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## Glatz new commissioner but not GOP's first pick

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John Glatz, a retired State College businessman, was appointed Centre County commissioner yesterday despite a recommendation by a Republican committee that a Pleasant Gap service station owner be named to the vacant seat.

Court of Common Pleas Judge R. Paul Campbell picked Glatz over Russell O. Spicher, the GOP nominee, calling Glatz "the best possible choice."

Spicher expressed no disappointment in not being named, saying only that "it was a relief to find out that somebody has been appointed and that it is finally over."

"I'm sure that (Campbell) had his reasons and John (Glatz) will do a good job," Spicher said. "I hold nothing against Campbell," he said, adding that he is a personal friend of the judge.

Spicher said he was not counting on the job and made no plans for it because he knew the decision was up to Campbell.

Campbell said he chose Glatz because he is a retired businessman willing to be a full-time commissioner. Glatz also told Campbell he would not seek election when his current term expires in 1979, Campbell said.

Campbell said Glatz also agreed to receive the same \$15,000 per year salary that the other two commissioners are paid rather than the \$18,000 now mandated for new commissioners.

"I knew that it would create a problem



Glatz

with a new person coming in getting \$3,000 more than the others," Campbell said.

"I would have preferred if they (the GOP commissioner selection committee appointed by county GOP chairman Eugene M. Fulmer) had given me several choices," Campbell said. "I didn't want a committee to dictate to me who to appoint."

Glatz said he must "get his feet wet"

in county government before he can predict what he will achieve as a commissioner.

Glatz said he considers himself a very independent Republican.

"To be independent you have to have a mind of your own and be able to stand up on your own two feet and not be pushed around by anyone else," he said.

"So far as I'm concerned, I'm not obligated to anyone, not even to Judge Campbell."

He said he is looking forward to working with the two other commissioners and hopes they can work together for the good of the county.

He said he could not have survived as a tailor without the University students.

"As far as I'm concerned, without students State College would be nothing but a hicktown," he said.

He said Spicher was a very good friend of his who was among the first to congratulate him.

Glatz will be the sole Republican on the Centre County Board of Commissioners, sharing county leadership with Democrats John T. Saylor and Grover A. Searly.

Searly said it is not appropriate for him to comment about the new commissioner, adding, however, that he expected to be able to work with anyone Campbell had appointed.

The commissioner's seat became vacant last week when J. Doyle Corman resigned to be sworn-in as the 34th district's state senator. Corman was elected state senator May 17.



Photos by Barry Wyshinski

Shown above are George (left) and Gary Young being taken from the Sheraton Inn to arraignment at the office of District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks after their arrest last winter for the kidnaping of Elizabeth Fer-

ringer of Pennsylvania Furnace. The brothers were sentenced Monday by Judge R. Paul Campbell. Gary is being escorted by state police officer Kenneth Schleiden.

## Ferringer kidnapers sentenced

In Centre County Court Monday Gary R. Young was sentenced to 20-40 years and his younger brother George 9-22 years for the November kidnaping of Elizabeth Ann Ferringer. They had both pleaded guilty in April.

Part of the sentences were for a rock-throwing incident in which the Youngs were convicted of simple assault and criminal mischief in October. The rock was thrown through the window of a passing car, causing an accident. They were awaiting sentencing when the kidnaping occurred.

Gary, 34, R.D. 1, Pennsylvania Furnace, was sentenced to 10-20 years for the kidnap, 6-12 years for burglary, 3-6 years for unauthorized use of an automobile, disposition of ransom and simple assault of Mrs. Don C. Meyer, Ferringer's mother.

Gary also got 1-2 years for the rock-throwing. The sentences are to run consecutively for a total of 20-40 years.

George, 23, Pine Grove Mills, got 8-20 years for kidnaping, 5-10 years for burglary, 3-7 years for unauthorized

use of an auto and disposition of ransom. These sentences are to run concurrently for 8-20 years. George also got 1-2 years for the rock throwing incident for a total of 9-22 years.

In November the Youngs cut the electrical power and phone service in Pennsylvania Furnace home of Ferringer's parents and kidnaped Ferringer at gunpoint. She was then taken to an abandoned house in Tyrone and chained in the basement for 20 hours.

Meyer, owner of the Autoport Motel, paid a \$150,000 ransom before his daughter was found and the Youngs were arrested.

District Attorney Charles Brown asked for a 20-40 year sentence for Gary and a 10-20 year sentence for George from Judge R. Paul Campbell.

