

Vote Tomorrow

State College is at a crossroads. Students and their votes will decide which path this community will take.

Tomorrow you will vote on the Home Rule Charter for State College. Approve it, for it is the beginning of needed reform in borough government. Approve it because it will give the borough

the flexibility to initiate such things as agencies to protect consumers and the environment and other necessary public services.

Of the six candidates for State College Borough Council, The Daily Collegian recommends one — Dean Phillips. For mayor, we endorse Jo Hays. We also support Marie Garner for borough

tax collector and William Simmet for Centre County District Attorney.

Students have been fighting for two years to win the right to call themselves State College and Centre County residents and to be able to vote here. Tomorrow is your chance.

Borough Council: Dean Phillips

When Dean Phillips, a State College resident and University student, entered the State College Borough Council race, he added a factor rarely seen in political campaigns.

Courage. Phillips has been candid. At the risk of losing votes, he has taken emphatic stands on touchy issues. Witness his support of federal revenue-sharing funds for social services, a borough consumer protection agency and state or local clarification of landlord-tenant relations. He is not treating the election as a popularity contest.

When he has spoken out, he has studied the issues, researched the facts. At a candidates forum, he said, "We desperately need a consumer agency. They are feasible and we can afford it." He said an agency can be financed with \$35,000 per year, using revenue-sharing funds. Meanwhile other candidates say issues require more study, asking the voter to go

by blind faith until after the election.

In cases where Phillips and other candidates have taken similar positions, he has been the realist. Consider the universal support of open government. Phillips has stated, "It is a self-fulfilling prophecy to hold public meetings in the municipal building. At best only 80 to 100 concerned citizens can attend comfortably."

Phillips' solution to State College's transit problems, does not end with a regional bus system. We need, he says, bike paths, bike racks and bike lanes and incentive systems for car pools. He also believes the borough should look into pedestrian malls and peripheral parking and shuttle buses.

State College does not need passive ordinance-passers on the Borough Council; otherwise the borough manager will make policy within the vacuum. Borough Council needs members who recognize

the needs of the borough and are willing to act to solve borough problems.

Phillips has the edge. He has lived in State College since 1963, graduating from State College High School in 1969. He knows how the downtown residents feel, what they want.

He also is a student — among them much of the day, experiencing their problems. All the empathy a borough council member can bring to bear on student concerns is no substitute for the experience.

Offering young ideas, Phillips does not lack administrative and decision-making experience. He has served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. At the University, he coordinated the Free University from 1972 to 1973 and served on the executive board of Colloquy.

Phillips added courage to the campaign. Let him bring courage to the Borough Council.

Mayor: Jo Hays

Reform in State College hangs on the mayor's veto. It takes a 5 to 1 majority on the borough council to overrule the mayor.

One candidate, Jo Hays, has shown he is aware of State College's growing pains.

Jo Hays has already demonstrated he is willing to work for change in State College. He served as vice-chairman of the Home Rule Study Commission, getting opinion from members of the community, drawing up the charter and explaining it to the public.

He discussed this at a candidates forum, referring to the consumer protection agency, an idea he has supported. Hays said, "Although the mayor is not a direct policymaker, he can exercise leadership. He can act as a catalyst to speed up the investigation into the consumer

plans to see if it's economic or not."

Hays has definite opinions. He didn't wait until after the election to study the issues. At the forum, he said, "All the elements — students, faculty and townspeople — can make the University a fine community, but we can't have it without a mass transit system."

He recognizes the mass transit problem in State College and supports the establishment of a public bus system and hike-bike trails as possible solutions.

Not only does Hays back Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1079, a bill which would give more rights to tenants, but if the bill is defeated, he favors similar local ordinances.

Hays supports using revenue-sharing funds for people-oriented programs such as Meals on Wheels and the library.

Asked if he supports open

meetings, he unhesitatingly answers, "Yes."

