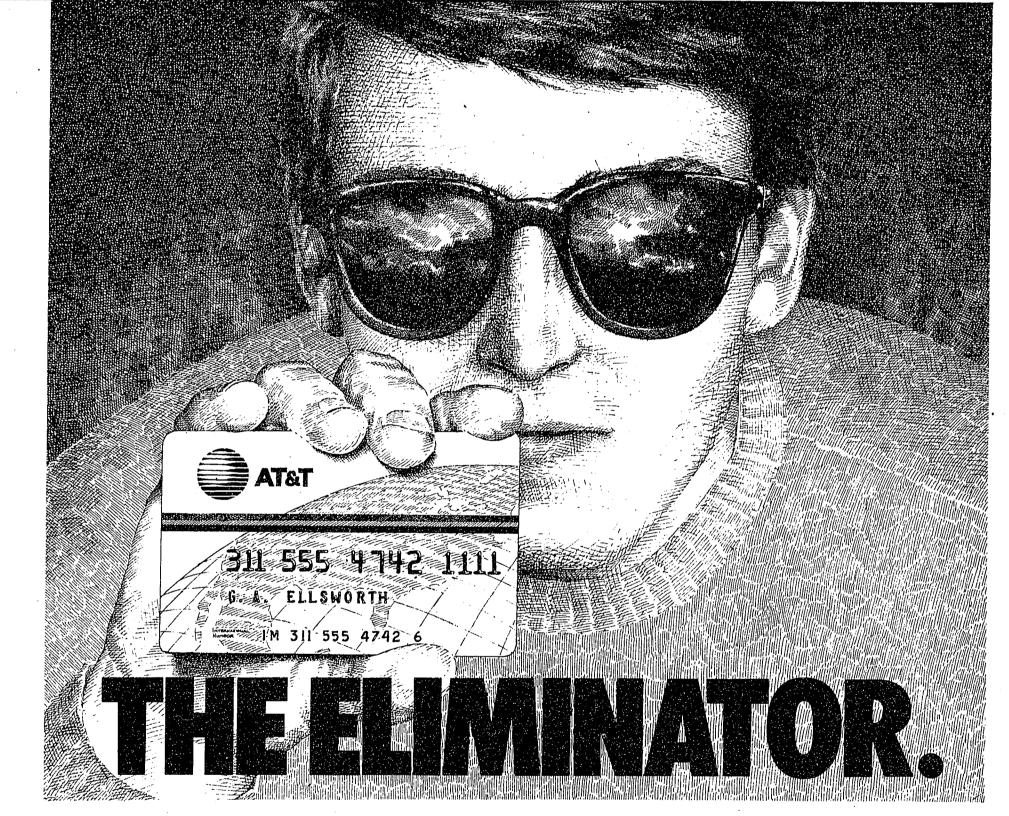
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other declining industries, have a decreasing youth tions recommended by the University is on the rise due

population and do not require more educators. Howev- to increased state financial aid to math education

Scalzi said the number of teachers being certified in Even areas with surpluses of teachers in the early

the United States is down more than 50 percent since 1970s, such as elementary education, will experience a

The number of professional certificates recommend- decreased enrollment in teacher training programs

ed by the University in instructional curricula, for and the increase in school-age population expected by

the field will have retired and the national population

will have increased, Scalzi said.

and in 1984-1985 we gave out 28," he said.

shortage by the end of the decade. That is due to

adds to the shortage, he said.

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Pennsylvania does not reflect a national shortage of "The greatest void is in math education," he said. teachers because of its decreasing youth population in "Over half of the secondary math teachers in Pennsylsome regions of the state, said Dante V. Scalzi, vania are not certified and are working under emerforward and identify vandals they have seen education career services director at the University. gency certificates granted by the state to the school The need for teachers depends on the community districts." economic growth, he said. Parts of Western Pennsyl
The situation is similar nationally, Grow said. Howvania, where the economy is dependent on steel and ever, the number of mathematics teaching certifica-

"The community, the student population,

"(Apartment managers) do report it when

chance of apprehending the vandals doubles "They may not be apprehended for that particular incident," Caster said, but if the vandals are caught in a later incident some similarities in handwriting or method might

lead to a conviction for the previous incident.

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er, teachers may be needed in Southeastern Pennsyl-students, he noted.

and educational services, said a nationwide teacher

shortage has been created by the downward trend in

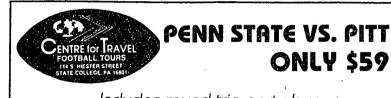
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The victim was then driven to Slippery Rock and left tied to a porch post of a Slippery Rock residence. She untied herself and reported the incident at 10 Sunday night, Butler police said.

The woman, treated at the Butler Dan Grow, University coordinator of certification in 1980, when only seven were granted. It has increased "The number of certifications in math bottomed out County Memorial Hospital, was unable to identify the kidnapper be cause her eyes had been covered with Grow said another serious shortage exists in hard tape, police said. A combined investisciences such as chemistry and physics. A recent push in Pennsylvania for increased emphasis in the sciences

gation of the state police at Butler, State College Bureau of Police Services and Slippery Rock police is continuing. • Maurice Peagler, 29, 121 Sey-

more Ave., was arraigned before District Magistrate Keith Bierly Wednesday night for burglary, theft and receiving stolen property, a

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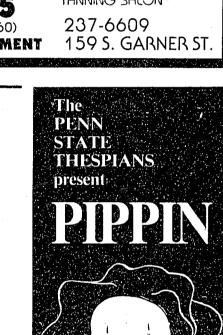
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