

the daily collegian opinions

editorial opinion

Endorsements

Despite a lack of captivating issues, this year's race for State College Municipal Council has developed into a politically interesting one. The council Democrats, who hold a slim voting majority, have three seats on the line. The two Democratic incumbent candidates, having been appointed to council, are running their first campaigns.

As a way of pooling their strength, the three Republican candidates have chosen to run as a team with the full backing of Mayor Arnold Addison, who is running unopposed.

And for the first time ever in a State College municipal council race, a legitimate third-party candidate is listed on the ballot.

After considering the seven candidates, their positions on the issues and their past performance in community affairs, The Daily Collegian offers its views on who could best serve both students and the community at large.

Ray Boyle, the Consumer Party candidate, has taken more stands and stronger stands on issues closer to students than have the other candidates, but has not courted the student vote. Instead, he has shown a sincere enthusiasm to represent the entire community and, in compa-

parison with other candidates, has shown more willingness to make his positions clear.

Boyle is just about the only candidate not to reiterate the catchwords "fiscal responsibility" when talking about State College's future. Unlike any other candidate, he speaks of improving the town's environment not just for businesses, but for people also.

Boyle is the only candidate who doesn't think building parking lots should preoccupy the State College Municipal Council. Instead, he says the Centre Area Transportation Authority should be given greater support — a stand on behalf of students, senior citizens, and anyone who doesn't own a car or doesn't want to depend on one.

He is the only candidate to stress the importance of environmental issues: he wants to start a municipal energy commission and recycling program, to help businesses and residents save energy and resources.

If Boyle is elected, he may not sway an otherwise conservative council, but he will force other members to publicly state their views on sensitive but important issues — housing quality, rent control, rezoning — which would otherwise be

dealt with outside of council meetings.

Ray Boyle is the only council candidate whom we endorse without reservations.

Felicia Lewis, a Democrat, was appointed to the council in February. She has said she wants to use some of the federal community development block grants, which State College is eligible to receive because of its new status as a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, to upgrade housing conditions in the area — perhaps the most crucial issue for students who now live in substandard housing.

Lewis has also come out in favor of strengthening requirements for converting homes into apartment units, and supports the municipality's operating Centre Cab as a service to the community.

She is known on council as a sensitive voice of (which, unfortunately, there are few), contributing constructively to debate. We endorse her candidacy, though not as wholeheartedly as Boyle's.

James Deeslie, a Democrat appointed to the council in spring 1980, has shown an interest in the community beyond the commercial interests of the business community.

He has been a strong advocate of

zoning ordinances, the municipal sign ordinance, and housing codes as a way of keeping the downtown area livable.

Deeslie said he favors using SMSA funds to strengthen the Centre Regional Code Enforcement office — a much-needed move considering the condition of many buildings that house students. Deeslie has also advocated raising the housing code standards.

Deeslie has not been afraid to defend unpopular moves he's made, such as supporting the preposterous and ill-fated municipal "bong law" as well as its operating Centre Cab company.

On a council with few voices raised on behalf of student concerns, Deeslie's occasional support is welcome.

John Dombroski's views are certainly not what many students would like to hear: He supports providing more downtown parking space — although he says local businesses should have a hand in paying for it, dropping municipal support from Centre Cab, and lessening the effects of borough housing codes and zoning ordinances.

However, Dombroski, a Republican, has shown his interest and concern for the community by regularly speaking out at municipal council

meetings and has been the most candid, open-minded and independent of the Republican "team" candidates.

We have difficulty, however, giving full endorsement to either Deeslie or Dombroski, though both have qualities that could benefit the council.

We have chosen not to support Democrat Grove Speary and Republicans Ralph Way and Gary Wisner. Speary's positions may not be drastically different from those of Lewis and Deeslie, and Wisner's are similar to Dombroski's, but neither has shown evidence of strong leadership qualities in interviews and candidates night discussions.