If it becomes necessary, Hays will use his veto power over Borough Council to prevent a backslide in State College.

No novice to public office, Hays has served as state senator, a member of the Pennsylvania Local Government Commission and Local Government Committee, State College Superintendent of Schools and as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of State College and University Directors.

If you want a reordering of priorities, vote for Jo Hays. If you want a mayor who will provide effective leadership by seeking out varied viewpoints, vote for Jo Hays. If you are concerned about the future of State College, vote for Jo Hays.

Jo Hays knows the borough. Let him serve again.

Tax Collector: Marie Garner

The present system of taxation in State College Borough needs reform. And the first change should be the selection of Marie Garner as tax collector.

Marie Garner strongly supports a review of the current taxation system in State College. Citing a drain on tax dollars and the doubt over exactly how much the tax collector is making, Garner believes the commission form of compensation should be replaced with a set salary.

Garner also feels the tax collector should not be permitted to purchase tax-delinquent property, eliminating an unfair advantage and an unethical conflict of interests.

She believes the office should be restructured into a full-time position, combining the office with the assessor to locate and place

people and property on the tax rolls.

Basically, Garner thinks the tax collector should provide services for all people equally, with uniform guidelines for taxation and exoneration.

As a student, you will be receiving a tax bill sometime this month. If Marie Garner is elected tax collector, she will work to provide exoneration forms and information on how to be exonerated.

Although she does not think students should be given special privileges, she does believe in educating the public on tax responsibility and rights, with special emphasis for the new taxpayer.

And Marie Garner has the experience. Until July 1972, she was

Chief Inheritance Tax Appraiser for Centre County, responsible for computing taxes and appraising property. She also has attended the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue workshops pertaining to taxation and property assessments.

Marie Garner has been a friend to students. Working with the Undergraduate Student Government, she was one of the major proponents of the student's right to vote in Centre County.

State College needs a fair, open and honest tax collector, one who is not content to let the system remain unchanged. Marie Garner will work for reform, not by making policy, but by informing the County Commissioners, Borough Council and public of the ills of the present tax system.

County DA: William Simmet

District attorney. The man who not only determines how cases will be tried but which ones will even get into the courts.

District attorney. The man who decides whether you or your roommate will be tried for being caught with a smashed joint in your pocket.

District attorney. The man who recommends how high the bail will be after the police arrest you for possession of alcohol if you are not 21.

District attorney. The man who indirectly sets police priorities by his decisions on which cases he will carry to the courts and which cases he will not.

District attorney. William Simmet. Simmet's Republican opponent, incumbent Charles Brown, has shown in his seven years as DA that he is a strict, "by the book" prosecutor.

But laws cannot be absolute

without irreparable harm to justice and fairness. William Simmet realizes this, as evidenced by his more flexible stance on victimless crimes.

Simmet knows State College and the University community, a claim Brown cannot make. Simmet lives in State College, Brown does not.

Simmet is aware of State College rip-offs. Brown, however, has done nothing about the apparent violation of a court order by D and D Parking Lot Security Co., a violation he could have read about in this newspaper. Although there are more than 30,000 students in this area, Brown has seen fit to ignore them and their problems.

Centre County needs change, especially in the DA's office. This change must reflect the growing involvement of students in their communities.

Simmet feels that less emphasis

should be put on victimless crimes such as minor drug violations. Instead, he believes, investigations and prosecution of crimes against people should be stepped up.

Simmet, a former district magistrate, knows local, state and federal law. As a member of the Governor's Human Relations Council, he has dealt with people from many different socio-economic groups. As a resident of State College, he is familiar with student's problems and those of State College as a whole.

Active in county-wide community affairs, Simmet can represent Centre County and its people.

Students and other State College and Centre County residents should vote for candidates that will serve them and their community best.

William Simmet deserves your vote in tomorrow's elections.

