

# Shields wins USG race by 800 votes



—photograph by Jon Fortuna

**Shielded by the crowd**  
Newly elected Undergraduate Student Government President Mike Shields talks with his supporters after the election. Shields beat incumbent Benson Lichtig by a margin of 800 votes.

By ART TURFA and NANCY LOWRY of the Collegian Staff  
Undergraduate Student Senator Mike Shields wrested the USG presidency away from incumbent Benson Lichtig by a vote of 3642 to 2892.  
Third was Nick Maiale, with 698. Other returns — were USG Senator Ed Burrows, 491, Rick Zlotucha, 445 and Oz, 157. Total vote in the election 8331.  
Shields' victory came about as a result of a well-coordinated campaign effort. Mobbed by supporters after the announcement, Shields said, "I'm just really amazed. The turnout is unprecedented in Penn State history."  
"We can begin to construct and bring work that is needed to deal with student

problems," he added, choked with emotion. He kept repeating, "I'm amazed, I'm amazed."  
Benson Lichtig was more composed. "I just think it good we got a lot of people out to vote."  
"We're going to hold our heads high," he added.  
When asked if his defeat would jeopardize his standing as a member of the University Board of Trustees, Lichtig said, "I don't see any problems."  
Nick Maiale said, "I offer my sincere congratulations to Shields, my sincere sympathy to Lichtig and as for myself, I am very disappointed in the whole thing."  
"I hope Shields can do a good job for Penn State students," defeated candidate Rick Zlotucha said. "If he needs

or wants any help, I hope to be able to offer it to him. I guess Penn State is not ready for a woman vice-president to take charge, a clean campaign or our platform."  
Ed Burrows said only, "I want to wish Mike the best."  
Senatorial winners, according to incomplete returns were:  
— in North Halls, Carol Finkelstein and John Rocco;  
— in South Halls, John Szada and Dan Ogden;  
— in East Halls District 1, Gary Rauschberger and Jeff Marshall; in District 3, Alan Klein and Dave Brumbaugh;  
— in West Halls, Jim Cowen and Kevin Smith, by write in;  
— in Centre Halls, Kathy Wazybok;

— in Pollock-Nittany Halls, Steve Frey and Mary Callahan;  
— in the Fraternities, Al de Levie and Mark Rickoff;  
— in Town, Diane Murphy, John Martonick, Mark Jinks, Dan Olpere, Fern Itzkowitz, George Cernusca and Gary Garofalo.  
The referendum placed on the ballot to make Penn State a World University with the United Nations flag flown over it, was passed by a four to one margin.  
The results of the referendum deciding the fate of the proposed football ticket lottery will be announced later today.  
In the Senior Class presidential race, Joe Schwachter beat Dave Henderson, 916 to 594. Schwachter chose his officers: vice president, Stuart Strikowsky, and secretary, Renee Long.

## State asks for injunction to end business Court to decide future of D&D

By ROD NORDLAND Collegian Senior Reporter  
HARRISBURG — The Bureau of Consumer Protection yesterday asked Commonwealth Court here to issue an injunction which would put State College's D and D Parking Lot Security Company out of business.  
Special Deputy Attorney General Jeffery Ernico labeled D and D's operation "extortion and blackmail", adding that owner Dean Wagner has used "harrasing tactics which have been a source of a great deal of concern to the students of Penn State, and justly so."  
A one and a half hour hearing on the case took place before Judge Genevieve Blatt of the State's second highest court. Wagner's lawyer, Joseph Favuzza of Bellefonte, asked the court to deny the request for an injunction, saying it would make Dean Wagner "a poor man."  
Defense and prosecution lawyers "stipulated" — meaning they both agreed to certain facts so that supporting evidence did not have to be admitted — that Wagner had been issuing tickets and collecting fines on them over the past two years. The deputy attorney general said he would not introduce any witnesses.  
Favuzza called two witnesses. The first, Charles Mong, executive director of the State College Chamber of Commerce, came as a surprise to the state.

Mong introduced a letter drafted after a meeting of the Chamber's committee on apartment owners and managers and sent to Attorney General J. Shane Creamer Tuesday.  
While not specifically mentioning D and D, the letter urged that apartment lot owners be permitted to charge those who illegally park on their property. Under testimony, Mong said the local chamber of commerce has not actually taken a stand on the D and D issue.  
Wagner's defense followed the lines of Mong's letter, with attorney Favuzza asserting that the fines D and D has been collecting are merely charges for parking on the property.  
Wagner has been collecting \$3 tickets from cars parked on the fifty or so lots which his company, operated by his son Robert and him, patrols. The tickets cite section 1021.1 of the Motor Vehicle Code as authority to collect the fines.  
Dean Wagner appeared in uniform at the hearing, but he did not testify in his behalf.  
Deputy Atty. Gen. Ernico, as lawyer in charge of the Justice Department's Bureau of Consumer Protection, asked Judge Blatt to issue the temporary injunction immediately, but she declined. Officials in her office later in the day said a decision would not come until late this afternoon at the earliest.  
However, Judge Blatt asked Ernico to prepare a model injunction order that

