

Features house built in 1880s

University offering farm for sale

The University has announced it will offer for public sale on Wednesday, Sept. 13 a 142-acre farm in Spruce Creek Township in Huntingdon County.

The property, known as Carper Farm, is located 20 miles south of State College, along Route 45, one mile north of Spruce Creek.

The University purchased the property in 1964, said Richard H. Baker, assistant treasurer and director of financial management for the University. Under agreement, the present tenants, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barr, have remained to operate the farm and act as guardians of the trout stream just south of the property.

The stream and surrounding 25 acres will be retained by the University. They are particularly valuable because the trout are native to the stream and the subject of trout propagation studies by the University, Baker said.

Baker said the farm is being sold because "there is simply no need for it." He could not estimate what the University would receive for it, only that it would be sold to the highest bidder.

An open inspection of the property will be held on Sunday

from 1 to 5 p.m. Reading of the deed and complete information will be heard Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Terms include 10 percent down if the property is declared sold and the balance of the bid in 60 days upon delivery of the deed.

The Barrs may remain as tenants until October 30, Baker said. After that their tenancy is the option of the new owners. The Barrs could not be reached for comment on their plans.

The property includes 80 acres of tillable land, 54 acres in pasture, 7 acres in timber and brush and a one-acre homesite, where a colonial brick house, built in the mid-1880s, stands. Other structures include a barn, a corn crib, a horse stable, hog-pen and shop building. Mineral rights are included with the sale.

An interesting feature of the surrounding area is an old stone toll house on a two-acre tract which stands in testament to a thruway that once passed through the land, Baker said. The colonial house faces opposite the current road, in the direction of the former route.

—by Kathy Fitzgerald

Interest-funding groups top labor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Recently formed conservative groups have been far more successful raising funds for this year's congressional campaigns than traditional business and labor groups, the Federal Election Commission reported Thursday.

The report showed that four of the five most successful political action committees in the 18-month period ending last June were identified with conservative issues.

The other one was the American Medical Society's political arm, a group with no political affiliation but which has a long history of supporting conservative causes and candidates.

The AFL-CIO, traditionally one of the leading spenders in political races, ranked no better than eighth in the list of fund-raisers.

"The FEC figures released today confirm the alarming trend in the growth of special interest group political money in general, and corporate related political money in particular," said Fred Wertheimer, senior vice president of Common Cause, a watchdog group.

"We are rapidly heading toward a new political system of 'PAC democracy' with Congress representing the political action committees of America instead of its citizens," he said.

The FEC report showed the number of registered political action committees raising money and supporting candidates has jumped from slightly more than 700 in 1975 to nearly 1,500 now. Together they collected \$54 million.

The biggest money raisers in order were Ronald Reagan's Citizens for the Republic, \$2.1 million; the National Conservative Political Action Committee, \$2 million; the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, \$1.5 million; the American Medical Political Action Committee, \$1.4 million, and Gun Owners of America, \$1.2 million.

The AFL-CIO raised \$735,000, eighth on the list, and the United Auto Workers

was the only other union in the top 10, finishing 10th with \$700,000.

Among political parties, Republicans were far more adept at raising money, the FEC reported, with a total of \$49.6 million — \$27 million of it for the Republican National Committee. The Democrats could raise only \$14.4 million, \$8.7 million of it for the national committee.

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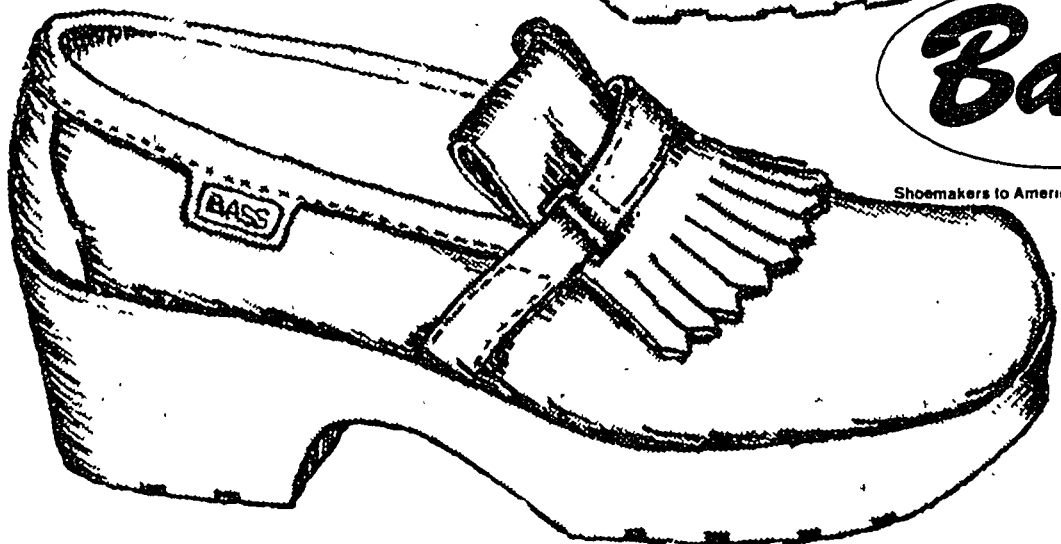
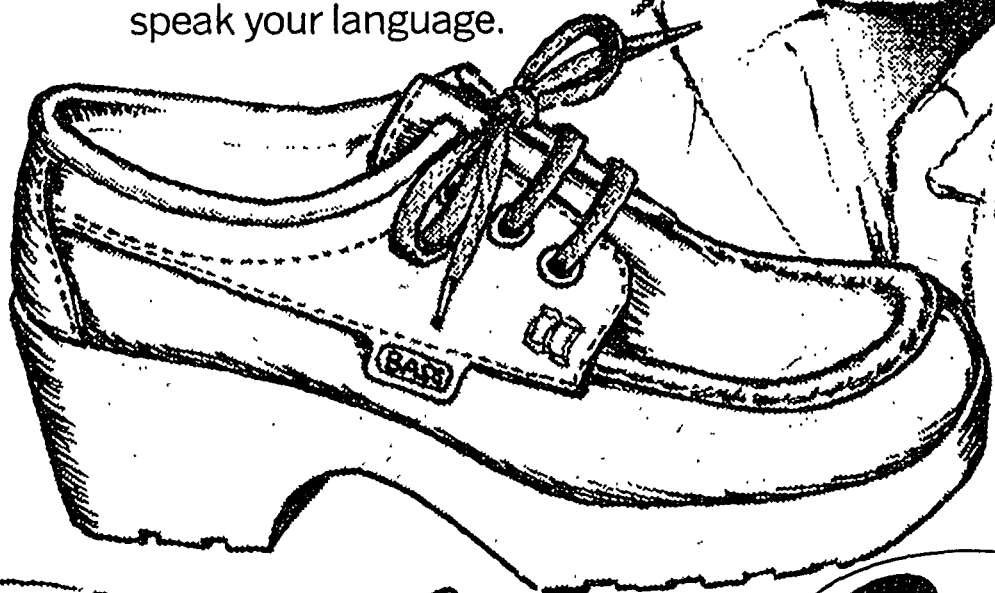
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