

District attorney race:

Candidates want to improve communication

By MARGARET ANN WALSH

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Centre County District Attorney candidates Robert Mix and Amos Goodall believe that the public and local police departments should be made more aware of the happenings in the district attorney's office and each candidate has ideas on how to improve communication.

Mix said he wants to institute a law enforcement education program to conduct seminars with police officers to make them aware of any recent changes in laws.

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Goodall said he wants to establish one liaison from the district attorney's office with each police department in the county.

He also wants to assign one assistant district attorney to each case to stay with it from arrest through final disposition.

Goodall has pledged an "open door" policy, which will give the public the opportunity to come to him at any time with complaints or comments, he said.

Both candidates are also proposing some changes in the district attorney's office.

"I would change the emphasis of prosecutions rather than any administrative changes," Mix said. "We should concentrate on the prosecution of violent repeat offenders. They have the greatest impact on crime."

Goodall wants to put the emphasis of the district attorney's office on the protection of the victim's rights.

"The victims have been ignored for too long," he said.

The district attorney is now silent at the time of sentencing, Goodall said. If he is elected the district attorney will speak out the sentencing, he said.

Mix is campaigning on his experience — more than seven years as first assistant district attorney under three district attorneys. He said his experience is an advantage in two areas: prosecution experience and administrative experience.

The job of district attorney is more than being a trial lawyer, he said.

Goodall said that although he lacks Mix's prosecution experience he is well-qualified for the job.

"Being a criminal trial attorney gives me a perspective my opponent lacks," he said. "I plan on putting my defense experience to work."

Goodall's experience includes being a



Amos Goodall

defendant has "killed another human being for financial motive — contract killings, arson for hire where someone is killed and kidnapping where the victim is killed."

The job of Centre County district attorney is a part-time position for four years with an annual salary of \$20,500.

Mix said he will "devote whatever time necessary" to get the job done but he does intend to have an outside practice, as well.

Goodall said he will not know whether the job should be full-time until after he has been in it.

Goodall will continue his association with Miller, Kistler and Campbell all through no one in the firm will take any criminal cases if he is elected, he said.



Robert Mix

State College's Arnold Addison

Mayor discusses campaign issues

By DIANNE GARYANTES

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The federal block grant funds State College is now eligible for should be used for building and improving public facilities, upgrading parking facilities and building malls in the area, said Mayor Arnold Addison, running unopposed for re-election this fall.

"These will be a benefit to all citizens who use our business district," he said.

Addison, a Republican who is running on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, said he also supports using the funds for other community development projects such as improving streets, upgrading the recreational program, building a community center, looking into programs that might provide housing for low and moderate income or handicapped people and funding programs for providing facilities for the disabled.

State College was designated a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area after the 1980 census and is now eligible for about \$750,000 in community development block grants.

"I'm excited about the SMSA funds," Addison said.

State College Municipal Council "has been concerned for over a year about what our responsibilities were in funding human service programs because state and federal funds dried up," Addison said.