would be satisfactory to the state, in case she should rule in favor of the state. This was taken as an indication that the judge was favorable to the Bureau of Consumer Protection's case against Wagner.  
The case arises from a suit filed by Atty. Gen. Creamer April 13, after Consumer Protection received complaints about D and D's operations. The suit alleges violations of the Consumer Protection Law, the Fair Trade and Practices Act and the Unfair Collection Agency Practices Act. It asks that D and D be prevented from ticketing, misleading consumers and misrepresenting authority, and be required to make restitution to all persons who have paid parking fines to the company in its two years of existence.  
In a move which came as a surprise to the defense, Ernico made new allegations about Wagner's operation. "The threat of legal action in the form of a criminal complaint amounts to extortion and blackmail," Ernico said, adding "Thousands of people have been threatened with this." Wagner's tickets state that a summons will be sent to persons who do not pay.  
Ernico said the fact that "local authorities have never seen fit to prosecute D and D for blackmail" should add weight to the Commonwealth's request for an injunction against D and D.  
"Private individuals using the law for private gain" was not the intention of the legislature when it passed the 1962 law under which Wagner is operating. Favuzza answered the law was in-

troduced specifically for Penn State by former 77th District representative Eugene Fulmer.  
The other defense witness, John H. Baker of State College, testified that Wagner's service is desperately needed in town. Baker is the owner of the parking lot at 424 and 432 East College Avenue, just east of The Next Door restaurant.  
Baker praised Wagner's excellence, saying that D and D company has many times only warned people not to park in his lot, without actually giving them tickets. "If you tell them to excuse the ticket, they'll void it," Baker said of D and D.  
Baker said for a period of months, because of student complaints, he had dropped D and D and tried to police the lot himself, but found it impossible. He said for each violator prosecuted, he would have to travel to the district magistrate's office three or four times.  
At one point in Baker's testimony — just when he was describing the procedure of picking up summonses from the magistrate, filling them out and returning them to the magistrate's office Baker asked for his testimony to be "off the record." The court stenographer looked startled. The judge pointed out that all testimony in court is on the record.  
Ernico asked Baker why he had never tried putting in toll gates operated by pass cards, or having cars towed away. Baker said it would cost too much money, saying that his 80-space lot only brings in about 300 to 350 dollars a month. Each paid-up parker pays less than ten dollars each, he said.

## Election leaves room for only one winner

By LARRY MOSKOWITZ Collegian Staff Writer  
There was only one winner named in last night's Undergraduate Student Government presidential election returns. There were five losers.  
In the nights preceding the two election days each candidate ran from residence hall to fraternity house vying for votes. Wednesday night, two candidates and one campaign manager were fighting for what they hoped would be a strong veteran block vote. None of them got it.  
All through the verbal fracas, Russ Bensing, Benson Lichtig's manager, Ed Burrows and Nick Maiale all tried to smile through pessimistic lips.  
Burrows bore the brunt of most of the criticism from his fellow veterans at their stronghold on East Nittany Avenue. But he tried to maintain a degree of conviviality while he sipped his beer and shook hands. Although he said he knew all indications pointed to a sure loss for him he said, "I'll never say die."  
Lichtig signs hung from some of the walls but Russ Bensing was the major representative hoping to win votes for his candidate. Bensing is a serious man. He knew Lichtig wasn't running strong. He predicted: "I still think we'll take it."  
Maiale was greeted warmly by a number of veterans who knew him while Maiale was president of the Ogontz Campus. While he was exchanging political predictions with Burrows and Bensing, he noted, "We haven't lost yet. At least we'll come in third." Maiale's prediction was proved correct last night.  
The predictions were still being cranked out in the crowded HUB card

room last night. But they had assumed a different tone.  
Bensing said, "No way." His frown was only countered by Lichtig's undampened air of confidence. Lichtig added, "It's the people that counts, not the votes."  
Maiale agreed. Surrounded by eight of his strongest supporters he offered them all his thanks and added, "We put up a good fight."  
Burrows, still smiling, approached Maiale and asked for his plans for the future. Maiale replied, "Tonight, I'm going to hit the books. After that I really can't tell you."  
Above the political murmur, Lichtig supporters started a cheer. Shields workers countered the cheer with one of their own. A faint "Oz" followed that.  
As Lichtig walked through the crowd, thanking his helpers, Bensing shed a few tears. The results of the voting had not been made public, but everyone in the HUB last night knew who the winner would be, the only question was: "By how much?"  
It was after 10 p.m. when Steve Speece, USG election commissioner announced the results. No one was surprised at the results of the presidential race.  
One Lichtig supporter accurately put it: "Shields by a landslide."  
After a few minutes of cheering by Shields supporters, Lichtig again thanked his supporters, Maiale and Burrows, along with some of their helpers went with Speece to learn the voting breakdown, and Rick Zlotucha's supporters quietly left the HUB. Only some confetti made of Shields signs remained.

