

GOP split seen

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He said that at the meeting he read an endorsement for Fulmer dated Feb. 4 from McNamara. He had received the letter from Fulmer, he said. In addition, Wagner said he had a petition signed by 11 Cameron County committeemen who also supported Fulmer.

Wagner said yesterday that "the decision to vote for Fulmer was made before the convention." Though he did not say who had made the decision, he indicated that McNamara and the 11 Cameron County committeemen were involved.

In explaining how he had been selected to be a conferee, he said that he had received a phone call from McNamara "about a month ago." McNamara asked him, he said, that if "this thing wasn't settled in January," to be the Cameron County delegate.

When asked if any pressure had been put on him to vote for Fulmer, Wagner said no, because the decision had already been made.

A Clearfield conferee said yesterday the general feeling in the Mifflin and Clearfield delegations was that if Fulmer took the nomination, "we felt that it would be a pretty hopeless situation" with regard to the May 17 election.

The conferee said that a split in the party included Centre County as well as Clearfield, Mifflin, and Cambria counties, which all supported DeVerter. The Centre County GOP split, though, was over the method of selecting conferees, she said.

"Fulmer has had numerous problems in Centre County for a long time," the conferee added. She said that the best thing that Fulmer could do was to try to work effectively in his own county and then hope that support from other counties would fall in place.

Harvey Eckert, a Mifflin County conferee, said that the Mifflin County delegation was disappointed that Fulmer was selected over DeVerter.

"We felt that Walt would be a better candidate," he said. He indicated that there was not widespread support for Fulmer in Mifflin and Clearfield counties.

Eckert added, though, that

he did not think there was a split in the GOP, saying that the party would be campaigning on a united front.

Centre County conferee Cal L. Shields said yesterday that he felt that there was not a strong division between the Centre County delegation and the Clearfield and Mifflin County delegations.

"I think (the DeVerter supporters) will support Mr. Fulmer as true Republicans," he said.

Another Centre County conferee, Kenneth Ulp of State College, also said that there was no division in the party, but added that he did not know if the Clearfield and Mifflin County Republicans would support Fulmer. "I couldn't tell from their attitudes," he said.

Fulmer faces Democratic candidate G.M. McCrossin on May 17 for the State Senate seat, vacated Jan. 4 by U.S. Rep. Joseph S. Ammerman. The seat represents all of Centre, Clearfield and Cameron counties, and parts of Mifflin and Cambria counties.

The conferees from each county were chosen according to the number of votes received by former president Gerald Ford in last year's presidential election. Each county was allotted one conferee for every 1,000 votes, with a minimum of one conferee per county.

Wise hopes to hire three students

Capital intern program sought

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Students interested in learning more about the workings of government may have a chance to intern in Harrisburg next fall.

According to Helen Wise, representative from the 77th state legislative district, she hopes to begin a program where three students would be working as administrative assistants each term. "I hope we can eventually expand the number to between six and 10," she said.

As an administrative assistant, Wise said, the student would be answering constituent requests, working as a consumer advocate, handling transportation-related questions and doing research on various other problems.

Wise said she will be working with the Undergraduate Student Government on the program, but that she would have to screen all applicants.

She added that the student's "own advisor and college would have to approve" before he could be eligible for the program.

Currently, Wise has only one intern in

Harrisburg. This, she said, was because she hadn't been elected yet when she began working on the idea of a student internship.

Rather than starting new interns in March, Wise said she will be working with USG Spring Term to structure the program better.

Marilyn Hoderny (12th-social welfare), the student who is now interning for Wise, said a person doesn't have to be majoring in a particular field to be considered for an internship but should have a strong interest in research.

"Anybody who would get one would like it," Hoderny said. "I think everybody is affected by policy. You don't have to be in political science to be doing this kind of work."

In addition to working with staff members of the Liquor Control Board on the drinking age, Hoderny said she is doing a demographic study of Centre County agencies. She explained that it will deal with what comprises the needs of rural district services and what kind of legislation affects them.

Although the study will not be completed before her internship is over, Hoderny said she will continue to work on it afterwards.

Because of her internship, Hoderny said, she has

had "an opportunity to work with a lot of people in the political system and to learn how the House of Representatives is run."

Hoderny said Wise is the only representative she knows of who has an intern. She added that many others in office say they would like to have an intern because of their workload.

She pointed out that legislators receive so much mail and that they already have 65 bills that they have to go over. "This is only after they've had their first session," she said.

Students interested in interning don't necessarily have to apply to Wise. "They can write to their own legislator at home," Hoderny said.

As part of her internship, Hoderny said, she has to keep a daily journal. One copy, she said, has to be turned in as a requirement for social welfare, and another copy will be kept on file as an aid for future interns.

