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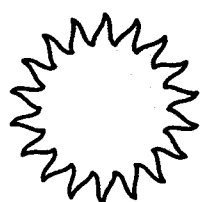
See themselves off the page and onto the big screen

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Weather

A good deal of sunshine and pleasantly warm today. High 84. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Low 63. Partly sunny this weekend with a t-storm around. Highs in the middle to upper 80s.

— by Chris Patti



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Budget passes quickly through Congress

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress voted overwhelmingly yesterday to send President Clinton bills designed to balance the budget for the first time since 1969 and bestow the deepest tax cuts in 16 years on millions of families, college students and investors.

Capping a whirlwind of bipartisanship, the Senate used a lopsided 92-8 roll call to give final congressional approval to the tax reduction, worth \$152 billion over the next five years. Barely two hours earlier, the House had approved the measure by 389-43.

Earlier, the Senate voted 85-15 for legislation aimed at balancing the budget by 2002. That bill plucks most of its \$130 billion in savings from Medicare and thoroughly reshapes the huge health-insurance

program for the elderly. The House had approved the measure Wednesday, 346-85.

Clinton, whose aides bargained with congressional leaders for months to mold the measures, is ready to sign both bills next week.

"Everybody can declare victory because the American people, the American family will benefit from this legislation," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Earlier, Clinton hailed passage of the balanced-budget bill as "the achievement of a generation and a triumph for every American."

The day's momentous votes allowed lawmakers to leave the Capitol for their summer recess, not to return until after Labor Day.

Little mentioned were the \$56 billion in tax increases lawmakers included to help pay for the much-touted tax cuts. The main

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ingredients: an airline-ticket tax and a gradual 15-cent increase in the 24-cent-per-pack cigarette tax.

Yesterday's bipartisan votes belied decades of budget stalemate that have dominated Washington for the political lives of nearly every member of Congress and the administration.

The spending measure was supported

43-12 by Senate Republicans and 42-3 by Democrats. All 55 Senate Republicans and all but eight Democrats voted for the tax legislation: Sens. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, John Glenn of Ohio, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Charles Robb of Virginia, Paul Sarbanes of Maryland and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota.

Making an unusual appearance in the Senate president's chair to commence the tax-bill vote was the Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who has been at the center of deficit-fighting efforts for two decades.

In the House, the tax bill was backed by 225 Republicans — only Rep. Tom Campbell of California voted no — and Democrats favored it by a 164-41 margin. The one independent, Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, voted no.

Underlining the middle ground achieved, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. — perhaps the best-known liberal and conservative, respectively, in Washington — both supported the tax bill. And with each party eager to quickly trumpet the measures, the House voted unanimously to make photocopies of the bills' official versions, instead of the usual but more time-consuming practice of reprinting them on parchment.

In yet another gesture of cooperation, Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., had breakfast together at the White House, where spokesman Mike McCurry said they discussed "ways in which bipartisan cooperation can continue." Later, Gingrich stood in the Senate chamber to savor the final vote on the tax bill.

Even so, long-standing differences over Please see BUDGET, Page 2.

New clinic denied crucial agreement

By CARRIE DELEON
Collegian Staff Writer

Earlier this month, Eric Harrah said nothing would stop him from opening a medical clinic in State College that would offer abortions.

But not receiving a state-required transfer agreement from Centre Community Hospital may prevent the clinic's anticipated opening and leave the clinic with another obstacle to overcome.

However, Harrah said, the clinic will open.

"Nothing will stop me from helping a woman carry out her constitutional right to have control over her reproductive system," said Harrah, director of administration for the clinic.

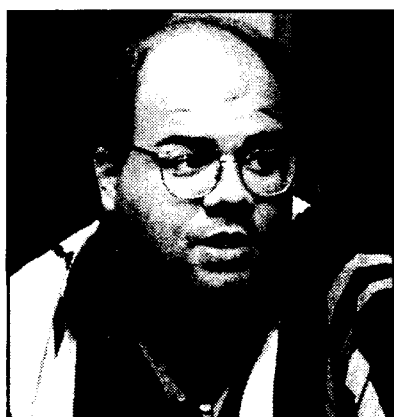
Centre Community Hospital denied the agreement with State College Medical Services, which would legally allow patients with medical complications to be transferred to the hospital.

All medical clinics that perform abortions are required by the state to have a legal transfer agreement with a local hospital.

Lance Rose, president and chief executive officer of the hospital, was not available yesterday to comment on the hospital's denial of the transfer.

However, Robert L. Martin, attorney for the hospital, said the hospital board developed a new policy that deals with private medical clinics and State College Medical Services' proposal did not meet some of the requirements listed in the new policy.

"The board considered all information, applied it to the policy and



Collegian Photo/Timothy Gyves

Eric Harrah
director of administration
for State College Medical Services

decided it didn't meet their standards," he said.

Although the hospital did not accept the agreement, Martin said the hospital will treat patients from the clinic, as they are required by law to do so.