Way, alone among seven candidates, failed to attend candidates night sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Undergraduate Student Government, and declined to be interviewed concerning his candidacy.

The Daily Collegian's editorial opinion is determined by the Board of Opinion, with the editor-in-chief holding final responsibility. Replies to these endorsements are welcome, and must be delivered to 126 Carnegie by 5 p.m. today in order to appear in tomorrow's Collegian.

—reader opinion—

Right to life

Robin Wien wrote to the Collegian that "Pro-lifers for Survival lists contradictory ideas by 'voicing anti-abortion doctrine through the peace movement.' As a member of that organization I would like to defend and clarify our position. Robin seems to have misunderstood our inspiration.

We as members of pro-life and peace groups who have found that our outcry to defend human life could be consistently extended to either side: pro-life Reaganites who could no longer advocate a defense system which would drop nuclear bombs on the born and unborn, and of course, leftists like myself who became convinced that a fetus is a meaningful life in need of defense.

I see Robin would legitimize abortion in part by economic arguments. Will we deal with economic injustice by eliminating its potential victims through the use of free-to-choose, strapped mother, or by attacking the real enemy: class exploitation and injustice? Maybe you otherwise end up exploiting the women you seek to defend.

Of course our argument rests on two premises: 1) fetal life is meaningful life, and 2) all life is precious, and not to be sucked out of the uterus or bombed. We believe there are many on the right and

left who can consistently extend their beliefs to these premises. The presence of our organization is a humble yet convicting piece of evidence in support of that belief.

We work on both sides. We do not work for or against legislation, or shout at women entering abortion clinics. We calmly present our beliefs and evidence in educational formats.

The connection, you see, lies not entirely in who kills what and how, but with people who have found their beliefs tragically inconsistent if drawn out on the end of the first half.

While all of these explanations appear to be soundly based, I feel that they overlook the major cause of the problem — a passive student body. With roughly 20,000 students in attendance at each home game, the alumni should not be needed to make noise, even if Beaver Stadium does not have the acoustics of Eisenhower Auditorium. Of course there is always the first half blowout theory.

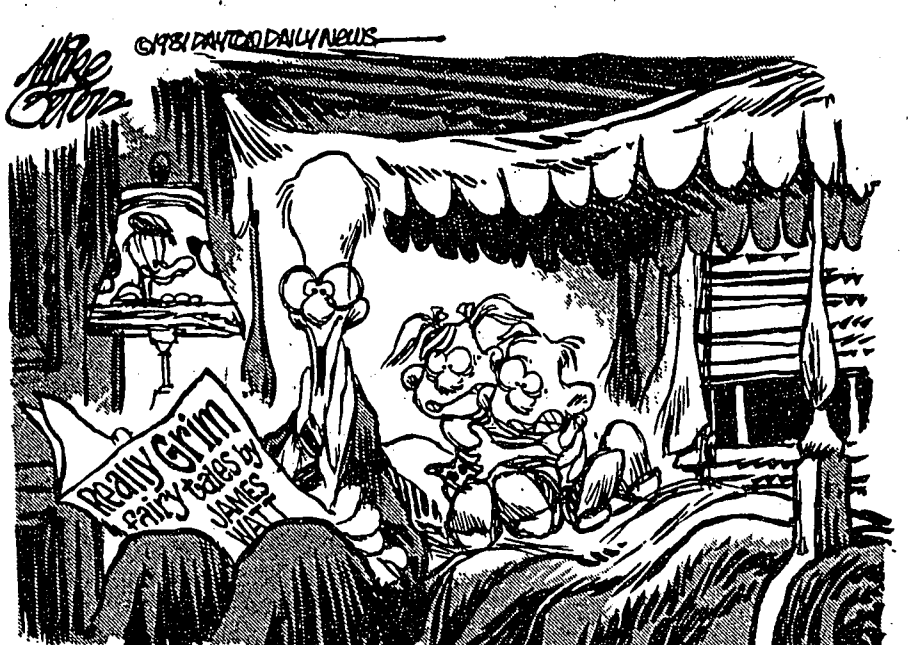
On Saturday, Oct. 24, Penn State was leading a fired up West Virginia team by three points at the end of the first half, hardly a blowout. Did that generate the enthusiasm that the players have been hoping for? No. Even with the score that close, the primary concern of the student body was how to stretch their alcohol throughout the second half in order to ward off the cold. If everyone stood up and cheered a little bit, we would all stay warm.

