

Tour explains Centre Region water system

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It has a pulse. It moves. Until recently, it was thought to be eternal.

But as the Centre Region learned last winter, the water supply for the area won't always meet the demand, which is why the Centre Regional Planning Commission sponsored a bus tour of the Centre Region water system Saturday as part of its 1982 mid-range water planning project.

The 50-member tour began where the system ends, and where most of the water used in the region finishes its own tour — the sewage plant.

At the University Area Joint Authority sewage treatment plant, the effect of water conservation practices can be measured for half of the municipality and most of College, Harris, Patton and Ferguson townships. The effect is seen in big round gauges.

Assistant superintendent of the facility Richard Weaver said the system now processes 3.5 million gallons of water a day. That compares to 3.8 million gallons per day back when the system was working near capacity in pre-conservation days.

The drop "is due to the good people conserving the water," Weaver said.

The finished product is clear and looks drinkable, although Weaver advised not to. He said the water does not undergo enough tests to determine its purity.

"Although there was a time when a sixth grade class came through," Weaver recalled. "One little kid took a dipper full and had some before I could get to him. He survived."

The water is dumped into Spring Creek and the sludge is trucked to nearby fields to be pumped below ground. The aerobic sludge — unlike other sludge — makes a good fertilizer for everything except vegetables, he said.

The privately owned grass fields where cows can be seen grazing are approved by the Department of Environmental Resources as a disposal site. There is no charge for the sludge.

"We're glad to get rid of it and they're glad to get it," Weaver said.

Harris Township earned a special stop on the tour because it is the only township in the Centre Region to rely exclusively on a surface water system. Instead of using wells, Harris receives its water from a reservoir.

A disadvantage of a surface water system, State College Area Water Authority member Howard Halverson said, is that a surface system feels the effect of a drought before a subsurface water system, but when the drought begins to ease, a surface system is the first to recover.

"What happened last year, our surface flow started



Donald Johnson, a member of the Harris Township Planning Commission, tests purified water at the University Area Joint Authority sewage treatment plant.

falling in mid-October and we sent out letters requesting voluntary conservation. . . Then about a month later we were in good shape. That's about when the people on stored water began to hurt."

He said all houses are metered in Harris Township and residents pay between \$30 and \$40 each quarter for their water.

In a speech during the tour, Robert Schmalz, a water authority member, said the search for new water supplies to meet the growth of the Centre Region beyond 1990 should begin now.

Schmalz said the search for water to meet the present decade's demand began in 1964 but the first exploratory wells were not drilled until 1972. The results of that effort — three wells west of State

College — should be operational in two years and should meet growth in the region until 1990.

He said a major problem is that limestone geology is little understood. Looking for water in the region, which is in a valley floored by limestone, is difficult.

He said 15 feet can mean the difference between an empty test well and one that proves successful.

"It takes time and it takes money. It is always difficult and it is getting harder," Schmalz said.

Planning Commission member Chris Lee said the commission plans to map the aquifer of the Centre Region in hopes of finding future water supplies as part of its mid-range project and will also attempt to identify future water pollution hazards so they can be prevented.

Cluck endorses Boyle, Lewis and Deeslie

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Calling Consumer Party Candidate Ray Boyle "a shining light in a dim election," Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Cluck yesterday strongly endorsed Boyle for a State College Municipal Council seat.

Cluck also endorsed incumbent Democratic candidates James Deeslie and Felicia Lewis.

"Ray Boyle has addressed the issues of how the community will deal with Reaganomics; in fact, he has formed solutions," Cluck said.

Cluck said he was not endorsing Boyle merely because he was a "student-candidate."

"Ray Boyle is not a student-candidate," Cluck said. "He happens to understand student needs better than any other candidate, but he understands the rest of the issues too."

Cluck said he was endorsing Deeslie "because of his experience in local government, his ability to identify with the average resident of State College and the fact that he has an idea of progress planning."

Lewis represents the needs of the community, Cluck said.

"What impresses me the most about Mrs. Lewis is her service to the community in that she doesn't represent any special interests except for the special interest of State College," he said. "She should be heard."

Cluck spoke out strongly against Republican candidates John Dombroski, Gary Wiser and Ralph Way.

"I don't trust candidates who serve special interests such as the group of candidates under the banner of one, two, three," he said. Cluck said the three candidates refused to discuss the issues and instead relied on hype and large ads for voter appeal.

"Someone who sits on the council has to represent the community, not a single group in the community," he said.

Urging all students to vote in the election, Cluck said, "This election will decide the tone of this town and which way it will go."

Because he is president of USG, Cluck said, he felt he should speak out and endorse candidates as the "spokesperson for the student body."

Cluck said he did not want to extend his endorsement to the countywide district attorney or State College Area School Board races.