Brown said the evidence showed Gary spoke on the phone to Meyer and did most of the talking and commanding during the kidnaping.

At the time of the guilty plea "Gary indicated that he was the principal force," Brown said.

## Croatians list grievances

# Mission to U.N. raided

NEW YORK (UPI) — Three Croatians yesterday invaded the Yugoslav mission to the U.N. on glamorous Fifth Avenue, shot a Yugoslav government employee and barricaded themselves inside for two hours before surrendering to scores of police and FBI agents.

The peaceful surrender nearly ended in violence at the last minute when unidentified Yugoslav officials produced automatic weapons and threatened to shoot the invaders who were being led from the building.

Suddenly, everyone began running.

"Go! Get out of here!" shouted one police officer as guns appeared in the second floor window of the mission. One policeman pointed a revolver and demanded, "Get that window closed! Get out of here!"

Within moments, however, the Yugoslav officials were restrained, and the three Croatians were shoved into patrol cars and whisked from the scene.

"It was a little hairy for a while there," said police officer Frank McIntosh, who was with the Croatians in the last-minute scuffle and brush with violence.

For a while during the siege it was feared that the Croatians were holding at least one hostage, but after the surrender it was disclosed that there had been no hostages.

Chief of Detectives John Keenan said the Croatians surrendered because "they were convinced they had made their point and they were convinced it would be the wisest course to surrender."

The three men, all of whom carried handguns into the Mission at 67th Street and Fifth Avenue, had claimed they were holding a hostage to delay police attempts to oust them.

The FBI identified the men as Marijan Buconjic, 28, of New

York City, Jozo Brekalo, 30, of St. Louis, and Vladimir Dizdar, 23, of Chicago.

Inside, Yugoslav Ambassador to the U.N., Jaksu Petric, said mission personnel had received warnings that a terrorist attack might take place.

"We knew it," he said. "We had very firm indications, and we informed American authorities." But Petric refused to say which authorities had been notified.

Petric also denied that mission employees had brandished weapons at the terrorists, but he admitted that mission personnel regularly carry arms, and said two Yugoslav government employees helped police escort the terrorists from the building.

The three Croatians were later charged with attempted murder, first degree assault, possession of weapons and third-degree burglary.

Earlier, Buconjic's wife, Louisa, called United Press International and said she was surprised to learn of her husband's involvement in the siege.

Mrs. Buconjic said she and her husband fled to the United States 10 years ago from Yugoslavia where, she said, they were in danger because of their activities on behalf of Croatian independence.

The incident was the second involving Croatian nationalists in New York City. Last September a TWA New York-Chicago jet with 86 passengers and a crew of seven aboard was hijacked to Paris by five Croatians, who were later convicted and sentenced to stiff jail terms.

Yugoslav officials believed yesterday's attack was linked to the earlier incident.

## Three student trustee nominees chosen

The Student Trustee Selection Committee has sent the names of three nominees to the Secretary of Education for consideration, according to Alex Holt, committee chairman.

Holt said yesterday that he expected to receive Secretary Kline's decision within a few days. Kline can either accept the names for consideration or demand that new names be submitted.

Holt would not release the names of

the nominees. "The matter should remain confidential," he said, until the secretary makes his decision.

Holt said that nominees accepted for consideration would be interviewed by the Secretary of Education's office before a student trustee is chosen.

Holt said that the committee's choices were based on the individual's ability to

"represent student concerns."

The Board is composed of 32 trustees chosen from state agricultural and industrial societies, University alumni, ex-officio members and members appointed by the governor.

One of the six trustees appointed by the governor has traditionally been a student, either an undergraduate or a graduate student, from the University Park campus.

## Freshman State reps. pledge to remain until budget passes

HARRISBURG (AP) — A group of freshman and sophomore legislators, including Centre County Rep. Helen Wise, decided yesterday they don't want to leave the state capital until a budget is passed.

"We all signed a letter telling the leaders to get on with the budget, even if we have to work five, six or seven days a week," said Rep. Wise.

The letter was sent to House leaders.

Although House Speaker K. Leroy Irvis said he hadn't received the letter, he added:

"I agree, we're going to have to push the budget and I intend to. I thought we'd have started on the budget yesterday but they're taking so damn long voting on these ordinary bills, we couldn't."

A variety of state services depend on the budget being passed by June 30. The new fiscal year starts July 1.