Nixon makes it clear

By GARY TUMA and JAY WEITZEL
Collegian Columnists
Editor's note: following is the first in a three-part series on President Nixon and impeachment.

By his actions of the past few weeks, Richard Nixon has made it perfectly clear that as long as he is involved in the Watergate investigation, the truth will never be known. He has denied the court's authority to prosecute the affair fully, and has withheld evidence vital to full prosecution of all those indicted in the irregularities of his 1972 campaign.

The American people have one last alternative if the truth is to be brought to light. The President must be impeached by the House and brought to trial in the Senate, where he cannot hide behind claims of "separation of powers" or "executive privilege."

President Nixon's promise to appoint another special "independent" Watergate prosecutor ranks as his most hollow statement since, "We're respecting Cambodian neutrality."

In his Oct. 26 news conference Nixon pledged that his next prosecutor would "have independence; he will have total cooperation from the executive branch." Nixon vowed "further that the next prosecutor would investigate "with thoroughness and vigor." Presumably though, not quite as thoroughly or vigorously as did Archibald Cox.

Consider Mr. Nixon's unique definition of "independent" as it relates to Watergate prosecutors. In justifying

his dismissal of Cox, he stated, "Clearly the government of the United States cannot function if employees of the executive branch are free to ignore the instructions of the President." In short, the new investigator will be independent only as long as he does what Mr. Nixon wants him to do.

Mr. Nixon is accused of being party to the cover-up of Watergate since September 1972 and of the payment of hush money to the defendants, of accepting illegal campaign contributions and of using his high office to the benefit of his large contributors. Will Mr. Nixon insist that the prosecutor investigate these charges with "thoroughness and vigor?" Can we trust Mr. Nixon, the accused, to conduct his own investigation and to decide what evidence is relevant? He asks no less.

His approach to criminal justice is certainly a novel one—making the prosecutor answerable to the accused.

Even Archibald Cox's suggestion of a special prosecutor protected by law from being fired would be of no avail. If such a bill is applied to a prosecutor in the executive branch, Mr. Nixon will veto it as violating the separation of powers doctrine. Yet, if the prosecutor is in the legislative branch, he will be refused access to information by Nixon's claims of executive privilege and again, separation of powers.

Mr. Nixon has left America with one alternative if the truth about these allegations is ever to be known. His

claims of Presidential powers have hamstrung the Senate Watergate Committee, the former special prosecutor and the courts. The last alternative, now a necessity, is impeachment.

Impeachment in the House will require the President to stand trial before the Senate and answer publicly the charges against him. He will be forced to either explain his position fully or removal from office. Regardless of the outcome, public confidence in the Presidency will be increased.

Only through impeachment and trial can Congress cut through Nixon's claims of "executive confidentiality" and "executive privilege" to get at the tapes, notes and memoranda that are alleged to contain proof that the President was involved in criminal activities.

A special prosecutor will be effective only if he is able to penetrate Nixon's defenses by virtue of being part of the Congressional impeachment movement. Only such a prosecutor could truly be called independent.

But there is more to commend Mr. Nixon's impeachment than the need to assess the Watergate-related allegations, and bring the evidence to court. Mr. Nixon has shown contempt for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Congress, the Courts and the people. He has shown a disregard for the law that sets a precedent that is dangerous to the rights of a free people.

Tomorrow: Nixon vs the Constitution.

Letters to the Editor

3 p.m. Sunday

TO THE EDITOR: This is in response to the Oct. 29 letter concerning concert tickets for Penn State employees.

Why not sell concert tickets about 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon? That would make it possible for Penn State employees to get tickets without missing work. Also, students wouldn't have to cut classes. Ticket buyers wouldn't have to drag themselves out of bed at 4:30 in the morning either.

Paul Fishwick
1st-mathematics

well rest on the shoulders of the student. Many do not even seek the help that is available to them. The blame is not entirely on the students; some advisors may be truly unable to handle both students and work. There are a number of other completely human variables that advisors have to cope with. In any event, second impressions can make a difference.

