

Candidates agree on the issues

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Candidates for Centre County district attorney and judge of Common Pleas Court agreed yesterday on issues involving the discretion of their prospective offices at a luncheon sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Discussing the opening of courtrooms to the press, the candidates for judge agreed that all cases should be reported to the public as long as a defendant's right to a fair trial is not threatened.

Democratic candidate Richard Sharp said he is "in favor of a free press because it is important in the continuance of a representative government. I would not restrict the press from a courtroom unless it prevents the defendant from getting a fair trial."

Brown and Sharp also agreed that judges should be accessible to the press during a trial.

"The judge's door should remain open to the press so they can grow to un-

derstand each other," Brown said.

Referring to the prosecution of possessors of small amounts of marijuana, Republican district attorney candidate Robert Mittinger said that "as long as the possession of marijuana is against the law, I will prosecute it as harshly as any other crime."

Democratic D.A. candidate David Grine said marijuana users "are not criminals and should be placed on a small period of probation after which their record should be dismissed if their behavior is good."

"I would be tough on the prosecution of pushers, especially if their clients are minors," Grine said.

The district attorney candidates agreed that policemen who violate a defendant's constitutional rights during an arrest should be dismissed.

"It is naive to think that policemen are never over-zealous," Mittinger said. "If there is a question about a policeman's behavior, he should be prosecuted and, if found guilty, dismissed."

Grine said, "If a policeman violates the rights of a defendant, his testimony should not be used in court. However, the defendant should not be dismissed if enough evidence is against him."

Concerning whether or not a homosexual should be awarded the custody of a child, the candidates for judge agreed they would examine the overall personality of the parent.

"Homosexuality should be viewed as a character trait," Sharp said. "The question is not homosexuality, but the impact it will or will not have on the child."

"I do not believe that homosexuality would have much impact on a custody case," Brown said.

Referring to sentencing procedures, Brown said the court "should have an impact in determining sentences but we need guidelines."

There should be no fixed sentences because jurors should have freedom in determining punishment, Brown said.

"A court must be allowed latitude in

sentencing," Sharp said. "I would find out as much as possible about a defendant in order to appropriately mold the punishment."

Discussing pornography, Grine said his handling of pornography "would depend on the standards of Centre County residents."

Quoting a U.S. Supreme Court case that stated as long as an adult has the opportunity not to look at pornography prosecution should not occur, Mittinger said "there is not much I can do about it."

The candidates also agreed that courts should accept bail bonds to guarantee the refunding of bail money to defendants.

"I would discuss this with judges in counties where it is already practiced," Brown said. "I am disposed now to establish this program."

Sharp said, "I do not think it is in keeping with the principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' if bail is impossible."

Contraception group looks for counselors

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The Peer Contraception Education Program (PCEP) is looking for students who are interested in counseling fellow students on matters pertaining to sexuality, particularly contraception.

Prospective counselors will undergo an extensive eight- to 10-week program during Winter Term. Students who complete the training program are qualified to give educational information on contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, feminine hygiene and breast self-examination, according to PCEP.

This information is conveyed in

sessions which PCEP holds on request in fraternities, dormitories, classrooms, to off-campus organizations, and on the commonwealth campuses.

All women requesting medical attention for contraception at the Ritenour Health Center for the first time are required to attend one of the educational sessions, held two evenings per week from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in 28 Ritenour. Individual sessions also are available upon request, according to PCEP.

The group sessions include discussions about the pelvic examination and about the advantages and disadvantages of the

various contraceptive methods, devices, and techniques.

The information available at the sessions may help men and women to choose the most effective means of contraception compatible with their medical status and personal preference, according to PCEP. Contraceptive devices are shown at the sessions and audiovisual materials illustrating the proper manner of use are presented.

Susan A. Kinnsbury, joint student director of PCEP, says the program "tries to meet the needs of the students." During the past few years there have been an increasing number of requests

for contraception services by University students, according to PCEP.

PCEP was developed by students from the Student Advisory Board to University Health Services in cooperation with University Health Services staff at Ritenour. A pilot program was conducted Spring Term of 1974. After being evaluated by students and health service personnel, the program was instituted on a full-time basis Fall Term of 1974.

Any students interested in taking the PCEP training program should go to 221 or 224 Ritenour or call 863-0461.

Heller says help steel

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Walter W. Heller, former economic advisor to the late President Kennedy, says the nation's steel industry will need tax cuts and a supportive Federal Reserve policy to get back on its feet.

"You have to boost market demand. You need policies to get back to full employment, full utilization of the country's capacity," Heller told an accountants' association here.

As remedies for sales slumps and nearly 20,000 layoffs, Heller endorsed corporate tax breaks and a three per cent increase in the current 10 per cent investment tax credit. He also suggested that industry be allowed to apply investment tax credits to new buildings rather than just equipment.