Without a budget, there won't be money for state hospitals. Welfare recipients wouldn't get help. Paychecks for 108,000 state workers would be withheld.

About 20 of the newer legislators held a breakfast meeting yesterday to get a consensus on what to do about the budget.

No votes were taken, and some legislators said the group was badly split

on what to do about school subsidies. But they did agree they want to stop having frequent recesses until the budget is passed.

A majority of the newer members agreed that, if necessary, the House should consider only the general budget "and tackle the problem of school subsidies later," said Rep. Peter O'Keefe, D-Delaware.

## Lo! Sol doth shine sweet

If the weatherman you now hate, please be a bit compassionate.

Today a high of seventy-eight, with sunny skies his estimate.

Tonight with no precipitate, his forecast you can tolerate.

Weather maps do predestinate,

clear cool low of fifty-eight.

Tomorrow he will generate, a sunny sky to dominate.

For you I do thee dedicate, some weather to commemorate.

By BILL DOVICO  
Collegian Weatherman

# University Council bird project raises controversy

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Picture a blackbird. Multiply by several thousand. Make the time dusk and the place State College. You have the starling and blackbird problem in residential State College.

They chatter and flutter and change the streets from black to white with their droppings. They prevent early sleepers from getting to sleep and they wake early risers at the crack of dawn. Their noise is in the background in some areas all spring and summer long.

State College Municipal Council voted last week to fund a joint study with the University to try to get rid of the bird pests. The study, expected to last two years and cost about \$16,000, will be headed by John L. George, University professor of wildlife management.

The bird study is not applauded unanimously by all State College residents.

Councilman Allen D. Patterson objected to funding the study at last week's council meeting, saying the project was "the silliest thing I ever heard of" and that it was "a typical University research project which will cost lots of money and accomplish nothing."

Patterson said later that he objected to the project because all previous studies have shown that the birds are only chased from one place to another.

"There is nothing really new about this proposal," Patterson said. "They propose to use fright techniques or lethal techniques. And lethal techniques have not worked."

Patterson said chemicals used to kill problem birds also kill desirable birds like robins.

"It's hard to refine the method to just killing one species of bird," he said.

The only way that has worked to control the birds has been to cut down the trees where they roost, Patterson said.

Councilman James J. McClure said at the meeting that "there was some real hysteria" last year about the bird problem.

"There were people who were very concerned about the health aspect of the birds. There were people demanding that the trees be cut down," he said. State College is a town heavily committed to trees, McClure said, and unfortunately, trees provide a habitat for birds.

"We are not willing to destroy the trees to get rid of the birds," he said.



"But there's been no substantiated health problem."

McClure said at the meeting he was willing to support the study even if it did not lead to a solution to the problem. The study will help State College understand the problem better, which may help in the future, he said.

The birds, which roost in hundreds and thousands, have never been counted, George said. There are both starlings and cowbirds in the flocks.

The study will determine which birds are causing the problem, their number, their location and when the problems occur, George's report to the Council said. It will determine their home range, roosting, feeding habits and activity patterns.

The researchers will decide which methods of control would be safest, legal and most practical and will test the methods on small groups of the birds. The researchers will recommend further actions to the Council on the basis of the study.

Control methods include repellents, which stick to the bird and annoy it, chemical repellents, chemical poisons, visual and sonic deterrents, changing the habitat and shooting. Shooting is a last-resort method.

George said killing the birds is not his favorite method of control because it doesn't eliminate the problem. It has to be done year after year, he said.

"Also, we have to keep the people in mind because what they want can't be ignored," George said. "Many people wouldn't think of poisoning birds, but

they will poison other pests like rodents."

George said another way of controlling the birds would be to sterilize some of them. The turnover rate for the bird population is high, he said; 60 per cent of the birds here this year will not be back. A high mortality rate among young birds is the main cause of the high turnover rate.

If the birds could not breed for one year, the roosting habit could be eliminated, George said.

"A lot of behavior is learned," George said. "The parent birds teach their young that this is a good place to roost, and other birds imitate them." The birds are fairly intelligent, and remember good roosting places from year to year, George said.

The birds are not totally pests, George said. They eat insects out of lawns in the area, saving labor for homeowners.

Starlings were introduced to this country from Europe in the early 1900's, and were known to roost in large numbers in the South for many years. Flocks were first seen in State College about 1960 and have since forced out the more desirable bluebirds and swallows by taking over nesting areas, George said.