

Coalition not to meet candidates

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The Central Region Labor and Education Coalition will not meet with any candidates for the November elections, a member of the coalition steering committee said yesterday.

John Black, president of District 1199-P of the Hospital and Health Care Employees Union, said the coalition would concentrate only on candidates that were running on labor-related issues.

"None of the candidates in the local elections are running on issues that are important to the labor issues," Black said.

The coalition steering committee had said in September that it would meet

with the candidates before the general election in November.

Jeffrey M. McGhee, a representative of Teamsters Local Union 8, also said the coalition had not made a firm commitment to meeting the candidates.

"The idea of a candidate meeting had been kicked around by the committee," McGhee said, "but nothing ever came of it."

Black said the coalition, formed in mid-September, does not make candidate endorsements.

"We recommend those candidates that are friends of labor to the representatives of area unions," he said.

The coalition includes representatives from the AFL-CIO, the Teamsters, the Federation of Telephone Workers of

Pennsylvania, the National Education Association and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

McGhee said the area unions organized into a coalition to educate union members and the public on labor-related issues.

"We are not an endorsing body," he said. "We only try to inform members and the public on labor issues."

Black said another reason for forming the coalition was a "defensive matter" on the part of area labor unions.

"Labor is under assault by big business and state and local legislators," Black said. "They are trying to undermine the present legislation which protects labor."

Liberal Arts prepares more options

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Because of increasing concern that a liberal arts degree will not be marketable, some departments in The College of The Liberal Arts are adding options to their undergraduate program to better prepare students about to enter the job market.

"We don't want to leave students out in the cold," said Alfred J. Le Blanc, assistant professor of French.

To keep students from the cold, the French department offers a French-business option that tries to equip the student with more than one marketable skill, he said.

With the number of American businesses with operations in foreign countries increasing, the demand for employees who have both foreign language and business skills is also rising, Le Blanc said.

French students graduating with the bachelor of science business option would be trained to speak and write French and would understand general business concepts, he said.

Although the business courses are considered general overviews by some French-business majors, many think they will be helpful in finding a business-related job.

"You can deal with business because you've had accounting, finance and marketing," said Gabrielle Santos (10th-French). "Businesses will look at the courses you've taken and say 'we can train you.'"

French-business option majors are required to take 36

credits of French, 21 credits of business, and 12 credits in economics and English.

Since the business option was introduced in 1976, there has been a 25 percent increase in the number of students majoring in French, associate professor of French Thomas A. Hale said.

"Most, if not all, of that increase is due to the business option," he said.

French-business majors have found positions with the National Security Agency; the Hunt Manufacturing Company, an import-export firm; and the State Farm Insurance Company.

The French department is hoping to implement a French-business option at the graduate level, professor Richard L. Frautschi, head of the French department said.

The graduate student would earn a master of arts degree in French and a master of science in business. The program is awaiting approval from the College of Business Administration, he said.

Other departments in the College of The Liberal Arts are following the French department's lead in designing inter-departmental programs.

Professor Ernst Schurer, German department head, said a German-business option modeled after the French program has been developed but awaits approval from the College of Business Administration before the University Faculty-Senate will vote on its initiation.

Anti-vandalism campaign planned

An anti-vandalism campaign including bumper stickers, buttons, and T-shirts will soon be underway in the Centre Region.

A community committee against vandalism accepted a proposal Monday from Ronald A. Shroyer, vice president of Barash Advertising Inc., for a multimedia campaign developed around a logo design and anti-vandalism slogan.

Funding for the campaign is expected to come from various community and governmental sources. However, committee member J. Stephen Dershimer said he hoped funding for the

campaign would also come from individual citizens.

"We hope to collect smaller amounts from many sources," he said. "One of the keys to defeating vandalism is to involve the community in the fight."

