

Democrats concentrate on ecology

Democratic hopefuls in the Borough Council race are dissatisfied with the proposed center of the State College By-pass and have focused their campaigns primarily on environmental issues.

Paul Ablanap, assistant professor of biology, called the by-pass an "imposed threat from outside."

"I don't think you should do a damn thing to encourage that action," he said.

"We don't have to accept this kind of growth. It is unfavorable under the conditions of the people who want to exploit the land," he said.

To curb residential expansion in the community Ablanap said the council should grant no more building ordinances or "write ordinances more effectively to radiate an attitude of no-nonsense in representative governments. If any growth has to take place let it go to Altoona," he said.

Ablanap said too many zoning ordinance exemptions have been allowed and suggested preparation of environmental impact statements and land value studies by residents requesting ordinance exemptions.

"If we don't stop this lunate growth this won't be a pleasant community anymore. The real issue is whether we're going to tolerate this growth that is forced upon us. Everybody pays for it, and pays for it through their nose," he said.

In light of this rapid growth, Ablanap said, "It's not realistic to suppose we are going to get away with no regional transit system. We're going to have to do something other than subsidize Pullington. And if we're going to have the by-pass jammed down us we ought to have more bike paths," he said.

Another major issue in the primaries is the Organization of Town Independent Students' recommendation for a rent withholding ordinance. "I don't see why Borough Council is dragging their feet on that. Landlords are horribly abusive, but there is an awful lot of damage done to apartments," Ablanap said.

Dean Phillips (9th-sociology) said he is working for "new programs that meet the character of the community." Phillips said a more responsive local government could be created by siphoning more money directly into the community.

Phillips criticized the present Council when he said it "hasn't clarified what it will do with revenue sharing money."

"I don't want to use this money to cut taxes, but to fund projects the federal government cut out," he said.

Phillips urged students to "integrate themselves with the rest of the community."

"The University is part of the State College community. It has a responsibility to the students and the students have a responsibility to them," he added.

He also stressed consumer protection for students. "If elected I'll introduce a motion to consider a rent rate ceiling. Some people are victimized by landlords with captive audiences," he said.

Phillips said he believes the OTIS proposal is a practical idea with a high likelihood of being passed. "It's one of the first things I'll work on and may be the first step toward rent control," he said.

Asked about growth trends in the area, Phillips said, "I am

very much against unplanned and uncontrolled growth. More high-rise apartments will create a compact urban center along with high crime rates." Phillips said if the community keeps expanding, "Beaver Avenue could even become an urban slum."

Phillips said his policy is preservation of residential areas and some light industry. He said future apartments should be built outward. "State College can't handle any more high rise apartments," he said.

Ingrid Holtzman is the only woman running for a borough council seat. Only two women, both Republican, have been elected to Council. "I would like to be the first elected Democratic woman on the council. As women get more involved in the community there are a lot of thinking women who need a little representation," she said.

Holtzman said she opposes the by-pass as it initially was proposed. "I hope a way can be devised so it can go below the Benner Pike to avoid the trumpet interchange and that there are some changes in the immense clover leaf design," she said.

Commenting on the Government Study Commission which is examining the State College charter, Holtzman said some changes are necessary in local government. "For instance, the tax collector's job should be a civil service job, not the percentage payment job it is now," she said.

Holtzman said communication between local governments and input from concerned citizens may help regulate the growth which must take place. "I hope that we reach a saturation point so it wouldn't be necessary to have any more growth. Realistically we can't say there will be no more of this, but I would favor looking very carefully at plans," she said.

Holtzman stressed the importance of maintaining "good watchdogs on Borough Council to preserve the charm and beauty of this community."

In regard to student participation in local government Holtzman said, "The important thing is responsibility. More understanding between students and the town is long overdue."

"That students are exploited in rental situations is deplorable," she said, suggesting that more thorough inspections may remedy the problem.

The incumbent, James McClure, is running on a platform calling for increased environmental awareness. "The main issue of my campaign is that we are inventing a city. It is not to our credit that this (the community) has been founded by the University and is a center of thought and intelligence."