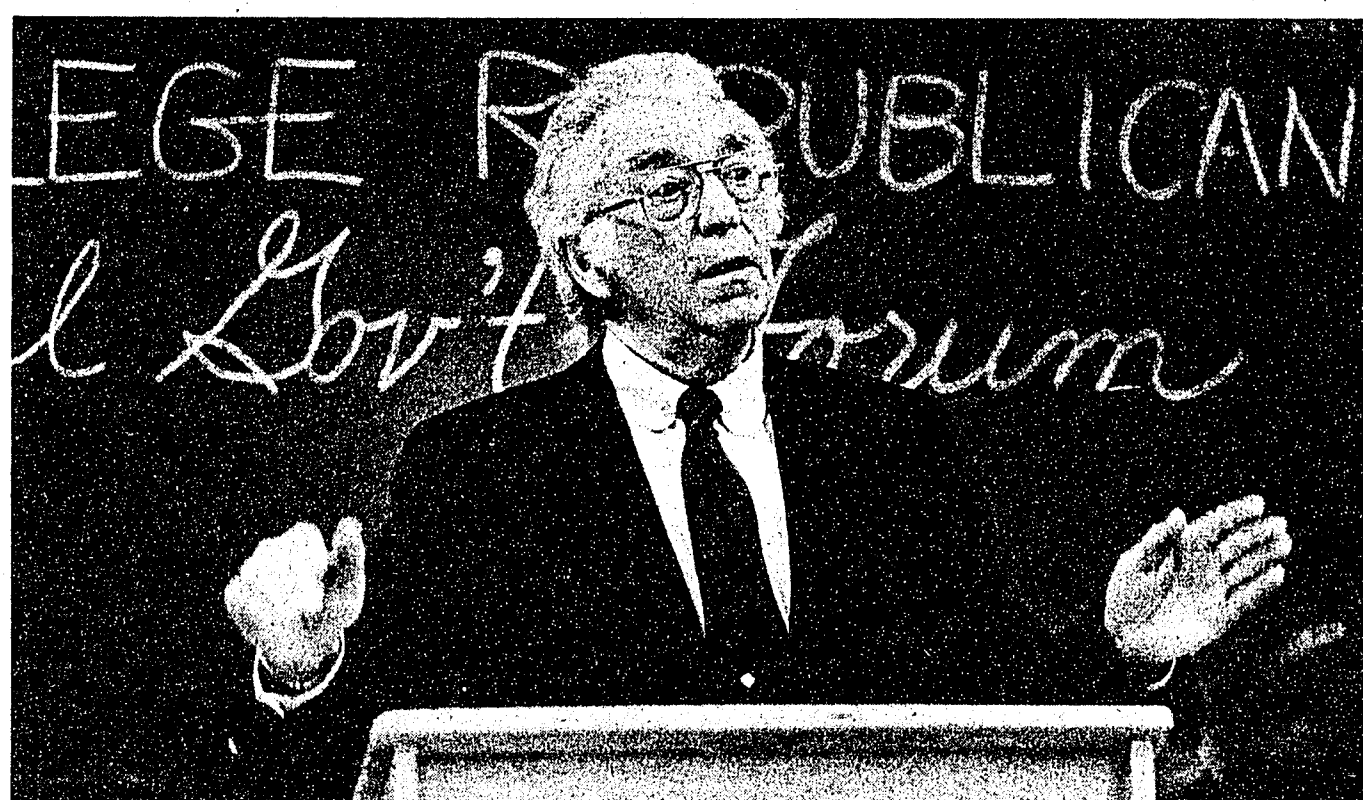
"The SMSA funds may well be the answer to funding at least some of the human service programs," he said.

The money is allocated to benefit people with low and moderate incomes and is to be used for housing and community development projects.

When asked whether SMSA funds could be used to improve the housing situation in State College, Addison said that might be difficult.

"Of recent date, I've heard a good deal of criticism of West College Avenue," he said. "Past borough councils missed opportunities to permit high rises in that area."

However, Addison said, "It's my understanding that there have been code violations (on West College) which have been corrected," he said. "The major owner of those houses has indicated a willingness to comply with complaints."



Arnold Addison

On the parking issue, the mayor said he thinks the business district should pay its share of building and maintaining the parking facilities. Addison said he supports the business district tax that would make businesses' parking payments more equitable.

Addison said in the case of the Pugh Street garage, the municipality received pledges from some — not all — members of the business district to help make up the municipality's deficit from the garage. The pledges totalled \$25,000 a year for the next 10 years.

The mayor also said he would like to see parking lots developed instead of building new ones.

Addison also said he supports the "Vote 1,2,3, give the Republican candidates for municipal council are running on.

Republicans John Dombroski, Ralph Way and Gary Wiser are campaigning together on a team basis for the elections on Nov. 3.

Addison said the backgrounds of the three candidates enable them to make clear decisions.

"What the team offers is the expertise that is required as this entitlement money comes in," he said.

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Experience makes him an institution

Editor's Note: State College Mayor Arnold Addison, 65, has served the local government in many functions for more than 22 years.

Addison, a Republican, is running unopposed in his bid for re-election in tomorrow's election and has received the support of the local Democratic Party.

