

Charles Brown



Richard Sharp

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### parole officer should be 30 to 35 cases. In Centre County the number is 60 to 65 per parole officer," Sharp said. The county

officers in the county.

parole violators.

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in an interview.

authorized.

By CHUCK SHEARER

**Daily Collegian Staff Writer** 

of the people in that society.

cumstances," Sharp said.

totally free of the prison system.

Charles C. Brown, Republican can-

didate for Centre County Common Pleas

Court judge, said that in the future,

both criminal and civil, points toward

the need for a second judge," Brown said

Brown said that the second judgeship

"There are presently no backlogs in

Centre County," Brown said. "But the

County Commissioners can't just snap

Brown said that even if it were

necessary for a second judge, it could be

1979 or 1980 before the judgeship were

"Perhaps it would be expedient to be a

part of proposed legislation now,"

Brown said, "so that the wheels of government will be turning when we

need that second judge."

Brown said that he had much ex-

perience as district attorney for the past

"I have been in the courthouse on

Richard Sharp, Democratic candidate

for Centre County judge, said while he

favors making jail sentencing man-

datory, he does not favor mandatory

Sharp said he agrees with the Supreme

Court ruling which said society has the

right to demand a life for the protection

Sharp said, however, that the death

penalty is too strong a punishment to

"The death penalty is too severe to

rubber stamp on certain crimes," he

said. "The judge should be able to

evaluate any extenuating cir-

He said "parole is more than just a waiting period for prisoners before being

"Parole is the time for a prisoner to

prove himself in society," Sharp said.

He said he would give stiff sentences to

One of the major problems with

'The National Association of Parole

parole, Sharp said, is the lack of parole

Officers says the average case load for a

make mandatory for any one crime.

death sentences for specific crimes.

their fingers and get a second judge."

is not necessarily needed at this time, but that now is the time to start "the necessary political machinery" moving.

"The increase in the number of cases,

Centre County will need a second judge.



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Brown wants second area judge

almost a daily basis and have kept current with the practices and procedures in Centre County's court-

Brown said that as DA he was

responsible for administrating and

keeping current a court calendar of

Brown, said he has only practiced law

half as long as his opponent, Democrat

Richard Sharp and through his job as

District Attorney his legal experience has been intensified.

criminal and civil law equal to my op-

ponents in one half the time," Brown

"My 12 years of experience as DA is a

Brown said that he favors the death

"Although the effectiveness of it (the

death penalty) as a deterrent is con-

stantly debated, I believe that capital

punishment is indeed a deterrent," he

Brown said that there are documented

cases where criminals do not take

weapons with them for fear that if

cannot afford to hire more officers, he

said, so the officers have to do the best

"As the county grows, he said, "there

Judge Campbell sat before 850 cases

last year, Sharp said. The Supreme

court Administration Office said the

average trial judge in Pennsylvania sat

before an average of 285 cases last year,

"We can safely estimate," Sharp said,

"that Judge Campbell worked two-and-

a-half times more than the average

He said the Supreme Court

Administration Office recommended

that Centre County be given top priority

The state legislature killed a bill that

would have given the county a new judge

last year, Sharp said. The bill was killed

because other legislators tagged

amendments on it giving their own

districts new judges along with Centre

There is no question that Centre

County needs a new judge, Sharp said,

the question is will the legislators give

Sharp stressed, however, that he could

is also a need for more judicial growth."

job they can in spite of the work load. Sharp also said the county has a

shortage of judges.

Pennsylvania judge.

for getting a new judge.

County, he said.

one when it is needed.

handle the current caseload.

Sharp favors the death penalty

wealth of experience unique to my

"I have the experience in both

almost 6,000 felonys and misdemeanors.

house," Brown said.

candidacy." he said.

the death penalty.

'necessary evil.'

public's standpoint.

be done," he said.

constantly changing.

the courtroom," he said.

under the old drug law.

record," Sharp said.

sylvania," Sharp said.

other candidates, he said.

\$12,000 on his fall campaign.

DA's office.

Brown said.

that the death penalty can give it,"

"Plea bargaining is appropriate when it advances the cause of criminal justice," he said, "and not when it is

used to relieve the duties of the district attorney, public defender, or any other defense council."

Brown said that plea bargaining can

Brown said that if he is elected, he will

sever all ties with his private practice,

his former clients, and also with the

'It is something that absolutely must

Brown said that he sees the courtroom

"I am at an age where I've had the

as a dynamic institution — one that is

necessary experience, yet retained the

vitality and involvement to be a leader in

now written so judges can give first time marijuana offenders a second opportunity. He said he would like to see

the legislature remove the misdemeanor

"Many of these people have proven

convictions of the people prosecuted

themselves to be good citizens and

should not have criminal offense on their

He said he would like to see a uniform

drug law that would eliminate the

conflicts between the different state

"It is ridiculous that a person would

receive a felony conviction for having

marijuana in Texas and only receive a

misdemeanor conviction in Penn-

creature so a judge's race should not be a political contest," Sharp said.

The canons of judicial ethics have set

up guidelines which do not allow can-

didates for judge to use sensational

advertisements or to run in tandem with

"It's impossible, however, to run a

campaign without money," Sharp said. He said his campaign will cost ap-

proximately \$10,000, 90 per cent of which

will come out of his own pocket.

"A judge can not be a political

Brown said that he has spent \$10,000 to

be useful from both the defendant's and

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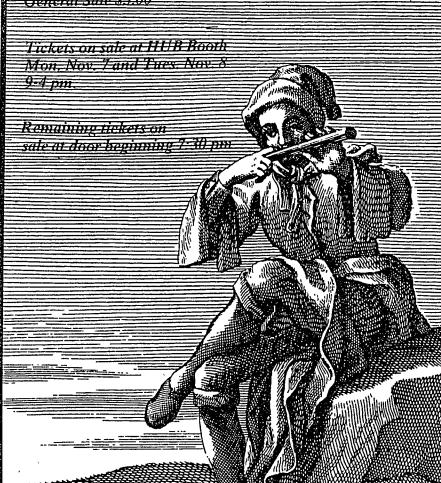
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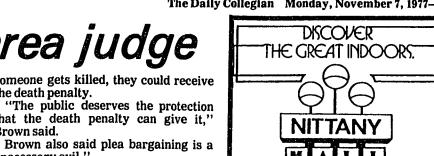


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