"We have problems very similar to city problems. We should be pioneering to have a rational, reasonable city. To turn the University campus into a parking lot is too high a price to pay," he said.

McClure said State College must develop an automobile storage program to "curb and civilize automobile use." He said the State College by-pass is only one example of how "American cities have committed themselves to the automobile."

McClure also said the Bellefonte By-pass would do the job of the State College By-pass, which he called "grossly over-designed for the amount of traffic it will carry." He suggested narrowing the proposed 60-foot medial strip to 30 feet and said, "The enormous cloverleaf and interchanges should not be built."

In regard to student participation in the primaries McClure said he was skeptical. "They may not be as active in local elections. If they do become active, I hope they will do their homework. It's not easy to make intelligent decisions about local government." —BB

Candidates discuss urban growth

NDC endorses hopefuls

By JEFF DeBRAY
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The New Democratic Coalition Thursday endorsed candidates for tomorrow's primary election.

Among those receiving endorsements were Lew Hirsch for mayor; Marie Garner for tax collector; James McClure, Dean Phillips and Ingrid Holtzman for Borough Council, and William Simmet for district attorney.

These candidates and their opponents spoke Friday at a candidates night at the State College Women's Club.

Tax collector candidate William Morse said he is running "because I want to become involved."

"I think every one of us is affected by taxes and taxation and I would like to make the people more aware of the taxes they are paying and who is eligible for taxation," he said.

Opposing candidate Garner said she would like to see "a new concept of taxation in the borough."

Garner said that compensation should

be abolished and the tax collector should be a salaried position.

A topic of concern to Borough Council candidates was urban growth.

Paul Ablanap cited a presidential report calling for more urban development in this area "to take the population stress off of the major cities."

"They are talking about three times the growth in the next few decades. We can enact zoning legislation and then stick to it," he added.

Holtzman said, "Growth should be curbed, but realistically."

"The zoning must be flexible enough so that the growth that comes will enhance the community," she added.

Phillips agreed there is a growth problem, saying, "we have not dealt with it in the right way."

"It will take a few sacrifices on the part of State College to deal with it," he added.

Incumbent Councilman McClure said his concerns are the same as they were

four years ago when he ran for borough council.

"We are trying to invent a better version of the American city," he said.

He said automobiles have become a problem on campus and called for "automobile storage with the University so the campus can be restored."

Speaking on urban development, mayoral candidate Amelia Bubash said, "You are not going to stop growth in State College. It is going to go on and on so you might as well face it."

Mayor candidate Jo Hays said the next four years will be "very crucial years for the borough of State College."

"I have some training and experience which can help deal with this," he added, saying he would like to add the dimension of "a people's advocate" to the mayor's office.

Hirsch said the mayor "can definitely affect what happens in State College."

"It should be a point of entry to work for the University, local government and the citizens," he added.

Equal hiring program nears completion

By JAN CHAPLICK
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Affirmative Action, a plan to implement equal hiring practices, is nearing completion at Penn State.

According to Patricia Farrell, affirmative action officer, the University has complied with the recommendations of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The next step is a report to HEW on whether Penn State has met self-designated goals in hiring minorities and women.

Because minorities or women are not available

always in certain higher education fields, HEW will

measure the efforts taken by departments and hiring units, rather than the number of minority members that actually are hired.

Some efforts taken by hiring units include the creation of assistantships, visiting predominately black colleges to recruit faculty and students, and advertising open positions.

Farrell said the Applied Research Lab has made a significant commitment to Affirmative Action. ARL has set aside funds specifically

for the recruitment of black students.

The Cooperative Extension Service, part of the College of Agriculture, has been approved by Affirmative Action. The extension service already has implemented an affirmative action plan in compliance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to Farrell, the major problem is keeping blacks in the educational stream so they can acquire the qualifications necessary for work in higher education.

With women the problem is that employment does not

equal the number of graduates, Farrell said. "It's simply a matter of giving women a chance," she added.

Affirmative Action also is concerned with the equal promotion practices of employers in higher education.

"Most women are clustered around the lower academics, where teaching is heavy," Farrell said. Because women employees are engaged primarily in teaching and often are excluded from research projects and committees, they may not have the qualifications for promotion, she said.

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