Housing for elderly, tax issue, service programs...

Editor's note: Following is a list of candidates for Centre County Commissioner. Two candidates from each party will be nominated in the May 20 primaries. The information was compiled by Linda Miller and Barb White, Collegian staff writers

Elmer Kessling

Elmer Kessling, a 20-year veteran of the Halfmoon Township Democratic Committee, said there are so many reasons why he is running for the Democratic nomination for Centre County commissioner that he cannot pinpoint one or two.

"I have noticed a few things that are not operating the way I think they should," he said. One of those things, Kessling said, is anyone "receiving \$15,000 a year to handle our tax money and handle the county should be willing to put in full-time work

"I figured if I could support my wife, nine kids and my parents since I was 16, and her parents for a while, I am qualified to help manage county business," said Kessling, a

University maintenance worker. Concerning county books and business, Kessling said, "Our people today are running too much on paper. I do not believe

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Africa.

The Free University first aid instructor's course will meet 7:30 tonight in 173 Willard.

The Citizen's Action Committee working against the world food crisis will meet at 8 tonight in 311 Boucke.

There will be a Baha'i Fireside at 8 tonight in 316 Boucke.

The Rape Crisis Center is sponsoring an open forum on self defense at 8 tonight in 128 Sackett. Speakers will be Trooper Ken Schleiden of the state police and Officer Barbara May of the borough police.

Free U. belly dancing classes will be canceled today and next Wednesday.

Festival of Life T-shirts will be sold through Friday on the HUB ground floor. The Festival of Life will

hold a jammy with "Babe Rainbow" and "Loose as a Goose'' 8 p.m. Friday in the HUB Ballroom.

The Free U. course Lobbying Practical Techniques will meet 7 p.m. Wednesdays in 116 Boucke.

Pre-Vet Club will meet at 7 tonight in 111 Animal Industries.

Kappa Alpha Psi, Frofessional Business Fraternity, will meet 7:30 tonight in 311 Boucke.

Harrison T. Meserole, professor of English, will discuss "New Voices from Seventeenth-Century America'' at an English Colloquium 8 tonight in 101 Kerr

The Penn State Mining Food Service and Housing Engineering Society will Administration 410 will meet 7:30 tonight in 26 present "An Evening with Mineral Sciences. Anthony Walters, a graduate student in the mining engineering management program at the University, will discuss "The For reservations call 865-7441.

in running too much in debt or borrowing too much."

When asked what he plans to do about axes, Kessling said, "At this point, who knows what our issues are? I went through the depression of the '30s. I would rather not talk about issues now because who knows what the future will bring? I do not want to make any promises I may not be able to keep.

Kessling, who was born in Boggs Township and has lived in Centre County all his life, said he would like to have student support of his campaign.

Robert Neidig

Robert Neidig, a former Democratic Committee chairman for the North Boggs Precinct, said he wants to see that the poor people of Centre County get more, better and cheaper advice.

Neidig, a retired miner who moved to Centre County from his native town of Sunbury in 1914, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner in the May 20 primary elections.

I want to help the needy, be they old or young," Neidig said. He proposed keeping taxes down and giving free fishing and hunting licenses to those who "need them or are too poor to get them.

Neidig said he wants to help the sportsmen in Centre County. "We could always use more fish than we get, and we could do more re-stocking of wild game. And there should be a bounty on possum," he said.*

Concerning taxes, Neidig said, "I said eight years ago when they put those three commissioners in there all they would do is raise our taxes and raise their salaries. And they did.' Commissioners are paid \$15,000 a year, but Neidig said they

"were paid about \$8,000 eight years ago. "I would accept \$5,000 and they can keep the \$10,000," Neidig said of the salary he would draw if elected. "And there

would be free coffee for everyone who came to see me at the courthouse," he added.

Neidig said people receive "no respect when they go in the courthouse." He said he would try to change that by "bending over backwards to help people. I am going to be one of the best three men in there.

Neidig was a chief steward and vice president for the Bellefonte chapter of the United Mine Workers and is chairman of the UMW Bellefonte Chapter of Retirees. He said he would like to get a "union man" in a commissioner's position.

Grover Spearly

Grover Spearly, who served as Centre County Com-missioner from 1964 to 1972, says he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the primary elections because he gets satisfaction from helping people.