Harrah said he received a letter from the hospital stating the transfer was denied, but also saying it would treat patients from the clinic.

"They said they wouldn't give me the transfer agreement, but they did," Harrah said. "I now have in writing that the hospital will accept my patients, that's all I need. They're just playing politics," he said.

Although, Martin said the hospital's decision has nothing to do with the controversy surrounding abortion, Harrah disagrees.

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AP Photo

Six-year-old Ryan Becker tests out the various tones produced at Ringing Rocks Park in Upper Black Eddy. Formed at the end of the last Ice Age, the crystallized molten rocks ring like bells when hit with a hammer.

Unusual ringing rocks are well-kept Pa. secret

By JENNIFER BROWN
Associated Press Writer

UPPER BLACK EDDY — Armed with hammers and climbing shoes, Louise Hutchinson's three grandchildren are ready to begin their rock concert.

Tink, tink, bing, Bing, Bing. "Mom, I hit one," said 6-year-old Ryan Becker, slamming a hammer at a gray boulder and releasing a ringing as clear as a bell.

"It sounds like 'Jingle Bells,'" he said, composing a symphony of tinks, thuds and bings on the rocks.

Those who know about Ringing Rocks Park say it rivals the Bermuda Triangle for weirdness. Some say birds won't fly over it and insects avoid it.

"But I'm surprised they don't have anything telling what they are or why they ring."

— Bonny Becker
Springfield Township resident

And of course, there's the boulders, formed at the end of the Ice Age from crystallized molten rock.

"It sounds like a bell. Really," said Ryan's mother, Bonny Becker, of Springfield Township in Bucks County.

Hutchinson's brood was among

only a handful of visitors on a recent summer day at Ringing Rocks Park, which is so obscure that it remains unknown to geology professors at Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania and even to gas station attendants off the exit for the park.

"We grew up around here, so we know about it. But I'm surprised they don't have anything telling what they are or why they ring," said Becker. "If you don't know what's here, you're missing a great thing."

Bucks County officials hope that will change as the county gradually buys land around the eight-acre park — eventually making it into a 450-acre haven of winding trails,

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Correction

The Daily Collegian in a headline Tuesday incorrectly identified the guilty verdict handed down to Amin O. Robinson, a former University student. Robinson was found guilty of statutory sexual assault, indecent assault, corruption of a minor and reckless endangerment of a 14-year-old high school student. He was not found guilty of rape.

BMX stunt riders, in-line skaters roll into town

The sponsor hopes the performance will showcase the athleticism of BMX riders and in-line skaters and lessen the stereotypes often related to them.

By ANDREW DEBES
Collegian Sports Writer

State College Borough residents will have a skate park for a few hours today, albeit one they will not be allowed to use. The ramps and cones that will block Fraser Street are for the specific use of the Airwalk BMX Stunt Team.

Sponsored by Rude Boyz, the stunt team will perform at 7:30 p.m. today on the 100 block of South Fraser Street between College Avenue and Calder Way.

The three-man stunt team consists of BMX riders and in-line skaters who will perform a variety of aerial ramp maneuvers and flatland BMX stunts.

According to Gary Filkins, manager of Rude Boyz, 200 W. College Ave., Airwalk approached him about sponsoring the stunt team a few months ago.

Filkins said he jumped at the opportunity to host the stunt team.

"It will be a great thing for State College," Filkins said. "Maybe it will breathe a little life into Friday night."

In addition to the stunt show, local radio station The Revolution, WGMR-FM (101.1), will be broadcasting live from the show.

"It's going to be a really cool event," said Ted Swanson, station manager of The Revolution. "This show should be very successful. The Airwalk team should give a very dynamic performance."

According to Filkins, the stunt team has previously drawn crowds as large as 300 to 400 people. He says he thinks tonight's show could rival those numbers.

While Rude Boyz is sponsoring the event, Filkins said he knows the crowd does not always translate to a profit.

"It will give us some good exposure," he said, "but I am not expecting to make any money off of it."

Filkins said he suspects that, if anything, the store will lose money on the show.

To get permission for the show, Filkins had to file a request with the State College Borough Council to have Fraser Street closed during the show.

"I had to jump through a lot of hoops to get (the stunt team) here," he said. "I was surprised that (the council) actually went for it."

In recent months, there has much discussion over whether the council should build a park for skateboarding and in-line skating.

Filkins said he is hoping that the Airwalk BMX Stunt Team's performance will showcase the athleticism involved with those activities and lessen the stereotypes often related to them.

"The performance will hopefully show parents the other end of the spectrum," Filkins said. "It will give an opportunity for them to see the best in the sport."



Collegian Photo/Christopher Mortensen

One, two, cha, cha, cha

Kerry Davis of State College and Ravi Ballamudi (post-doctorate-polymer science) practice the Rock Fox in the White Building. The two were attending a ballroom dancing workshop presented by the Penn State Ballroom Dance Club.