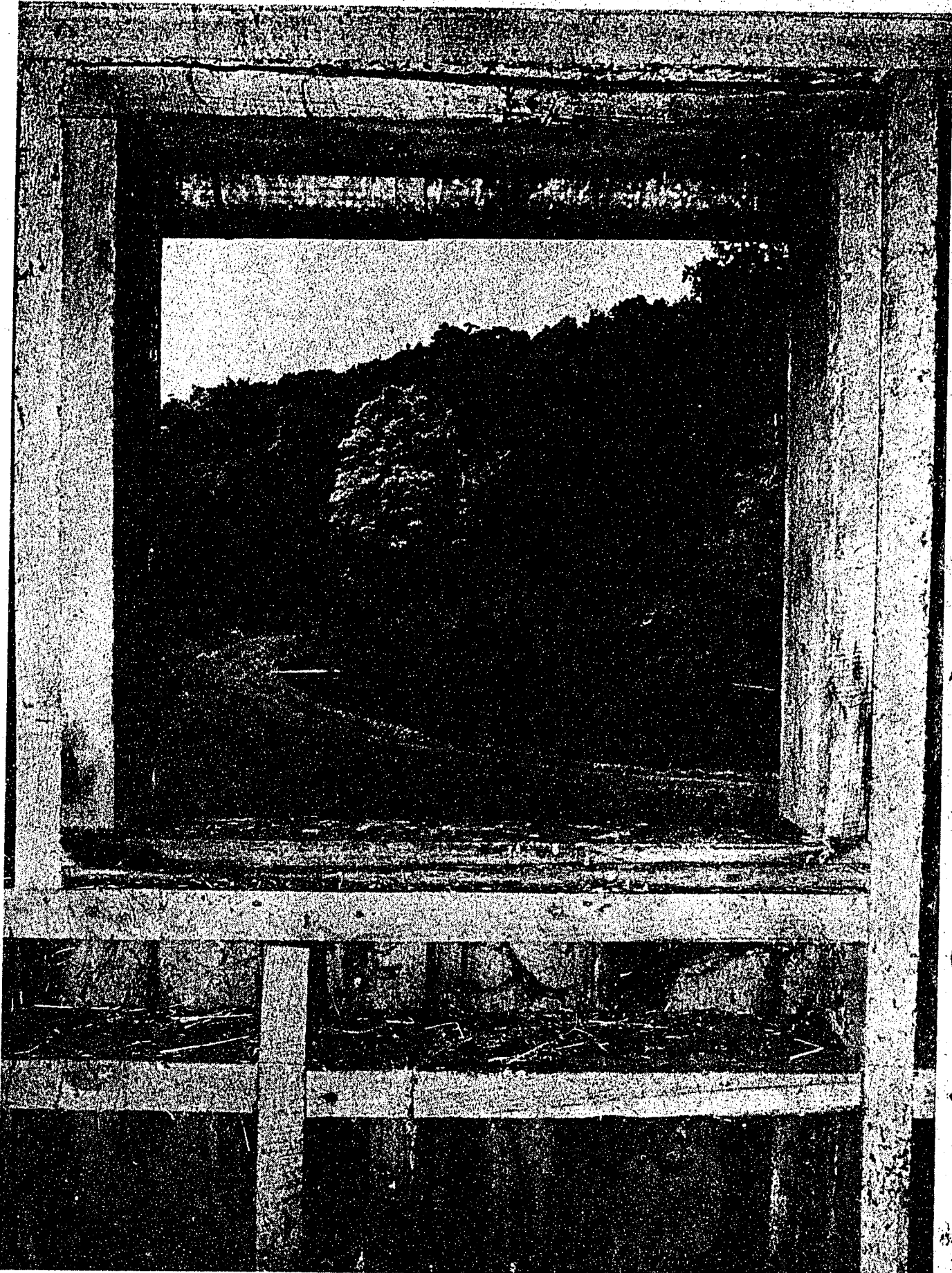
The anti-vandalism committee, which includes representatives of the State College Area School District, the University and the State College borough was organized by Dershimer with others in the Downtown Business Association of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce in February.

However, Dershimer said numerous other groups, such as the Interfraternity Council, parent-teacher groups and downtown businesses, are also interested in joining the campaign.

Dershimer said a possible logo contest is being planned for the elementary schools in an effort to get more young people involved.

"We want to get as many people involved in this as we can," he said. "Because if you think about it, every citizen is a victim of vandalism."

—by Scott Hileman



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A barn window captures this bit of fall scenery in a picturesque still. The pond and barn are located on a farm a few miles north of the campus.

HOMECOMING '79

"PENN STATE . . . WE CALL IT HOME"

Monday, October 1 through Monday, October 15 HUB Display
(historical pictorial of Homecoming)

Friday, Oct. 12

6:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade

7:15 p.m. Candlelight Ceremony (Old Main)

7:30 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Reception
(Nittany Lion Inn)

8:00 p.m. Gil Eagles (# 1 in E.S.P. and Hypnosis)

10:00 p.m. Bonfire, Pep Rally (south of stadium)
cheerleaders and Blue Band

12:00 a.m. Vigil at the Lion (WQWK)

Saturday, Oct. 13

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donut Reception (College of
Journalism Alumni) Carnegie Building

1:00 p.m. Balloon Launch (Beaver Stadium)

1:30 p.m. Penn State vs. Army

11:00 p.m. All-Night Movies

Sunday, Oct. 14

9:30 a.m. Alumni Breakfast (HUB Ballroom)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Eisenhower Auditorium)

7:30 p.m. Homecoming Awards Ceremony (HUB Ballroom)