Heller said the steel industry has itself to blame for many of its problems by passing along hefty wage increases to union workers.

Students found willing to lobby

The Undergraduate Student Government's efforts to find students interested in lobbying for the University's state appropriations have been successful, according to USG state lobbyist Mike Stinson.

Stinson said several hundred applications for lobbying positions have been turned in. The students who have applied have been matched with their voting districts, and are being contacted this week for organization.

According to Stinson, USG is going to wait and evaluate when student lobbying

pressure will be most effective in getting the funding legislation passed. Plans are being made for weekly lobbying trips to Harrisburg once this time has been determined.

Stinson said USG will be concentrating its lobbying on "swing" districts, those in which the legislators have not taken a stance on funding the University.

Stinson said he is hopeful that USG's lobbying efforts will manage to change at least one vote in both House and Senate.

— by Bruce Becker

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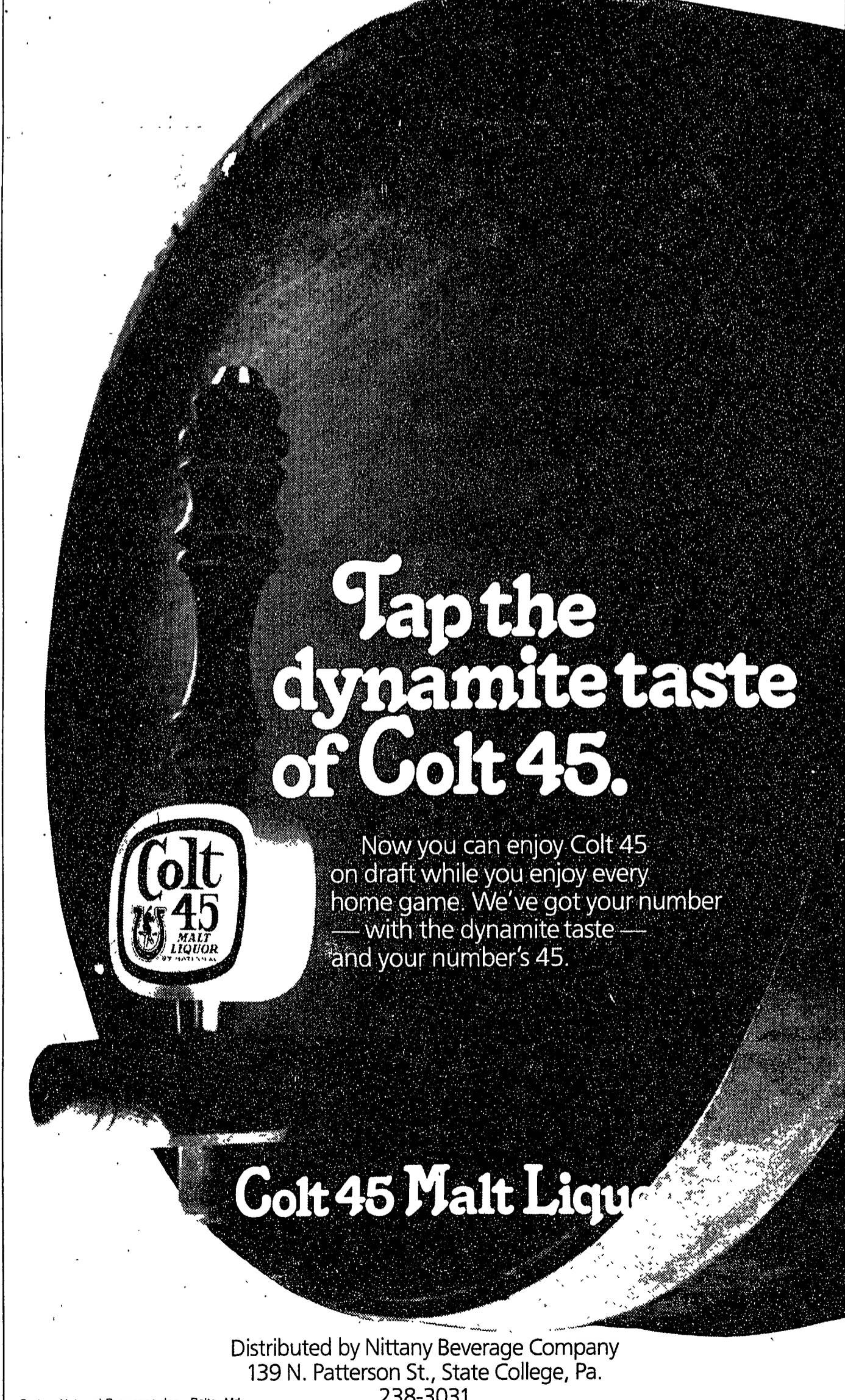


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