Hoderny said that after graduating she would like to continue working in Harrisburg for a few years. "Interns have their foot in the door," she said. She added that eventually she would like to work in Washington and do graduate work in social welfare.

Pennsylvania population growth slowing

Pennsylvania is rapidly approaching zero population growth, according to Gordon F. De Jong, professor of sociology and associate director of the University's Population Issues Research Office.

With fewer numbers of children under age 19, declining birth rates and a continued high percentage of white Pennsylvanians leaving the state, De Jong has estimated that by 1990 Pennsylvanians probably will have

between 12.2 to 12.4 million people.

"Given current trends... an even slower rate of growth is not outside the realm of possibility," De Jong said.

Concerning migration, De Jong said that while the total emigration of Pennsylvanians has decreased in the last 30 years, the state still is losing more than 36,000 people a year. Should this and a declining birth rate continue, he said, Pennsylvania's

population could start to decline.

Of special note was De Jong's estimation that the state's white population may have declined slightly in the past five years, while its non-white population increased by nearly 7 per cent.

De Jong's findings were presented at the Jan. 17 opening session of a three-day seminar sponsored by the state's House of Representatives. The seminar was

designed as an informational tool to aid legislators in their plans for re-allocation of resources to meet changes in population make-up, the economy and educational and health care facilities.

Looking at future implications of the state's changing population patterns, De Jong discounted the view that a "slow growth" or "no growth" population necessarily means economic and social stagnation. The director cited a trend

toward a smaller family size as an excellent sign that there will be increased expendable income per family, which will be particularly important service industries.

De Jong, in response to critics of zero population growth who maintain that the condition would cause social stagnation, used the example of Sweden. For many years, Sweden has had zero population growth without encountering stagnation, he said.

Improvement in talks seen by bus drivers

Negotiations for a contract are opening between the State College Area School District and the State College School Bus Driver's Association.

"The school district has come through on some of our demands," said the bus driver union's new president, John King (8th-general arts and sciences). "The atmosphere of the last negotiations was a lot better."

Malcolm Workman, the Pennsylvania State Education Association representative to the union, said the school district has agreed to look at the

union's counter-proposals.

Neither he nor King would discuss which demands and counter-proposals the school district is considering. Previously, the negotiations were declared to be at an impasse because the school district would not consider any of the union's demands.

The union wanted insurance for full and part-time workers, standard pay raises, an equitable assignment of field trips, and a guarantee that a driver would not be arbitrarily dismissed when a bus route was dropped.

The current starting pay raise for the drivers is \$3.15 an hour. Of the approximately 40 drivers, 15 are University students, and eight are full-time drivers. Two mechanics also qualify for union representation.

The main problem in the negotiations are "economic issues" according to King, who was elected president at a union meeting Tuesday.

John Roan was elected vice president. Ed O'Keefe and Paulene O'Keefe will serve as secretary-treasurers.

Committee will form to combat burglary

By CURT FOSTER
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Representatives from area police forces, concerned groups and citizens last night stressed community cooperation and positive identification of valuables as highly important weapons in fighting burglaries and thefts in the Centre Region.

The meeting at the State College Municipal Building was held to establish whether there was enough interest in the region to form a crime prevention committee.

Robert Mann, community relations officer for the State College police, said neighborhood responsibility would help a great deal in preventing thefts in the region. Mann stressed that people get to know their neighbors and report suspicious activities and unfamiliar vehicles in their neighborhoods.

Trooper Ken Schleidner of the Rockview State Police said citizens shouldn't hesitate to report suspicious activities. "We're more than happy to check out these

reports and we appreciate the effort," he said.

Mann said police weren't getting the kind of community cooperation that is needed. "If we keep ignoring the problem it's not going to go away," he said.

According to police, another way of preventing thefts and increasing the chance that stolen material will be returned to the owner is to engrave valuable property with driver's license or social security numbers. "People don't realize that

once their property is out of their home that it becomes very difficult to identify," Mann said. If an item is engraved, with an identifiable number it is much easier to trace and identify the rightful owner, he said.

Trooper Schleidner said that if an item has the owner's drivers license number engraved on it, it usually can be traced within one minute.

Engraving valuables, or "operation identification," as this practice is commonly

known, has been adapted by area police forces. Engravers can be borrowed from police and landlords free of charge.

Police representatives said they are available to talk with groups and organizations to inform them of ways in which they can help prevent crimes in their communities.

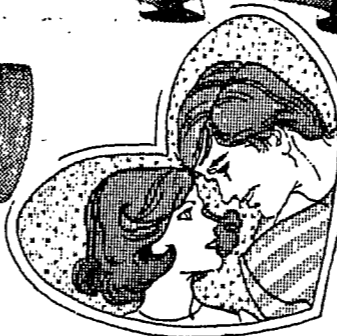
A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 16 at the municipal building to set up a crime prevention committee and to determine meeting dates for the organization.

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