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Alley to close at Atherton for safety reasons

By SHELDON JONES Collegian Staff Writer

The State College Municipal Coun-Way at Atherton Street to prevent Atherton Street traffic from making turns into the Alley - possibly endangering the safety of other vehicles stated that during the last five and a and pedestrians.

vote of 5-2 with the strongest opposi- two were bicycle-related and one was been proven to be a safety hazard.

"From the beginning of the discussions about the Atherton Street

has been said to this date has altered cil voted last night to close Calder my opinion; no one has proved a safety problem at that intersection," Lavin said.

Lavin cited a police report which half years only 10 accidents had oc-The motion was passed by a council curred at the intersection. She said tion coming from council member a pedestrian vehicle accident in Dombrowski said he favors closing Ruth Lavin, who said that it had not which the pedestrian was walking down the center of Calder Way across traffic

Lavin emphasized that none of the

er Way I have made it no secret about hand turns out of Calder Way onto would exit and turn into the alley at the fact that I strongly oppose the Atherton Street. She said several the busiest times, causing a potentialclosing of Calder Way. Nothing that accidents occurred during late Au- ly dangerous situation. He added that gust and September - the usual time when one considers this scenario Lavfor increased accidents in State Col- in's statistics "don't show the reality lege because of students returning to the area

Lavin said a better solution would be to make Calder Way a one-way council's decision because the prostreet heading west, permitting right turns only at Atherton Street.

Council President John the Alley. He foresees a situation in which traffic flow into the Alley will continue to increase if it is not closed. Dombrowski said because of this

hotel and the possible closing of Cald- accidents involved cars making right increased traffic flow more people

of the situation."

Jules Patt, head of the Patt organization, said he was happy with the posed \$8 million hotel project can finally get underway.

The project had previously been held up several times because the council had not finalized the decision on whether to close Calder Way.

In other business, the council passed a motion to approve the suspension of a local police officer.

Collegian Staff Writer "All that I say is true — They (investigators from United Nations) assume that I have made pictures

By KATHLEEN CASEY

with my eyes and tape-recorded with my mind," Marc Berkowitz, a survivor of Auschwitz said last night in a presentation sponsored by Colloquy titled, "I Knew Josef Mengele."

Berkowitz and his twin sister spent four years in Auschwitz under the experimentation of Dr. Josef Mengele, where Berkowitz became personally acquainted with Mengele.

In his talk "Humanity, Survival and the Holocaust" Berkowitz related his family's experiences during the Holocaust and the incidents leading up to his acquaintance with Josef Mengele.

Shortly after Passover Berkowitz and his family were taken form their home with only a tablecloth full of belongings.

Berkowitz and his family were loaded onto cattle cars and transported by a truck to an unknown destination. "The train car was not fit for cattle, the boards on the floor were rotten through and through, there was mud, dirt, and filth, but it was beautiful as long as everyone was together," Berkowitz said.

After being taken out of the truck, they were asked to give up their valuables, Berkowitz said. All at once, he said, people started screaming and falling down. "The sound of the people screaming was louder than that of the machine guns," Berkowitz said.

horror of Nazi death camps others, managed to survive and escaped to a nearby town. Not shortly afterward, however, they were dis-

Auschwitz survivor relates

covered and taken to a town where his father and brother were later shot and killed.

After their death his mother, twin sister and he escaped from the camp. Berkowitz said that he watched his mother turn into a virtual skeleton after nine months of walking and sharing the food of animals. They were later turned in to the Gestapo by a man who promised to help them.

They were then taken to Auschwitz where, because he and his sister were twins, they were subjects of "Mengele's own private zoo," Berkowitz said.

"The experiments were anything and everything that we wouldn't do to an animal today," Berkowitz said.

Berkowitz later became Mengele's errand boy, running messages from the many camps within Auschwitz-Buchenwald. "If you didn't look at him right and you didn't smile when it hurt, you wouldn't survive," Berkowitz said.

"I have a very strong faith in humanity. I believe that life is short, but that we can make a difference together by relating to people, sharing with people and caring," Berkowitz said.

In his conclusion, Berkowitz asked not for physical action of any kind, but that of an emotional action, caring with the mind. "I plead with you, I beg you, please help me make this a better world. It can be done. If we stand up for what is right, I'm sure we will have a better world," said Berkowitz.

Community development funding decreases

By SHELDON JONES Collegian Staff Writer

The Director of Community Development for the State College borough said yesterday the amount of money allocated to the borough's community development programs will decrease from \$715,-000 in fiscal year 1985-86 to \$487,000 in fiscal year 1986-87 — a reduction of \$218,000 in federally allocated funds.

Henry Lawlor told members of the Governmental Relations Committee that a number of factors have contributed to the decreased funding for the borough.

Under the Gramm-Rudmann-Hollings budget legislation, funding will be reduced 4.7 percent. Federal budget funds for community development programs will also see a \$200 million decrease. In addition, new entitlement communities -

those cities which because of their increased populations are now eligible for federal funding will cause the "funding pie to be sliced a little thinner," Lawlor said.

Lawlor added that Reagan's proposal to defer \$500 million in assistance from the 1986 to the 1987 budget will also contribute to the decrease in the borough's funding.

Lawlor said he thinks federal, state and local governments are not working together to find equitable solutions to curb these funding cuts in community development programs.

'(The borough) is sort of getting squeezed and the partnership between federal, state and local government is coming unraveled," Lawlor said.

In light of the uncertainty regarding allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds, Lawlor said the State College Municipal Council

and the borough's Citizens Advisory Committee have agreed that the highest priority should be given to the community's streetlight development program.

According to Lawlor the program would cost a little over \$371,000 and would place streetlights in downtown areas and local neighborhoods, specifically on McAllister, Fraser, Burrowes, College, Allen, Pugh and Foster streets.

Kevin Abbey, general manager of the Centre Area Transportation Authority, who also attended the meeting, agreed with Lawlor's statement that there has been a disingtegration of a longstanding partnership in which the federal, state and local governments acted together to finance local services

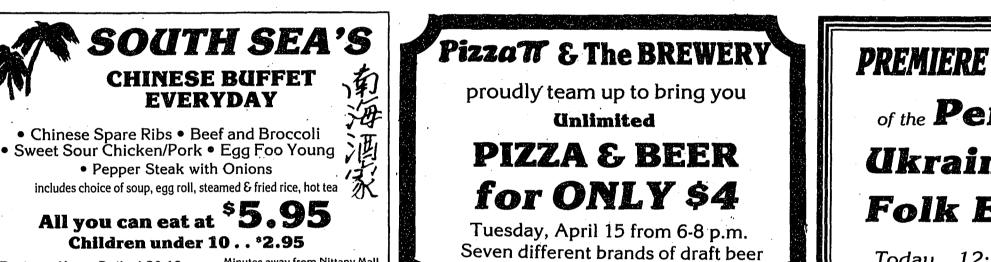
Abbey said this breakdown has put increased pressure for higher taxes on the state and local governments. He said CATA is now looking at drastic cutbacks in federal funds and trying to figure out how to respond to them.

"If anything, we think we should probably be providing more services; we are really not meeting as much of the (public) needs as possible. What's likely is that we will combine fare increases with increases in funding from the municipalities with some targeted service cuts to try and tailor what we do a little better," he said.

"The Centre Region is not a place that should start going backward in regards to its public bus His family, along with 40 to 50 service," he said.

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