Penn State is the number one football team in the nation; however, we will have to fight to stay on top, especially when Alabama and Notre Dame come to town. Let's not lose a game and a possible national championship because we, the student body, were afraid to stand up and cheer.

Mark A. White, 4th-chemical engineering Oct. 27

Don't be afraid

During the past month, there have been many letters written about the lack of crowd enthusiasm at Penn State home football games. These articles have tried to explain this problem in three ways: 1) By pointing out that Penn State alumni are educated football fans who enjoy



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Reuben Sairs, State College resident Oct. 23

As I walked past the Student Book Store on College Avenue the other day, I was a bit disturbed by the current window painting adorning a large area of glass. It was an advertisement for a haunted house which will take place at Crow House this coming Halloween weekend. Like many great-sponsored events, it will benefit a charity, always a worthy and noble thing to do.

My dismay was not caused by the idea of a haunted house, or by the charitable motivation involved. What upset me, and still does, was the larger-than-life picture of a woman with large mammary glands, a slit in her dress exposing the entire length of one thigh, and whose wrists were bound in manacles. This was the dominant focal point in a picture intended to advertise a haunted house.

I spoke to Mrs. Adams, in the Student Book Store, regarding this painting. She was helpful and a bit concerned, but it had never occurred to her to first approve the designs which frequently adorn the store's windows.

You must realize I use the terms "ladies and gentlemen" because I feel that the large majority of the students are gentlemen and ladies. And, although a few of the men are nerds, engineers, and sex fiends, or whatever class you want to fit them in, there are also an equal number of females in these categories. Let them find each other and let the ladies and gentlemen find each other.

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All people

What is wrong with the students on this campus? In the past week or so The Daily Collegian has run a letter from an anonymous female who is evidently dissatisfied with the men at University Park, and countless letters from irate engineers, nerds, Hare Krishnas, and gays.

It is my observation that many of the gentlemen on this campus would like to find a nice young lady (I'm one of those gentlemen) and many of the ladies on campus are looking for a gentleman. Fine. Now what is the problem?

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Act takes vets' aid, reclassifies benefits

By JOHN MOYER
Political affairs vice president
Penn State Veterans' Organization
On Oct. 1, 1981, the Omnibus Reconciliation Act went into effect. Among the many facets of this law were several that reduced student aid. These aid cuts affect many students, but possibly the cruellest cut of all deals with veterans.

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By the simple act of designating veterans' benefits as financial aid rather than earned income, for the purpose of calculating Guaranteed Student Loan eligibility, the student veteran's ability to continue his education has been drastically reduced. Previously, veteran's benefits were not considered as part of the student's Financial Aid Package, which allowed most vets to obtain up to \$2,500 a year in low-interest loans. Veterans, more so than "traditional students," are independent of their families and this borrowing ability has provided the necessary funds for many vets to continue their education.

Under the recent change, the average veteran's borrowing power has been reduced in the neighborhood of \$1,000 per year. We feel that this arbitrary reduction is contrary to the law's intent.

Title 38, U.S. Code states that educational benefits for veterans were established to "provide educational assistance to qualified and deserving young people who might otherwise be unable to afford an education." Benefits are provided to "restore lost educational opportunities to those servicemen whose careers have been interrupted or impeded by active duty in the military." When we entered the military service, we understood that if we desired to continue our education upon the completion of active duty, the financial means to do so would be made available to us. Now we are being told that this money is not an earned entitlement at all, but the same as "gift aid."

