CATA improves buses' technology

By Katrina Wehr FICHAN STAYE MIRES

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"It was really nice because on any first day I had no idea where I was "Yeaser (jumor-nutritional science said, "Lonk knew where I warded to go."

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Incumbert congressional candidate Glenn Thompson spoke to students Monday night about national security in the years since 9/11. The Young Americans for Freedom sponsored the event.

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By Nick Manella **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER**

A group of approximately 40 students and community members heard firsthand about the plaguing threats presently America and those still looming the horizon, from Congressman Glenn Thompson on Monday night.

The congressman, who represents 17 counties including Centre county, spoke for 90 minutes and answered audience questions about national security threats the United States face in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Thompson (R-Pennsylvania) described himself early when he said, "I commit myself to being dedicated to making the U.S. the safest, most prosperous nation in

the world."

He specifically mentioned five threats: food security, the national debt, border control, energy dependency and terrorism.

On the subject of terrorism, Thompson detailed the shift in danger from foreign attackers to domestic ones, quoting fellow congressman Peter King (R-New York) that, "more threats are currently from people living [in the United States] than overseas."

Thompson also addressed economic issues, including the growing national deficit. He said that "my generation is providing yours with a legacy of debt."

The crowd was largely appreciative of Thompson's presentation at the end of the question and cussion. answer segment.

Will Begley (freshman-busi- To email reporter: nwm5070@psu.edu

ness administration) thought Thompson responded well to intuitive questions by the audience and was eloquent.

Michael Stanowski (freshman engineering) appreciated having a politician come in to speak to students in an intimate setting. "This is stuff we're gonna have to learn about someday," he said. Sean Carr (freshman-liberal

arts) agreed, and thought more discussions like Thompson's would help young people become active in politics.

"The fact is there's a big difference between seeing someone on TV and actually being able to see them in person," Carr said.

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One of the great things about opportunities for leadership," pus, but instead an entire organijoining greek life, Alvira said, is Alvira said. having the opportunity to be involved in different events on campus. In addition to THON, which Alvira described as one of the most exciting things a Penn State student can experience, sororities are a part of events such as Greek Week, Greek Sing, Homecoming, and different philanthropies around campus.

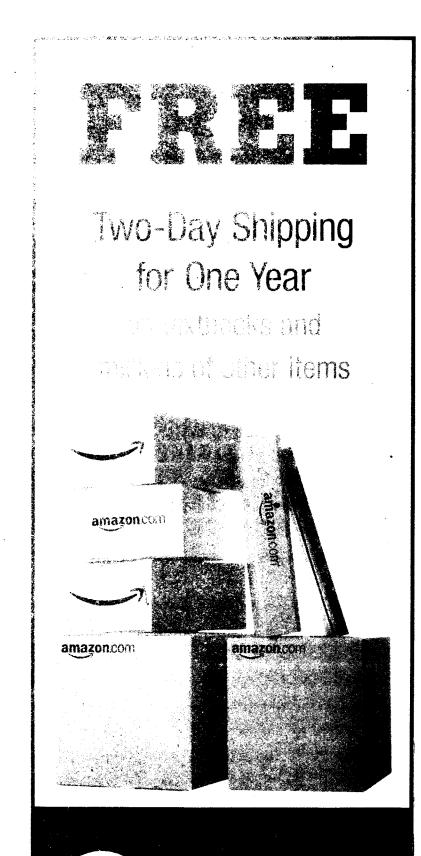
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Though it's hard to think about jobs after college when you're an incoming freshman, Alvira said, being apart of a sorority has helped her out. "I've found that I've used a lot of my experience from greek life in interviews," she said. Among the different facets of joining a sorority, Alvira said, ultimately, you are no longer repre-

Allison DiBarba (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said getting involved socially with something like greek life is great at a big school like Penn State.

Once initiated, lifetime membership is guaranteed, which Alvira said is another positive aspect of joining a sorority.

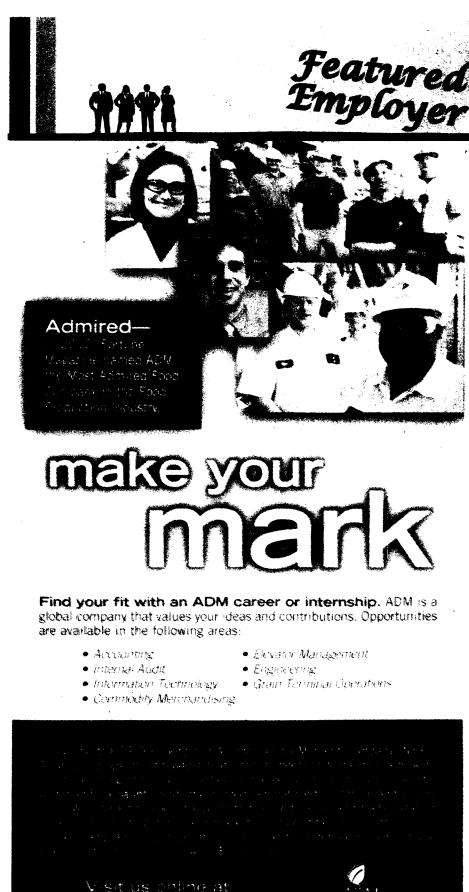
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