## Court injunction bans household definition

By BOB YUSKAVAGE Collegian Junior Reporter  
Students whose sole disqualification for food stamps was the Congressional redefinition of household were made eligible again by an April 6 federal judge ruling.  
According to John Baier, of the State Department of Public Welfare in Harrisburg, a federal district court judge in Washington, D.C. issued an injunction against Public Law 91-671 which requires members of a household to be related by either blood, marriage or common law before they can be declared eligible for assistance.  
Public law 91-671 specifically defines household as "a group of related individuals or non-related individuals over age 60 who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but are living as one economic unit sharing common cooking facilities and for whom food is customarily purchased in common."  
The new regulations were part of federal changes to enable more elderly people to participate in the program by banning most college students and communal groups.  
The law, which was enacted January 11, became effective April 1. The previous law defined household as any group of persons living together and

sharing costs. About 1,000 University students lost their eligibility for the program as a result of the new ruling.  
The decision to restrain the ruling, however, is temporary. Baier said the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has overall responsibility for the program, is appealing the injunction on the question of jurisdiction.  
Baier said the gist of the reasoning behind the injunction is "the classical approach to assistance programs," that is the needs of persons in assistance programs cannot be dictated by law.  
According to Daniel DiSimoni, executive director of the Centre County Board of Assistance, the complaint claims the new ruling hurts migrant workers.  
After the injunction, DiSimoni said he received a letter from the Department of Public Welfare informing him "no longer to deny to anyone participation in the food stamp program because of living in an unrelated household."  
"The greatest number of students are rejected due to the dependency ruling. If a student applies for food stamps and if he is claimed a dependent by his parents, he's not eligible for the program during the year he filed his claim or the following year, unless his parents are receiving food stamps," he said.



—photograph by H.R. Begley II

## Smokey the Bear forgotten

A fire heavily damaged 20 acres of land on the Correctional Institute of Rockview property and the slopes of Mt. Nittany yesterday.  
Thirty Rockview inmates, the Department of Forestry and Waters and Pleasant Gap fire company worked to extinguish the blaze which was under control by 3:50 p.m.  
A DC-3 fire fighting plane also arrived on the scene.  
Harry Schmidt, supervisor of Huntigton district Department of Forestry and Waters, said the damage was "pretty high, about \$100 per acre."  
The Rockview inmates had taken training in fire control, and they were a great help, according to Schmidt.

## Muskie withdraws from active campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, his once-bright prospects battered by a series of primary defeats, withdrew yesterday from active campaigning in Democratic primaries but said he'll stay in the presidential race.  
Almost to a man, Muskie's big-name supporters said they will stand by his candidacy, hoping he might still emerge as a possible compromise choice at the Democratic National Convention this July in Miami Beach. Privately, however, some conceded this was unlikely.  
Muskie told a jammed news conference his decision was forced by "diminishing results and diminishing resources," specifically Tuesday's twin defeat in the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts primaries. "I do not have the money to continue," he said.  
Muskie said he would remain a candidate in deference to supporters who want to keep working for him. He conceded "this decision reduces my prospects in the campaign" but said a compromise candidacy at Miami Beach is "a possible option."  
From a practical standpoint, Muskie's withdrawal from active candidacy is expected to accelerate the polarization of the Democratic race into a two-way fight between Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey and George S. McGovern, the winners in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts respectively.  
In Ohio, the two senators were already believed running ahead of Muskie in next Tuesday's primary despite support for Muskie by Gov. John J. Gilligan.  
Others also are in the presidential contest, most notably Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, who is trying again in Ohio after finishing third in Florida and fifth in Wisconsin, and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, who captured Florida and finished second in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.  
But most party leaders believe McGovern and Humphrey have become the unquestioned front-runners though most of the 3,016 delegates are yet to be selected. Muskie's decision is seen as likely to reduce the chances of a deadlocked convention that would turn to someone else, such as Sen Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.  
For Muskie, yesterday's announcement came a little more than



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seven weeks after he entered the primary season as the clear party front-runner, backed by an impressive array of governors, senators and other top party leaders.  
In the primaries, however, this leadership was unable to produce at the polls for Muskie.  
Muskie won the opening round in New Hampshire, finished a badly beaten fourth in Florida then appeared to be on his way with a substantial victory over McGovern in Illinois.  
But his campaign faltered badly in the closing days of the Wisconsin primary, where he again finished fourth. And Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, where he once planned to knock Humphrey and McGovern out of the race, turned out to be the spots where they knocked him out.  
Noting that his name is locked into the ballots of upcoming primaries, including Ohio, Michigan Oregon and California, Muskie said he will "welcome and appreciate" efforts in his behalf.

## Weather

Sunny and mild today, high 62. Fair but cool tonight, low 41. Partly sunny Saturday, high 66. Sunday, increasing cloudiness with showers possible towards evening, high 64.