In worse shape yet are those student vets who entered the service after Jan. 1, 1977, and who have participated in the "contributory" program by assigning up to \$100 a month from their pay to a fund designed to aid them in educational expenses upon completion of their service. This person is now being kindly told that this money, HIS PAY, was not earned or saved but is "gift aid."

As student veterans, we feel that this change wrongfully penalizes those who have served their country. Veterans, before the completion of their service, get slashing at falls on another of our "benefits" we must band together as a group and represent our concerns. If you care, help fight for what is ours. If we don't speak now, our legislators will interpret our silence as consent and we will make ourselves and future veterans a prime target yet other cuts.

Karna Reot, 10th-biology Oct. 28

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Proud trash

To the thousands of people who feel compelled to party and be PENN STATE PROUD on football weekends, judging from the vast amounts of garbage strewn about our beautiful campus and town, you certainly aren't leaving much to PROUD about.

Sandy Alexander, 9th-biology Oct. 27

—reader opinion—

Transition

On the whole, I enjoyed reading Tim Beidel's review of Bob Dylan's concert at Rec Hall. I especially liked his concept of Dylan (in italics), a "force all its own understood by all those '60s children and '70s stragglers who know exactly how it feels."

Two of his comments, though, need a little qualifying.

Beidel says, "Dylan's musical style now seems stranded in a transition between hard rock and reggae-influenced music." He's right, but I think the first half of his sentence should be emphasized. Dylan's music is "stranded in transition." It always has been and it always will be. Dylan is an artist who constantly revises his art to fit his current moods and outlook. He is transition personified. Right now, he's playing rock and a couple of reggae versions. But as for next year, who knows? Dylan has made astonishing changes before the vent electric before shocked folkies at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, and he will make them again.

And the "titular overanalyzation" which Beidel says may result from the Rec Hall concert has always been a problem for him. His songs are so baroque and

open to interpretation, no one analysis of his music can be correct.

I do think Dylan's recent adherence to Christianity has magnified this problem. For instance, the chorus of "Like a Rolling Stone" — "How does it feel?" — may now seem like a question addressed to born-again Christians. Similarly, "The Times They Are A-Changing" can now be read as a foreshadowing of Judgment Day. But then, Dylan is one superstar of pop culture who has never been worried that his changes may alienate his fans. He is one of the few creators of pop culture, unafraid of risk. Probably the most devoted Bob Dylan fan would be one who is always waiting to see what mask he will wear next.

Randall Anderson, graduate-journalism Oct. 27

God and Dylan

Dear Tim Beidel,

We'd like to clear up your misunderstanding of Bob Dylan's change from the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, and he will make them again.

And the "titular overanalyzation" which Beidel says may result from the Rec Hall concert has always been a problem for him. His songs are so baroque and

cle. You also made the statement "where is the answer?" The answer is out there, it's you and me." Now that Dylan has found the answer, I think he's making it pretty clear that we're not the answer, but rather the answer is in the Lord our God who loves you and me.

You may "worship" Dylan, or you may not know the Lord may "worship" him, but let me assure you that Bob Dylan and other Christians are worshipping the Lord. Dylan's not "basking in the adoration of near-worshippers," but rather, God is basking in the adoration of Bob Dylan.

Mary Savage, 11th-art Oct. 28

Times change

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'
Come gather around people wherever you roam,
and admit that the waters around you have grown;
accept that soon you'll be drenched to the bone.
Your time to you is worth saving;
your time to you is worth saving;
you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone.
THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'
—Bob Dylan

The voice on the stereo walls, the same as it has for almost twenty years. The message: THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'. I stop and reflect, "It is true, as true now as it was when I was written."

