# Abler Democratic candidate for municipal council



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"The campus and community are like Siamese twins who insist on working separately," said Ronald Abler, Democratic candidate for State College Municipal Council.

In an interview Monday, Abler stated he would like to see more explicit and open cooperation between the college administration and the municipal council on such issues as downtown parking and land use. Abler said he would like to unite both sides of College Avenue into a single

"I think there are some contacts between the administration and the borough at the present time and I'd like to see them increase through more meetings and discussions on community problems," Abler said.

Abler said he was glad to see students have input in local decision making processes through the Organization for Town Independent Students and other similar organizations, and said that he would he receptive and eager to receive and contend with

"If you look at statistics, two-thirds of the citizens are students and certainly require representation of council," he said.

One of the main student issues is busing and Abler

buses run more frequently and extending routes so that more people can use them.

There is a good chance of seeing more buses in the future, Abler said. Increased revenues may be utilized to some degree in providing more buses for the students and community, he said.

An advocate of senior citizen housing, Abler said the proposed project on Bellaire Avenue is a step in the right direction. The location, which seems to be some distance from downtown, is the only drawback, he said, and the low cost per unit seems to be an advantage for the elderly. Abler said there will be \$700,000 worth of housing for a \$200,000 investment.

A supporter of the Allen Street Mall, Abler said it will definitely benefit the downtown area.

"I'm in favor of the Allen Street Mall and any other projects that make the downtown area

pleasant to pedestrians," he said.

Abler is a member of the College Heights Association, a group dedicated to preserving the College Heights as a residential neighborhood. He said the organization's main goals are traffic control and zoning and land use.

These neighborhood organizations are starting to catch on, Abler said, mentioning as an example the newly formed Fairmont Heights Association.

WASHINGTON (UPI) -

President Carter vester-

day asked Congress to pass

a package of consumer

legislation, including an

Agency for Consumer

Advocacy, the long-time

Ralph Nader goal which

has been stymied by eight

vears of GOP opposition.

four of the five pieces of

legislation the organized

consumer movement had

asked for in January. The

fifth, creation of a bank to

cooperatives, was not

recommended but Esther

Peterson, Carter's newly

named consumer advisor,

said it was still under

consumer

finance

Carter recommended

"I'd be perfectly happy to see students such as those in fraternities or apartments form associations. In this way, they can take part in the

decisions concerning their areas," Abler said. On the Human Rights Ordinance, Abler said he hadn't seen a convincing case of discrimination yet.

"I don't believe anyone should be discriminated against, but if it should happen and if a civil rights ordinance would help, I would be in full support,'

Abler said he doubts that a budget cutback is possible for the municipality.

"You can cut back everything if you're willing to take the consequences, but the residents have good government and are happy with the borough's services," Abler said.

An increase in taxation would not be due to massive borough expenditures, but to the rising costs of supplies and maintenance for the city, he said. If inflation continues to rise, there will have to be an increase in taxes, he said.

Abler, associate professor of geography, said he believes he has a rather unique knowledge of the similarity of our problems with those of other cities. He said he would listen to the concerns of the citizens and try to act in the best interest of the

money to consumer groups

to help them better

represent themselves in

government proceedings

and to give federal courts

"more discretion to

-- A law which would

reimburse litigation

give citizens more power to

sue the government in

expand the possibilities for

class action suits, an ac-

tivity which has been

limited by some recent

ACA as the one thing he

would most like to leave as a legacy to the consumer

Nader has pinpointed the

court rulings.

- Legislation that would

"appropriate cases."

costs."

## Stiles wants tax reorganization

By KIM EATON

Collegian Staff Writer A reorganization of taxes, beginning with a general business tax, could save State College residents some money, according to Charles E Stiles (14th-architectural engineering), democratic candidate for State College

Municipal Council. Stiles said a decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court allows businessmen to be taxed by their income rather than by land assessment. A business can now cut taxes by expanding, he said.

"In essence, the residents are paying for this expansion." Stiles said.

Stiles said to cover the losses in taxes by the government, a two mill tax raise was imposed on the

"I'd like to institute a general business tax to cover the gap so these expansions wouldn't be at the residents' expense," he said.

Stiles said he would like to see more stringent laws concerning local conversion apartment units. He said his engineering hackground would benefit here since he knows the building codes and standards for the units.

