the district attorney candidates

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## Community action important, Mix says By JOE GRACE

**Daily Collegian Staff Writer** 

the Republican nomination for Centre alone." County district attorney.

since 1974, also served as the county's ty judicial process. court administrator and as law clerk to "I want to establish a district attor-Campbell from 1972 to 1974.

rience that's necessary to fill the posi- answers."

certed community effort is needed to what the law really is. make any significant inroads into the Crime is on the rise in Centre County, county's crime problem.

the community.

"A lot more community participation is needed," he said. "I think people tend Robert A. Mix is counting on six years to look at law enforcement agencies and of experience within the Centre County say, 'We hired you to enforce the law criminal justice system to carry him to go ahead and do it.' But we can't do it Mix has some definite ideas about

Mix, first assistant district attorney getting the citizenry involved in the coun-

then-Common Pleas Judge R. Paul ney's advisory committee, composed of business organizations, community rep-"My experience here in the district resentatives and law enforcement offiattorney's office is definitely one of my cials, to discuss the law enforcement strong points," Mix, 33, said. "For the needs of the county," Mix said. "I want last 6½ years, I've accumulated the trial to identify those needs and then do someexperience and the administrative expe- thing about them. We don't have all the

Mix also said there must be more law Mix said he is leery of quick, spectactu- enforcement education programs for the arising from its application. lar crime-solving solutions. He said his public. He said it is important for the experience has shown him that a con- public to have a better understanding of

but extremely violent crimes such as



Robert A. Mix

Mix said that although he is not personwonders about constitutional problems do with it, too." "A problem with capital punishment is

poor people are sentenced to death more police officer's problems. often than other groups," he said. One local controversy surrounding the

Lisko stresses police work **By JOE GRACE** 

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Roy Lisko has seen the warning signals in his two years as an assistant Centre County district attorney — burglary is up, rape is increasing and weapons offenses are rising. Now, he's out to warn the public as well.

"It's very apparent to me that crime has risen dramatically in this area," said Lisko, 30, who is campaigning for the Republican nomination for district attorney. "I was a State College policeman eight years ago, and we did not have the amount of crime then that we have now.

"We've always had rape, but we didn't always have armed "We need to let the police know how far they can go without I'm not exactly sure why.

criminals seem to be more brazen than they used to be," he cannot do."

uneven application — minorities and experience as an indication that he understands the average that would be more mandatory than right now," he said.

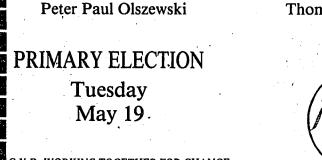
used to be one of them. I have the advantage of having been in

the street at 2 a.m. and having seen that robber run away. as well," he said. "They're equipped as far as guns go, but I think there's more we can do.'

police abreast of changing criminal justice procedures.

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"The public is demanding insurance murder and rape are not prevalent criminal justice system is drug parthat crime be immediately prosecuted enough to scrutinize or criticize sentencaphernalia ordinances, and Mix said he and stiffer sentences be imposed," he ing procedures, Mix said. sees constitutional problems there as said. "I certainly agree that our sen-"We did have a recent manslaughter tences must have a deterrent effect. But case, though, and the conviction resulted Mix attended Dickinson College as an it's not something the D.A. can do alone. in the maximum allowable sentence," he undergraduate, and graduated from the He has to work with the judges, and with said. "I think that's a good indicator that Dickinson School of Law in 1972. sentencing is stiff here." Congratulations Graduating Seniors PENN STATE **COLLEGE YOUNG DEMOCRATS** of Chi Omega! Sue Babich **ENDORSEMENTS** Karen Breen Karen Eveu JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT DISTRICT ATTORNEY Nancy Hickey Robert E. Colville H. Amos Goodall Jr. Nan Leonard Joseph R. Glancev Best of Luck UDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH CT. MAYOR (write in) Joseph T. Doyle Arnold Addison UDGE COMMON PLEAS COURT **COUNCILMAN** Felicia Lewis Benjamin Novak James Deeslie **Richard Hudock UDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** SCHOOL DIRECTOR **Richard DiSalle** Donald E. Wieand Loretta M. Jeffreys David N. Saritt Mary S. "Polly" Eddy Thomas W. Benson



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robbery, and we've had two or three armed robberies in the trampling someone's constitutional rights," he said. "The Ges private defense counselor, as his qualifi- sive prosecution of drug use, but claim past few months," he said. "Violent crime is coming here, and changes aren't so much statutory, but procedural. Search and seizure is booming right now as a result of recent court "Maybe it's because people are a little more sophisticated, decisions. We want the police to be aware of what they can and

ally opposed to the death penalty, he said. "The availability of weapons probably has something to ..... The district attorney's office supplies the county police departments with memos on criminal law developments, but Lisko emphasized the role of the police officer on the street Lisko wants to take that practice one step further. in the battle against crime, and pointed to his own street "I'm pushing for in-service, on-the-job training of policemen