Daily Collegian Staff Writer Gene Gryzo interviewed Addison recently and the following has been edited for length and clarity.

COLLEGIAN: Do you think that all your experience has added to your popularity with the voters?

ADDISON: Well, I think that to the citizens I'm a known quantity. This doesn't mean I've always been successful with me. It doesn't mean I've always performed as a councilman or as a mayor 100 percent, but the citizens have come to know their mayor or former councilman, I think, as an honest person.

In other words, I intend to speak my mind on any issue. There's never any doubt about where I stand on an issue.

For example, I have indicated my displeasure with the purchase of the taxi cab company 18 months ago. I have not changed and I think not a citizen who's been around that long who is ignorant of the fact that the mayor has not supported the taxi cab company for reasons he has described.

I think that also the support I have received over the years is also based upon the fact, I think the citizens have always appreciated, as they have all other people who have served on council, the fact that I've been willing to devote 22 years of my leisure time to local government. I must say I did it because I enjoyed it. I certainly didn't do it for the money that's in it.

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And the reason I'm saying that is, that whether the student is on that board for one year or four, it's more likely to be two or three, they get an experience in citizen input in local government which is valuable not only during the time you're in State College, but most important, when they return to their homes. Then they've had this experience and they're not at all hesitant about asking for appointments in their home community. I think that's the value because now they can learn the lessons in a short period of time.

Oh, I have no objections to them running for council but, invariably, they're not here for the full term of four years.

It takes at least a year to understand what's going on, and anyone who has attended the council sessions, and I suspect you can ask anyone of the scores of journalism students who go there, but every once and a while local government can appear to be fun and romantic. But most of the time, it probably sounds very boring to the observer.

I'm not saying the student should run. I'm saying that for a lifetime experience I would think their time is well spent in seeking appointments on these boards, authorities and commissions.

COLLEGIAN: Will you seek a third term as mayor?

ADDISON: I guess the answer really is no. In this term I will have completed a quarter of a century of service to local government and I probably feel that by that time somebody else should take my place. I suspect that some of my opponents have felt that should have happened some years ago.

School board candidates want changes

By CHRISTOPHER COONEY

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The four candidates for three seats on the State College Area School Board all want changes in the school policies. But the kinds of changes they want are quite different.

Thomas W. Benson, running on the Democratic and Consumer Party tickets, said solving the discipline problem in schools is essential.

"I'd like to see a system of advisory groups in high school designed to create peer group support," Benson said.

The group would be led by a faculty advisor with about 10 to 20 students in each group, he said.

"The groups have shown in the past to have a positive effect on self-esteem," he said. "And a lack of self-esteem is related to a lack of discipline."

"The teachers must have a true advisory role in education," he said. "Parents also must have a greater role in education and in the advisory process."

"Parents and teachers must take time to meet with each other," he said. Benson is also concerned with improving the safety and health of the students and faculty.

"Meeting, building and fire safety standards just aren't enough," he said. "These hotels that burn down last year also met the standards — but that

wasn't enough. "Instead of asking merely whether buildings meet safety standards in the place and time they were constructed, we need to ask whether they meet today's highest standards of safety," he said.

Also, he said, students have no time to exercise during the day. They go from early in the morning to about 5 p.m. without any exercise, he said.

"Schoolwork, for both students and teachers, is a sedentary occupation — and that is a health hazard," he said. "I will ask the physical education department to prepare regular, daily exercise for every student."

Loretta M. Jeffreys, a Republican and the only incumbent running, said the curriculum and programs in the schools need to be expanded and refined.

"We have to articulate programs in each curriculum, kindergarten through 12th grade," she said.

For example, Jeffreys said the educational use of the computer should be promoted. Microcomputers should be used by all able students, not just gifted ones, she said.

A good outdoor educational program is also needed, including over night experiences, that would be developed and offered to all elementary students, she said.

The economic status of the school system is good, even though economic outfalls, school closings and layoffs were necessary in the past, she said.

Although the state has not paid its share — 22 percent — and the federal government accounts for 2 percent, the school system is still in a good position, she said.