Speech 200.09
Group 5

Let's be realistic

TO THE EDITOR: I'd like to respond to the Oct. 29 letter concerning the USG Senate's action on Nixon's impeachment. First, let me set some facts straight. The Oct. 8 resolution was not "crushed by an overwhelming vote." It was defeated by a 5-4 vote in the Student Affairs committee. When a motion was made on the floor to untangle the measure, at least half the senate voted in favor (it needed two thirds).

The "new" measure passed Oct. 22 was in fact a new measure. While the first resolution covered things like Vietnam, the impounding of funds and the actions of Nixon aides in the Watergate Affair, the second dealt strictly with Nixon's actions concerning the special prosecutor and the court battle over release of the tapes.

Both resolutions asked that letters be sent to the Pennsylvania delegation to the House, but the first left the content of the letter up to the sponsors. The second included the text of the letter to be sent.

Let's be realistic. Despite the fact that the issues mentioned in the first resolution may be grounds enough for impeachment (I think they are), the House wasn't buying it. There is no question that there are grounds now. Any credibility the USG Senate has with anyone of importance in Washington would have been questioned had the first resolution been passed. It is questionable that even the second resolution will have any effect.

Too often in the past, the USG Senate has been criticized for passing meaningless resolutions. I'm sure many people were worried about that the first time. Some people just need a kick in the ass to get them moving. The events of Oct. 22 provided that impetus. On Oct. 8, impeachment seemed far away.

In closing, let me state that I voted for both resolutions and agree that such a measure was long overdue.

Ken Jacobs
USG town senator

A little odd

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to say a few things concerning Pivot magazine and its recent poetry contest.

It struck me as a little odd that just two weeks after the deadline for poems to be sent in, all the poems had been judged and the magazine published and that three of the seven prize winners and 15 of the authors published were staff members or judges.

It's heartwarming to see that the "family" as a social institution is not totally disappearing from our lives, but I fail to see how this display of internal devotion improves the quality of poetry in the magazine.

Sharon Nickol
7th-horticulture

Don't applaud now

TO THE EDITOR: There is a worldwide custom among concert-goers which is about to be splattered by a new "ugly American" custom. The custom observed worldwide is simply holding one's applause until the end of the concert piece and not interrupting the beautiful mood which an orchestra has created.

Maybe the Russians are not familiar with our custom of applauding a soloist in a jazz band. From my seat near the front, I read the disbelief of the face of the first violinist when applause cut through a piece which was listed as having no pauses between movements.

In the 13 countries I've been in, I have never heard an audience so intent on impulsive clapping: Get with it freshmen! This isn't a high school hop. A jazz combo expects treatment different from what the Leningrad Philharmonic has learned to expect.

Mike Monahan
PSU student

First impressions

TO THE EDITOR: Unfortunately, first impressions are very important, because they are usually lasting. In many cases the first impression is good and no harm is done. However, if the first meeting has the opposite effect, both parties may lose. We are referring to the advisors and advisees.

Many students feel that their advisors are more of a burden than a help. They think that advisors are there primarily to sign pre-registration forms or number 2 cards. Many advisees also use their advisors to the extent that they drop in on their advisor and expect him to have the time and information that they need. The students also tell their advisors what subjects they intend to take rather than ask what would be best for them.

This attitude develops from the first time the advisee talks to his advisor which is Fall Term registration. Both the student and advisor have a very limited amount of time in which to accomplish a lot of work. Therefore, the first meeting is usually rushed. The students' first impression is that his advisor is always this rushed and couldn't possibly administer any valuable help.

After interviewing both advisors and department heads of all 10 colleges, our group has discovered that the advising program is, by no means a failure. The advisors are well-informed, kept up to date, limited to a certain number of advisees according to their workload, and willing to help.

The cause of bad relations between advisor and advisee may

the Collegian

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