> Lisko, like all district attorney candidates running, advo-"I'm empathetic to the policeman's problems, and I think cates aggressive prosecution of crime. But he does not feel a the police tend to be more open with me," he said. "They know I change is necessary in the county court's sentencing practices. "Our primary goal is to prevent crime, and one way we can "We have good cops here, and they see the increase in crime well " be said "" "We're out to prosecute anyone who commits a crime in Centre

County, and we want everyone to know that. Some candidates emphasize law enforcement education for "But I do think the sentencing is appropriate here," he said. the general public, but Lisko stressed the need to keep the "The court has tailored sentencing to fit the crime in Centre County."

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## Goodall favors more organization

By JOE GRACE Daily Collegian Staff Writer public defender, is ready to work on the other side of the criminal justice system in the office of Centre County district same assistant will handle a case from

Goodall, 32, is running unopposed for Another procedure Goodall advocates the Democratic nomination for district is placing an assistant DA on 24-hour call attorney in tomorrow's primary. A part-time assistant public defender police need the legal aid of a district in 1978 and 1979, Goodall is now asso- attorney. ciated with a State College law firm. Goodall points to extensive trial expe- around the controversial issue of drug rience, both as a public defender and a paraphernalia laws. They favor aggres

cation for the DA's office. "I've been a trial attorney since I to enforce. began practicing law, and a primary Goodall, however, is strongly in favor

firm, and I'll be able to draw on all that defending a municipal drug paraphernaexpertise and experience." As a defense counselor. Goodall said October.

rectify if elected. "One way the system doesn't work is tant that the sale of drug paraphernalia magistrate.

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aspects or sections of a particular case," H. Amos Goodall, a former assistant he said. "One assistant might handle the its onset to its conclusion."

> in the case of emergencies in which Most of the DA candidates tiptoe

drug paraphernalia laws are too difficult is perceived as a problem in this commu-

only DA candidate running who's in a law Solicitor Robert Kistler in unsucessfully with the problem.

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nity because it is." Goodall agreed that crime is on the rise duty of a district attorney obviously is to of drug paraphernalia laws. In fact, in the county, and proposed some ways try cases," Goodall said. "I'm also the Goodall assisted State College Municipal for the district attorney's office to deal Goodall received his undergraduate lia ordinance in U.S. District Court last degree from Franklin and Marshall Col-

lege, and earned a law degree from he's noticed some problems with the "The ordinance was a legitimate com- Fordham University in 1974. During law district attorney's office that he'd like to munity response to what they perceived school, he was a law clerk to a New York as a problem," Goodall said. "It's impor- City criminal court judge and to a federal

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hasn't been working.



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# Amendola cites city experience

Joseph L. Amendola says his four years of experience as a Philadelphia assistant district attorney, both on the street and in the courtroom, qualify him as the best candidate for Centre

"If you take the other three candidates for district attorney (one Democrat, two Republicans), and add up their volume of experience, not years but quality, my experience outweighs theirs," said Amendola, 32, who is campaigning for the Repub-

"I've prosecuted thousands of cases, and I've worked in the streets with the Philadelphia police, so I also have a special feeling for the problems police are confronted with," Amendola and anyone else interested in helping the district attorney's

Amendola said he's ready to make some changes in the district attorney's office if elected. "Judging from the criminal justice system here. I think the county is ready for a high-powered, aggressive district attorney." he said. "With the increase in crime everywhere, not just in Centre County, we have to realize that the system we have

"I want to be a people's D.A. — I think people working with people is the best way to attack the problems of crime," he going to be held accountable. their feedback.

town councils, composed of teachers, school board members defense attorney in State College.

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Joseph L. Amendola

battle against crime," he said. Amendola said he had a theory as to why crime is on the rise locally, statewide and nationally.

"It all goes back to people being held accountable for their actions," he said. "It's a basic concept of criminal justice - but somewhere along the line we've gotten away from it. People have to start realizing that no matter what they do, they're

said. "I want to set up town meetings all across the county, with Amendola is a 1970 graduate of the University, and he the district attorney talking to citizens about crime, getting attended the Georgetown University Law Center. He worked in the Philadelphia district attorney's office from 1973 through "As an outgrowth of these town meetings, I'd like to set up 1977. Since then, Amendola has been in private practice as a

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