Come writers and critics who prophesize with your pen,
keep your eyes wide open the chance won't come again,
Don't speak too soon for the wheel's still in spin,
You'll never be commonsense, your only hint is the sign,
You may never find the chance to open you mind,
There's a tide just turning, the boat's on the shore,
You're being overcome, which is the rule in international relations, reconciliation or force?
Can Reagan and the questionable budget cuts bring us out of the "Recession"? THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'
Come Mothers and Fathers throughout the land;
Don't criticize what you don't understand,
Your sons and daughters are beyond your command,
Your old road is rapidly aging,
please set out on a new one (you can't lend a hand.

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Dylan points out that great change in the future is something we all must accept. Our present way of life is no more sacred of eternal than those that have gone before. The world is turning. New ideas and trends will triumph whether we like them or not. We must "start swimming or sink like a stone." Keep in mind when you wander in tradition or past expectations. Reject the steady state. The line is drawn, the course is cast. The slow now will later be fast as the present now will later be past. The first now will later be last. THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Josh Novak, 7th-history Oct. 28

For he that gets hurt will be he who has stalled.
The battle outside raging will soon shake your windows and rattle your walls.
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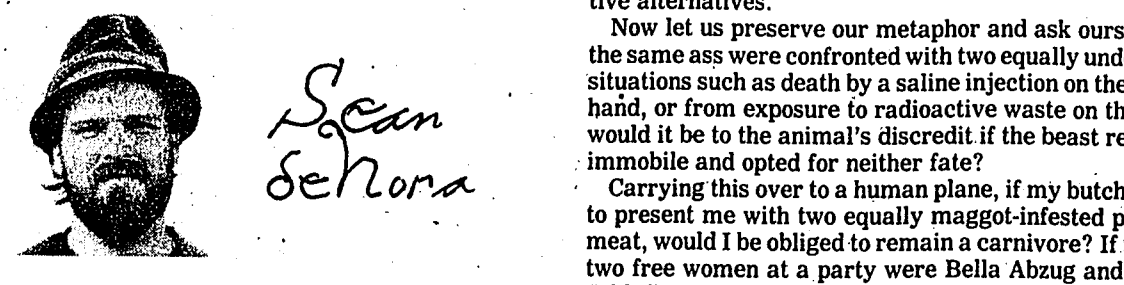
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Endorsing political celibacy

Why worry about choosing the best of two evils?

Tomorrow is Election Day, and by now you have probably heard from the political Pollyannas who come out shortly after Halloween each year in order to remind us to vote. Their argument runs something to the effect that in a democratic society it is essential that every citizen vote. They claim that it matters not who you vote for but only that you vote. They tell us that voting is a duty as well as a right — I can still remember an elementary school teacher telling my class that people who do not vote should have to live in Russia until they learn to appreciate this country.



Now let us preserve our metaphor and ask ourselves, if the same ass were confronted with two equally undesirable situations such as death by a saline injection on the one hand, or from exposure to radioactive waste on the other, would it be to the animal's discredit if the beast remained immobile and opted for neither or both?

Carrying this over to a human plane, if my butcher were to present me with two equally maggot-infested pieces of meat, would I be obliged to remain a carnivore? If the only two free women at a party were Bella Abzug and Phyllis Schlafly, would celibacy be unthinkable? And if the only two radio stations in town were featuring the "Greatest Hits of Perry Beard" and "The Bro Cope Hour" in identical time slots, would silence not be golden?

Now on a political level, let us say that we have two political parties, Watergate and Abseam, and both parties are running slate of equally ambitious crooks, equally convincing hypocrites, and equally incompetent. Would abstention from or participation in the farce be the greater desertion of your right to vote?

Should there be any doubt in your mind, try the following test. Pick up a sample ballot and as you read each name ask yourself: Would I co-sign a loan for this person? Would I permit this person to arrange mail-order marriages for my children? Would I bet \$100 on Pitt still being Number Two tomorrow because this person told me so?

If your answer is no to all three, then I suggest that you spend tomorrow contemplating the bliss of political celibacy.

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