Although the USG Senate will also endorse candidates at its meeting tonight, Cluck said he would "prefer not to have an impact on that decision."

Council to discuss Hillel rezoning proposal tonight

The State College Municipal Council is scheduled to discuss tonight for the first time a proposal that the Hillel property, 224 Locust Lane, be converted into a parking lot, council President Mary Ann Haas said.

The council will also discuss a request from several downtown businessmen to vacate McAllister Alley so that property owners on both sides of the alley can develop it as a pedestrian walking mall.

Haas said she expects the council to act

Fewer vets may qualify for aid

Loans and grant eligibility tightened by Congress

By RON CHOW
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New legislation in Congress may make it harder for veterans to qualify for Pell Grants, John Moyer, vice president for legislative affairs of the Pennsylvania State University Veterans Organization (PSUVO), said.

"Legislation is in Congress now to lower the ceiling for qualification for Pell Grants (formerly Basic Educational Opportunity Grants) from \$28,000 to \$15,000 (family income)," Moyer said Friday during a question and answer session to discuss financial aid for veterans with U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, R-central Pa., at the Vets' house, 227 E. Nittany Ave.

"We don't know what the Reagan Administration is going to do with the 1983 budget," Clinger said. "But I would assume they're going to try and initiate some more cuts."

Veterans at the meeting expressed concern about new regulations for qualifications for Guaranteed Student Loans and Pell Grants. Congress's Omnibus Reconciliation Act, which went into effect last month, designated all veterans' benefits as financial aid, Moyer said. Because of this designation, veterans are receiving less aid in the GSI and Pell Grant programs.

Additionally, veterans who entered the service after January 1977, and contributed part of their pay to a fund for educational expenses are now told that money which they saved is gift aid, he said.

"Everything you have contributed during the service is now considered financial aid," said Brian Clark, veterans coordinator at the University. "Vets aren't going to be able to borrow enough to get by."

Clinger said there will not be much he or any congressman can do about these changes resulting from the Omnibus Act since it has been passed into law. He urged veterans to speak up and write letters so more cuts in financial aid will not be passed by the Reagan administration.

"I'm in favor of a new GI bill and think one will be adopted soon," Clinger said. "There is a lot of pressure building up and down the line."

He said a popular concept for a new GI bill is one involving the transfer of credit. This would encourage people who may not be able to afford college to stay in the service and then transfer their financial credits to their children.

"In the past the government has used the GI bill as an incentive for young people who would otherwise not be able to afford a higher education to join the service and then be able to pay for an education," said Joe Stasik, president of PSUVO. "Then when they get out, veterans are told that their pay counts as financial aid."

"I've been disappointed in what we've done this way," Clinger said.

"Unless we pay a lot of attention to the personnel needs of our military, we aren't going to have the means to use our new weapons."

Moyer said the Veteran's Organization has been sending letters to the Commonwealth Campuses and other veterans organizations to urge people to protest any more cuts in aid.

"Our major concern is future cuts," he said. "If we don't make some noise there will be more cuts later."

Clinger came to the PSUVO house Friday after a group of veterans from the University came to a town meeting he was holding in Bellefonte. The veterans asked several questions about financial aid which he couldn't answer at the time, Moyer said.

Youth key to pro-life, rep says

By MARGARET ANN WALSH
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The Rev. Albert W. Kovacs, pastor of Salem Reformed Church — United Church of Christ in Oley, Pa., said there has been a continued prohibition of abortion throughout the ages, starting in the Bible.

"The fact that Moses and Jesus were saved from the two slaughters of newborn Jewish boys is proof that 'love supercedes even the law,'" Kovacs said.

Hittler tried to find a "final solution to the problem of Jews, epileptics and the handicapped" but the love of some people kept some of the persecuted people alive, he said.

"Some pro-choice people say it is cheaper to abort babies than raise them on welfare. Well, when did we ever get so cost-efficient about human life?"

"All anyone needs is food, shelter and the love of other people," he said.

Kovacs said the pro-life movement has three goals: short-range, medium-range and long-range.

The first step is "to stop the killing, stop the abortions, now — immediately," he said. "Some people say they want to save the world — well, you can't save the world if all that's left are dead people."

The medium-range plan is to change the "Playboy mentality that exists in our communities — the belief that women are to be perused and abused."

Communities must rid themselves of adult bookstores and television shows that contribute to this mentality, he said.

The long-range plans are for people to develop new spirits and new hearts through religion, and decent and good poetry and literature, Kovacs said.

People are often insensitive toward one another which is reflected by the increasing abortion, suicide, alcohol abuse, divorce and crime rates, he said.

"If we can be so hard as to snuff out the life of an unborn baby — the most precious, innocent in the world — what can we as a nation, or a people, care about?"