"Seventy-six percent of our money comes from local taxes, which allows us to invest to avoid borrowing money," she said. "This puts us in a good position."

Basically, layoffs in faculty will only occur when enrollment drops, she said.

"The schools shouldn't be too small or too big," Jeffreys said. "We need the personal touch of a small school and the advantages of a big one."

There have been programs in larger schools that took students and put them into smaller groups of 150 to 200 children, she said.

Jeffreys said she would bring this type of program to the attention of the board.

With the lack of participation in the school lunch program, Jeffreys said she would be willing to have the school board subsidize the food service program to keep it alive.

Mary S. "Polly" Eddy, a Democrat, said the establishment of a high quality volunteer program is essential.

"Because teacher aides are being cut back, she said, there is a need for trained volunteers to fill those positions.

"We have a tremendous resource in the citizens of the town," she said. "They could offer a lot of constructive

help. "I would like to see a central office established for the recruitment and training of volunteers," she said.

William W. Moyer, a Republican, said the public should be involved in and informed on issues before decisions are made.

"We owe the public information," he said. "We need to get feedback from them."

To get public opinions, telephone surveys would be the most effective, he said.

"People would be more willing to talk on the telephone because it's tough for a member of the public to come to a meeting with all the school system hierarchy sitting there," he said.

Even though enrollment looks like it's going down, Moyer said, the board has to keep them open," he said, because enrollment might begin to increase again.

The replacement of the administrative positions that will be open in a few years will require careful selection, he said.

"We need a search inside and outside of the school system," he said.

Making sure that students are prepared for college or work after high school is important, he said. "Perhaps a standardized test could be utilized," he said.

"Overall, it's been excellent," she said. Robinson attributed the success of the "Votomatic" system in Union County partially to strong efforts by officials to instruct the voters.

"We started way ahead of the referendum issue," Robinson said. She added that the county had installed demonstration machines in banks, municipal buildings and — "wherever we could put them."

Saylor spoke of past efforts made to inform Centre County voters of the new system. Demonstration machines were set up at the County fair and in the county courthouse lobby, he said.

Saylor also said special demonstrations of the "Votomatic" system were held for local groups such as the League of Women Voters.

Bower said he approved of the "Votomatic" system, but said a push-button system that, although not yet approved in Pennsylvania, is more efficient and technically advanced.

Electronic ballot referendum in spring

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Electronic balloting faces an uncertain future in Centre County, county commissioner John Saylor said.

A county-wide referendum, to be put on the ballot by the county commissioners next spring, proposes electronic balloting for all of Centre County's 85 voting precincts.

At this time, Centre County officials are hesitant to say whether it will succeed on the ticket.

The referendum calls for electronic balloting under the "Votomatic" system. In this process, the voter punches out holes next to the name of his desired candidate on a perforated computer card. The card is then fed into a computer, thus eliminating the hand-sorting stage of the voting.

County commissioner chairman Jeffrey M. Bower said he advocates the switch to electronic ballots.

Des Robinson, chief clerk at the Union County Courthouse, said the system in that county has operated well since its inception in May.

"If the electorate is informed of (the process)," he said, "it can and should pass."

At present, over 40 states have some form of electronic voting in use.

In June 1980, the state Senate Government Committee approved a bill allowing counties with paper ballots to switch to electronic systems.

In May 1981 the "Votomatic" system was introduced in Union and Washington Counties, and was approved earlier in Armstrong, Chester and Bradford counties. At the same time, it was voted down in Adams and Indiana Counties.

"I think the reason ("Votomatic" was voted down in other counties was because of inadequately informing the people," Saylor said.

At present, 82 of Centre County's 85 voting precincts use paper ballots.

Robinson said the system in that county has operated well since its inception in May.

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Water issue up for vote tomorrow

By DIANNE GARYANTES

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The \$300 million water resources bond referendum on the ballots tomorrow will give Pennsylvanians a chance to decide whether or not the state should upgrade its water systems and resources.