"West College Avenue is turning into a bit of a slum. The landlords of these units are just draining money out of push for State College to any problems and con-

the students," Stiles said. "We should preserve the integrity of the neighborhood.

Stiles said the site for the Bellaire housing plan is a very

"I see the \$2,000 better spent on several small lots closer to businesses and churches," he said. "Then it 50 stitutionalized."

Stiles said he supports both senior citizen housing and low-income housing.

"This is not an artificial town merely of the young and the rich," Stiles said.

Stiles said he sees no exodus of businesses from the downtown area, and cited the Calder Way Mall as an example. He does, however, see a parking problem. "There's definitely a

parking and circulation problem. We first have to make a distinction between shoppers and commuters." "I'd like to see the on-street parking taken off and bus

lanes and bike lanes put in.' Stiles said he would like to work through the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) to get more student buses to run 'during

high demand periods. Stiles said if the drinking age is lowered to 19, he would receive resort status. This would mean more bars, he

'The owners could build on their own merits, but zoning would keep them from over-

expanding," he said. Stiles said the Human Rights Ordinance is a topic of student concern and said he would support the ordinance. "There's definitely discrimination between married undergrads and

grads," Stiles said. He said, however, that he was pleased that there was no discrimination in the hiring and promoting practices of

the municipality. Stiles said he has lived in State College for four years and feels that his expreience as a scoutmaster and as a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity will help him understand the problems of townspeople.

By setting up a work-study program and co-operating with USG. Stiles said he would make Council more accessible to the student.

"I've seen the problems of both the townspeople and the students and as a councilman, I'd like to build a coalition between the two," he said. "Council has been, for the

most part, accessible," he said, "except when they go into executive sessions. Stiles said Council irons out

the report said.

troversies in these sessions the and then only votes on the issues in open meetings. "That's what happened in opinion."

. Bellaire housing situation," he said, "and skirting public



(Photo by Richard Hoffman)

### Carter urges DNA research

WASHINGTON (UPI) - that carries the charac-The Carter administration teristics of life, and recomyesterday urged that, despite binant research involves potential danger, recombin- transplanting such material ant DNA research be allowed to go forward under interim safety guidelines while stricter government regulations are drawn.

from one microorganism to another

Carter favors passage

of consumer legislation

Carter said the new

would

solidate" most consumer

functions now being

handled by other agencies

Asked if that meant the

previous administration's

program of creating

special consumer ad-

vocates in each major

department was out the

window, Mrs. Peterson

said the whole matter was

In addition to the ACA —

which passed both houses

of Congress but died in

conference committee last

House opposition - Carter

year because of White

Legislation to give

still under review.

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of government.

HEW Secretary Joseph outlined the Califano proposed administration bill DNA is the genetic material on DNA research before the predictable way.

Senate Health and Scientific Research subcommittee. Califano said recombinant DNA is a "scientific tool of extraordinary potential" but one which poses risks "of uncertain magnitude." Recombinant DNA could alter a microorganism in an un-

## Nuclear proliferation risk cited

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A potential for international reprocessing plants and by nation obtaining a nuclear conflict, such as the Middle fuel processing plant for peaceful purposes could build East Asia," said the report by an atomic bomb "within the congressional Office of days" of renouncing any safeguards it accepted to get the facility, a report to President Carter warned yesterday.

A-few terrorists also could construct an atomic bomb, the report said, needing only stolen nuclear material, unclassified instructions and a simple workshop.

. Risks of nuclear weapons proliferation are greatest "in regions with the highest

East, Southern Africa and Technology Assessment.

The spread of atomic weapons still can be contained if the United States and other nuclear nations working together, the report said. It cautioned, however, that "there are no single or allpurpose solutions; no short

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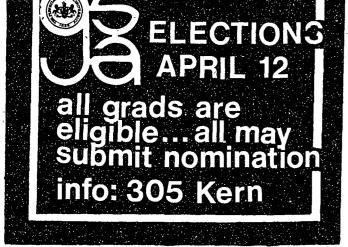
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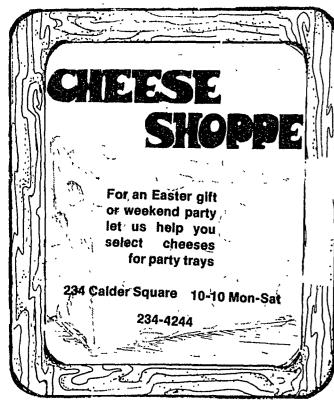
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