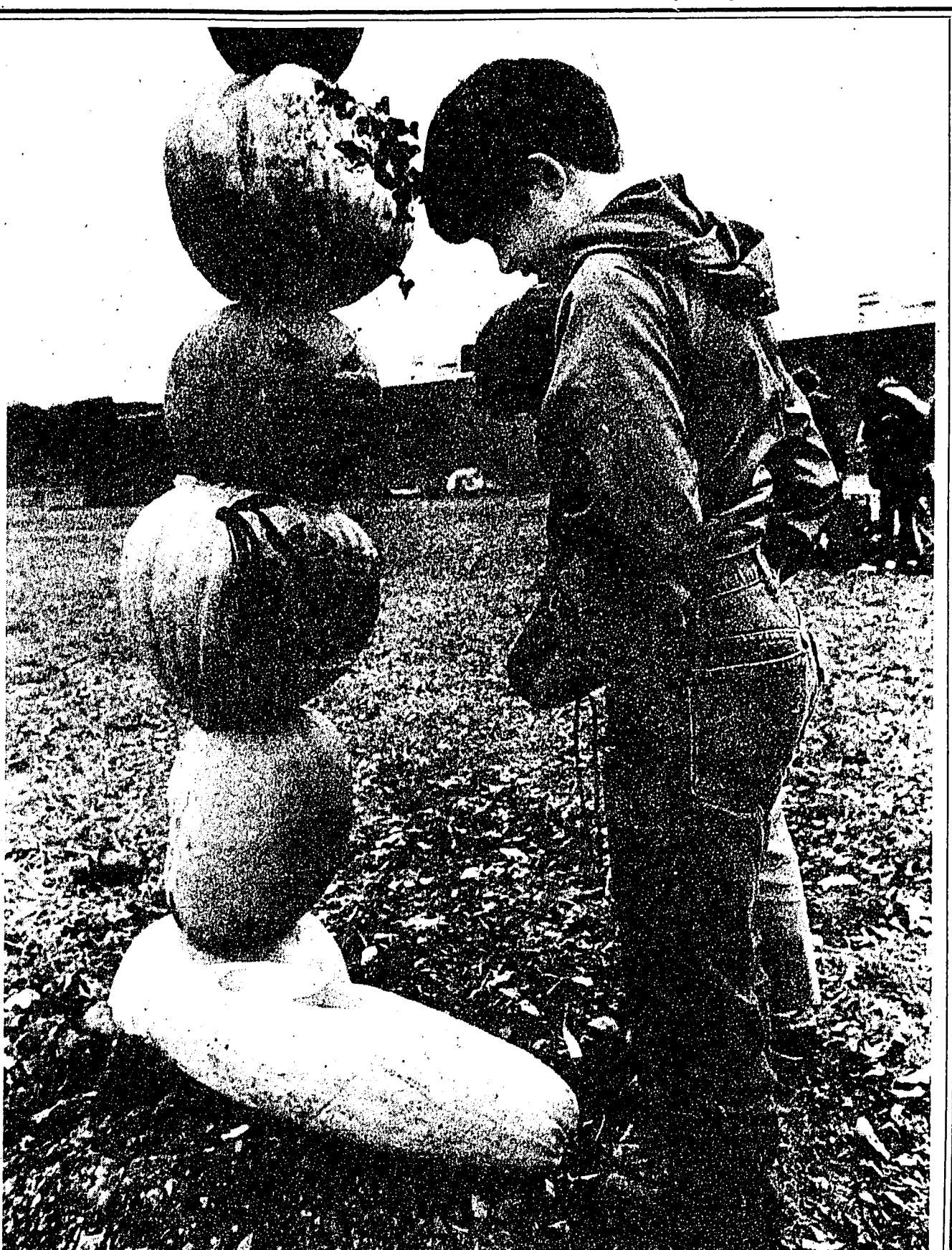
Dougherty said the pro-life movement has been accused of trying to legislate morals and agreed it is true.

However, 90 percent of all legislation is moral, he said. When lawmakers mandate that children must stay in school until they are 16 and when they take tax money to provide social services for the less fortunate, they are legislating morals.

Different polls say most Americans are in favor of abortion in some form but "the best abortion poll was in November, 1980 when the American people sent a pro-life president to the White House," Dougherty said.

The success of the pro-life movement is in the youth, he said.

"It's one thing for a legislator or a pastor to speak out against abortion, but it is much more effective when young people take a stand," Dougherty said. "To have a young college girl say she is against the taking of an innocent life far outweighs anything we can do."



Pumpkin pile
Two young spectators peer at a totem pole of pumpkins at the Pennsylvania Pumpkin Patch Festival, sponsored by the State College Area Jaycees. The program was held Saturday at the Westley Parkway Plaza.

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