

Haas, Chaffee top borough council race

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Unofficial results show Daniel Chaffee and incumbent Mary Ann Haas won the majority of votes in the State College Municipal Council race for two of the four open seats; however, the other two seats were too close to call as of 4 a.m. today.

At last counts with 15 of 18 precincts reporting, Mary Ann Haas had 2,278 votes; Daniel Chaffee, 2,129; Fred Hansberger, 1,680; James Deeslie, 1,582; Joseph Wakeley, 1,595; and J. Steven Dershimer, 1,529. Student write-in candidate Michael Scanlon had 170 votes.

Chaffee, a Democrat, and Haas, a

Republican, ran on both tickets which gave them an unusually high number of votes because of straight party voting.

Chaffee, who was a write-in candidate in the spring primaries said, "I'm delighted, of course. Ecstatic may be a better word since I was not on the ballot at all at first."

Chaffee said he was confident of victory since he had the extra edge of running on both tickets.

During the campaign, Chaffee claimed that the present council had been doing a good job and did not overregulate as other candidates had claimed.

Chaffee said the voters must have

gotten his point. "I want to continue that good job," he said.

Chaffee said he ran a general campaign and did not gear his efforts toward any particular group. He said he is pleased with the election of Mary Ann Haas and is confident that he can work well with her.

Mary Ann Haas and other candidates could not be reached for comment.

As of 4 a.m., three of the precincts that had not reported account for 2,430 votes. Because of the extreme closeness between candidates Hansberger, Wakeley and Deeslie, even a prediction could not be made. Election officials did not expect final results until sometime early today.

Even Dershimer, the candidate lagging in the most votes at 4 a.m., could come from behind to win depending on returns from the unreported precincts.

In 10 of 15 reported precincts, Haas led in number of votes, and Chaffee ranked consistently second.

However, Chaffee led Haas in four precincts, all of them student dominated. Haas and Chaffee tied in one precinct. Scanlon ranked consistently last in all reported precincts.

Overall turnout in State College for the 15 precincts was 31.3 percent. In eight student dominated precincts, turnout was 20.4 percent. In the seven other reported precincts, turnout was 45 percent.



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Turnout low in student precincts

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Voter turnout in eight student-dominated State College precincts was 20.4 percent in yesterday's election, according to unofficial county returns.

Overall, in 15 of 18 State College precincts, 3,411 of 10,898, or 31.3 percent, of the registered voters turned out.

In the student-dominated precincts, 1,251 of 6,119 registered voters turned out. In seven of the 10 other precincts, 2,160 of 4,779, or 45 percent, of those registered voted.

With 53 of 82 precincts reporting, 12,161 of 24,580, or 49 percent, of the registered county voters turned out.

The student-dominated precincts are West Central; East 1, 2, 3 and 4; and East College 1, 2 and 3. These precincts include most of campus and many downtown

apartment buildings, student residences and fraternities.

The two leading vote-getters in State College in the race for Municipal Council, Daniel Chaffee and Mary Ann Haas, led in the eight student-dominated precincts. Chaffee finished first in four precincts and Haas in three. In one precinct, East 3, they tied, each receiving 105 votes.

In seven of the other 10 precincts, Haas maintained the lead over Chaffee. Overall, in 15 of 18 precincts, Haas won 10 and tied for first with Chaffee in one. Chaffee won only four of the reporting precincts, all of them student dominated.

Last minute student write-in candidate Mike Scanlon, president of the Organization for Town Independent Students, finished last in six of seven student-dominated precincts, while receiving no votes at all in another.

In all eight student-dominated precincts, Scanlon received 129 votes. Downtown, Scanlon fared just as poorly, receiving 41 votes in the other precincts.

The lowest percentage of student turnout was in precinct East 2, which includes South Halls. There, 61 of 678, or 9 percent, of the registered voters turned out.

The precinct with the highest proportion of student turnout was East 1, which includes East Halls. In that precinct, 299 of 896, or 33 percent, of those registered voted.