The money would be loaned to areas that need water rehabilitation through bonds bought by the state. Loans would go to local governments as well as private companies that supply water.

The bottom line for the tax payers is that they would only have to pay for the establishment of a loan distribution mechanism in the Department of Environmental Resources.

The bond issue is supported by Gov. Dick Thornburgh who called it "part of a major effort to protect and conserve our precious water resources."

"More than anything, this will be an investment in the future stability of water systems that are essential to our communities, farms, and industries," the governor said in a statement. "I urge voters to carefully consider and support this ballot question."

The "Vote Yes for Water Committee," the committee that put together the package, suggested \$220 million be allocated for water supply problems throughout the state, \$40 million be allocated for dam safety and flood control and \$40 million for port development.

William E. Sharpe, assistant professor of forest resource extension, said the problem in Pennsylvania is not a water shortage, but that many water systems are in bad condition because they are old and have not been well maintained.

"We have plenty of water in Pennsylvania," he said. "What's happening is (some systems) are slowly crumbling," he said.

"Overall, it's a situation where the water systems are suffering from old age," he said.

The bond loans would help solve problems such as leaky distribution systems, unsafe dams and poor treatment plants, which plague many local water suppliers, he said.

"There are about 400 to 500 water systems (in the state) that need essential capital improvements," Sharpe said. "Many areas have not set aside enough funds to maintain water systems."

"If you allow the (deterioration) to progress, then it will only get worse and the situation will become acute," Sharpe said.

"I think the bond issue is essential to maintain the quality of life, particularly in rural Pennsylvania," he said. "It's also essential to the economic future of the state and I think the Thornburgh administration sees that."

Sharpe said some areas around State College could benefit from a yes vote on the referendum because they suffer from water system problems. Millheim and Spring Mills are two examples because they have not met basic drinking water quality requirements.

This could be because the water is not of sufficient quality or else the areas did not submit their reports to the Environmental Protection Agency and it is therefore not recorded, Sharpe said.

Sharpe said all of Tyrone's water supply dams are deemed unsafe. The dams obviously cannot be closed, he said, because then Tyrone would not have any water.

"That's why we have the bond issue — to give an opportunity to communities like Tyrone to get things straightened out and fix their water supply situation," he said.

Sharpe said the University does not really have a water systems problem. The University draws its water from wells, chlorinates it and distributes it to the public.

Sharpe also said Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of water-borne disease outbreaks.

"Many people point out it's probably a consequence of a better reporting system of outbreaks," he said. "But it's also treatment systems."

Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and possibly Erie — the only ports in the state — could be loaned \$40 million for port development, Sharpe said.

"That's a way of basically trying to get support for the referendum from urban areas," he said. "Water supply problems occur mostly in rural areas, so they will benefit from the referendum."

Although the state as a whole does not have water shortages, there are a few areas in the southeastern and southwestern parts of the Pennsylvania that do.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties have problems because of high populations and a heavy dependence on ground water supplies which are limited, Sharpe said.

The area around the Monongahela River near Pittsburgh have limited water supplies because the river must be kept at a certain level so barges can get through.

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Election workers are needed in student precincts for tomorrow's election, Centre County Chief Clerk Vicki L. Bumbarger said.

"We need five-member election boards in order to hold elections, so it's pretty serious," she said.

Two clerks are needed at State College East-Central 2 at Zeta Psi fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave.; two inspectors and two clerks are needed at State College East 1 at the Findlay Union Building recreation room; and two inspectors and one clerk are needed at State College East 4 at 129 Pollock Union Building.

Election board members must be registered voters and reside in the precinct in order to work in it, Bumbarger said.

Workers have to report at the polls at 6:30 a.m., work until the polls close at 8 p.m. and then count the votes. Their jobs will involve checking voter registration certificates, giving out ballots, and counting them.

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Students say they want to vote and the County Election Board wants to make it

convenient for them to vote, but if the board does not get workers for tomorrow it will be unable to open three student precincts, she said.

Anyone interested in working at the polls can call the Centre County Board of Elections at 355-5231.

"There will be plenty of people here waiting for the calls," Bumbarger said.

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