Among those people who need help, Spearly said, are the elderly and the unemployed. He said there should be more housing for the elderly who are in trouble because of inflation. 'If the proper relief is not given, we will not be able to build

nursing homes fast enough to take care of them," Spearly said.

To help the unemployed, Spearly said he would like to pressure the Manpower Commission to "work faster and get more people employed."

Spearly, who served four years as county treasurer, said, taxes should be held down especially during recession. "If possible I would like to cut taxes," he said, but at the same time would not do away with any services. He suggested one way to do this is to "run the county on a tight economy and not spend money for everything that comes down the pike.

Spearly, a native of Centre County, was coordinator for the University's department of Chemical Engineering for 23 years. Spearly also was the organizer and first county chairman for the United Fund.

Vincent Fudrow

Vincent Fudrow, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Centre County commissioner, said he is "just a person that gets involved in a lot of things."

'My main ambition right now is to become a commissioner," he said.

Fudrow, 1406 Linn St., has lived in Centre County since 1955, after serving in the Navy. He graduated from several naval technical schools, as well as obtaining a degree in aeronautical engineering from Penn State.

He started the Tech-Print Company in State College about four years ago. "I started a small company and I want to keep it that way so I can get involved in politics," Fudrow said. "If I had an eight-hour (per day) job, it would be difficult to get away." he said.

Fudrow has served as secretary of the Centre County Republican Committee and as precinct chairman for Ferguson Township northeast; He is a member of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce, the Moose Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also is president of the board of directors of the State College Elks Club, Inc.

Fudrow said he wants to make sure that Centre County funds are spent fairly and equally. "I'd like to see that everyone gets an equal chance. There is no personal gain ; involved," he said.

"Being qualified for Centre County commissioner is knowing the county as I do, living here, getting around," Fudrow said. "Having been an engineer and founding a business, I have not been restricted to just one thing," he said. "By having a home, I know about tax and other family problems.

Fudrow's wife works with him in his printing company. "We went into it together and she can take over any time," he said.



East Asian Study Society will present a Northern Shao-Lin style Kung Fu demon-stration at 7 tonight in 124 Sparks. Health and Physical .

Mining Industry in South

Education majors must pick student teaching apup plications for next year by Friday in 271 Rec Hall.

The Economics Club will meet 7:30 tonight in 620 Kern to elect next year's officers.

Accounting Club will meet 7:30 tonight in 209 Human Development South. Robert Moore, controller of Con-olidated Natural Gas Co., will discuss "The Controllership Function."

The Free U. course Building and Flying a Hovercraft has some openings. Sign up in 203C HUB.

Undergraduate Student Government presidential candidates will debate at 9 tonight in Redifer.

The Circolo-Italiano will hold conversation hour at 4 p.m. tomorrow in 348 N. Burrowes.

The Penn State Chess Club will meet at 8 tonight in the HUB basement.

Penn State Young Socialist Alliance will meet 7:30 tonight in 314 Boucke. Jo Otero of the Philadelphia YSA will discuss,""The Socialist View of the Racist Anti-**Busing Drive**.'

USG Academic The Assembly will meet 7:30 tonight in 351 Willard.

present "An Evening with Apicius," an imperial Roman banquet, at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Human

Amnesty grants to end Monday

WASHINGTON (UPI)-With one week remaining in President Ford's conditional amnesty program, many ap-plicants are appealing to the clemency board but only a few are turning themselves in at military installations or to the Justice Department.

Those eligible have until next Monday night to apply. Officials do not believe Charles Goodell, the clemency board chairman. will ask Ford to extend the original Jan. 31 deadline for a third month.

Ford's program allows eligible men to go to the clemency board, the Justice Department or military installations to volunteer for the conditional amnesty program.

The clemency board can clean the records of about 100,000 men either convicted of draft evasion or given less than honorable discharges. The board got a slow start after Ford set it up in September, and by Jan. 1 had received only a few hundred applications.

But by yesterday, it had nearly 16,000 applicants-about one-sixth of those eligible-and the names continued to flow in A board spokesman said additional staff was being hired to handle the work.

On the other hand, only 13 per cent of the 4,400 draft evaders at large-578 persons-have applied for amnesty at the Justice Department.

The military's program for approximately 11,000 deserters has been the most successful. As of Monday there had been 4.643 volunteers, more than 40 per cent of the eligibles. But few volunteers have turned themselves in recently.

Officials said they expected a surge this week, since large increases were chalked up in the final week before the two previous extensions.