In the student-dominated precinct with the highest number of voters registered, East 4, which includes Pollock and Nittany Halls, turnout was 13.4 percent. There, 152 of 1,134 registered voters turned out.

In the race for county commissioners, Republican Jeffrey Bower swept all eight student-dominated precincts. He was followed by incumbent Democrat John Saylor.

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Official rates University loan defaults low

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The default rate for the National Direct Student Loan in 1979 for University graduates is 8.82 percent, 8 points lower than the national average, Deputy Controller George Eane said.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently reported the national default average as 17 percent.

"There is some assertion that the

delinquency problem is related to students accepting a loan and not knowing it was a loan," Director of Financial Aid John Brugel said. "We make it clear in the loan package we give to students that this is a loan."

NDSL has provided more than 25,000 loans for University students, totaling more than \$32 million, since the program began in 1959, Lane said. He said over \$10 million has been collected.

Lane said that as of June 30 the University issued \$21.4 million in 15,000 working loans. Eleven hundred of the 15,000 loans, or \$1.9 million, are considered to be in default. When a loan is considered in default, a student has not made payment for at least 180 days, but most of the loan defaults are more than two years old, he said.

In calculating the default rate, the federal government uses the \$1.9 million figure, which is the total amount of the delinquent loans, Lane said. Actually, of the \$1.9 million, \$728,000 has to be paid by borrowers.

Lane said all students with NDSL loans are interviewed at the Student Loan Office before they leave school. Each student is given written information listing their responsibilities for repayment of the loan.

After an interest-free grace period of nine months, beginning the day the student graduates, the Office of Student Loans begins quarterly billing with 3 percent interest, Lane said.

"If we don't receive payment or a student makes no arrangement for payment, we are as careful and liberal as possible," Lane said. "After six months (of delinquency), we must turn the account over to a collection agency because of the federal Due Delinquency Law."

"This law says that any means must be taken to collect the delinquent money," he said. "The collection agency tries whatever means to collect the debt. Legal action can be taken, but it rarely is."

The University has one of the lowest default rates in the country, Lane said. Last year the University's delinquency rate was 11 percent.

"We are the best in the country because we have an in-house collection agency," Lane said. "I get the impression that many other universities hire an outside agency for total collection. We have people at the University who are working very, very hard to track down students who are delinquent in their payments. I think you can do it better by yourself."

The Housing, Education and Welfare Office said any school having delinquencies exceeding 10 percent of its funding would be affected by a reduction of its federal funds for this program, he said.

"We have a pool of funds," Lane said. "Whatever we collect from loans that were issued five or six years ago can be used for loans that we issue this year. The money we collect is turned over and loaned back to the students."

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Bower was followed by incumbent Democrat John T. Saylor, with 5,753 votes; incumbent Republican John Glatz, with 5,025 votes; and Democrat Stanley R. Gryczuk, with 3,777 votes.

The top three vote-getters will assume the county commissioner position in January.

Bower said that after a successful spring primary, in which he was the top vote-getter, he expected to do well.

"My supporters worked very hard to prepare for the spring primaries and for this election, so we had hoped to do very well," Bower said.

"It's been a very long race and I'm just pleased that it has come to a successful end," Bower said.

Gryczuk, who was running last in the commissioner's race, said he was obviously "disappointed with the results, but it was what he had expected."

"The Republicans were very well organized and did a good job getting their voters out," Gryczuk said. "It is hard to win an office as large as county commissioner without party support, and I don't feel that the Democrats were that well organized."

Gryczuk also said name recognition was a problem for him in the campaign.

"I ran my own campaign and so people did not know my name," Gryczuk said.

"I'm disappointed that it is often name recognition and not candidate qualification that most often decides an election," Gryczuk said. "I state my campaign on my qualification."

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Gryczuk said his opponents did not take a stand on issues which could have hurt them.

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