



USG Elections today

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Students may cast their ballots for Undergraduate Student Government president, vice president and senators today and tomorrow.

Voting booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days, USG Elections Commissioner Kevin Joyce said.

Joyce said where students vote depends on where they live:

- Residence hall students must vote in their dining halls.
- Fraternity students may vote at Acacia fraternity, 234 Locust Lane, or on the HUB ground floor.

• Town independent students may vote in the HUB; at the corner of College Avenue and Allen Street; Cedarbrook apartments, 340 E. Beaver Ave.; Parkway Plaza apartments, 1000 Plaza Drive; or in Willard Building.

Five tickets are running for USG president and vice president. They are: Leni Barch/Lee Facetti, Jim Krauss/Steve Lunger, Andy Leisner/Bob Nolen, Emil Parvensky/Jim McJunkin and Matt Wolford/Bob McGonigle.

Election results will be announced early Friday morning in the HUB Ballroom, Joyce said.

Joyce said he expects more students to vote this year than the 24 percent that voted last year because more candidates are running for executive and senate seats. "There seems to be a lot more at stake," Joyce said.

Candidates redefine proposals



Photo by Greg Bullock

USG presidential candidates Emil Parvensky, left, and Andy Leisner.

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Candidates for Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president were forced to defend some of their proposals in the final election debate last night.

When presidential candidate Emil Parvensky was asked how he could get volunteers for his proposed buddy system for new minority students, he said juniors would remember the problems they had as freshmen and would want to help younger students. The difficulties new students face are magnified when they are minority students, he said.

Leni Barch, who is running for president, said her mentorship program has been misinterpreted by some of her opponents. The alumni who take part in the program do not necessarily provide jobs or internships for the students they are introduced to. The mentors serve as a career counselors so that students have an idea of what kind of job they are studying for, she said.

Presidential candidate Andy Leisner said his task force of student volunteers would be successful despite the fact that only 12 students are running for 16 USG Senate seats. The volunteers would be students who cannot spend much time working for USG, but are interested, he said.

Presidential candidate Jim Krauss said USG can gain more credibility by improving its internal structure and continuing with successful services including its tutoring service and summer jobs file. USG's filing system should be expanded and guidelines written down to enhance the organization. "Without them, USG cannot gain the credibility it deserves," he said.

Matt Wolford, who is running for president, said having the USG senate pay for half the tuition each term for its two hardest workers would not only motivate senators, but also force Wolford to be at senate meetings and visit areas around campus so he could determine which senators to recommend for the reward.

The vice presidential candidates were asked what their main duties would be and how they would enforce senate rules. Bob McGonigle, Wolford's running mate, said his job would be "to motivate senators to get out and reach the people."

Senators who miss five meetings should be expelled from the senate without further process, he said.

Lee Facetti, Barch's running mate, said the vice president should attend University Student Advisory Board, USG executive council and USG senate meetings. He should also try to make senators realize they should represent their areas and not their special interests, Facetti said. Discipline must come from the senate's standing rules, he said.

Steve Lunger, Krauss's running mate, said the vice president is the executive liaison between the senate and the executives. He should also help senators get information that may be unavailable to them and counsel senators with personality conflicts. Discipline is the senate's job, he said.

Also, Bob Nolen, Leisner's running mate, said the vice president presides over the senate and assists the president. The vice president should make sure senators know that there are two sides to any issue, he said. Nolen, if elected, would be in charge of the volunteer task force, he said.

Jim McJunkin, Parvensky's running mate, said communication is a major task of the USG vice president. He should also, "motivate the senators by giving them as much individual attention as possible." McJunkin said he would also ask for reports on senate projects.

Parvensky said he would involve students through their interests, not their areas. "USG cannot go to the people and say 'what's up? what can we do for you?'" it has to use them, he said. For example, if USG decided to hold a fund-raiser, it could ask service, professional and honor societies to help, Parvensky said.

Barch said student government could cooperate better with the administration and students "by not waiting until an issue arises" to go to them.

In her closing remarks, Barch said her proposals were not unrealistic goals and that this country was built on philosophies and dreams.

Wolford said students should vote. Leisner said students should vote for him if they did not want a status quo.

Parvensky said his goals were not unrealistic because they involve all parts of USG.

Picture perfect landing:

Space shuttle ends third and longest mission

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WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — Framed by purple mountains and a brilliant blue sky, America's space shuttle sliced through desert breezes yesterday to crown its longest, toughest and most ambitious test flight.

Three down, one to go and Columbia flies for hire.



AP Laserphoto

Columbia commander Jack B. Lousma greets his family after his vacation in space came to an end yesterday. Lousma is holding two-year-old son Joseph as daughter Mary, 14, looks on.

Weight on wheels came at 11:05 a.m. EST on an unfamiliar runway, 22 hours past due. The landing ended an eight-day mission that demonstrated Columbia's versatility and stamina in space.

The weather was as kind to astronauts Jack R. Lousma and C. Gordon Fullerton yesterday as it was inhospitable the day before. Skies were relatively calm — a stiff headwind instead of the cantankerous sandstorm that made Monday's return impossible.

"Everybody in America started breathing again when you made that landing," President Reagan told the pilots in a telephone call. "Our thoughts and prayers have been with you every second that you've been up there."

At a runway ceremony, a beaming Lousma said: "I couldn't say it was a good flight, because it was a great spectacular flight from where we sat. We had eight days of a great time and a great spacecraft."

And he said: "Columbia has flown our colors around the world and all Americans can be proud of that."

Fullerton echoed those comments and said: "Everything was better than my wildest dreams could imagine."

Arriving back in Houston, Lousma told a welcoming crowd that included 14 astronauts, "the mission was spectacular from end to end, particularly the toboggan ride down from upstairs." In less than one hour, the Columbia went from an orbital speed of 17,400 mph to 220 mph when it hit the landing strip.

Fullerton's remarks were short: "My job was to lower the gear, Jack's was to land and make the speeches."

By the time the astronauts reached Houston, their spaceship had already been towed to the giant red-and-white derrick that will raise it off the ground and set it on the back of a jumbo jet for return to home base in Florida. It should be back on April 8, to be refitted for its final test flight.

In Houston, flight operations director Glynn Lunney said the spacecraft survived its trip better than the 2-day second flight last November.

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Residents approve of area's growth

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While most Centre County residents think growth has been good for the community, they are divided on whether the growth should continue at its current rate, a poll by the University School of Journalism shows.

According to the 1980 census, the population of State College grew from 32,833 in 1970 to 36,130 in 1980, an increase of 10 percent. Centre County's population increased 13.6 percent, from 99,267 to 112,760.

The poll, taken Fall Term by graduate students in the School of Journalism, found that 75 percent of the 240 people questioned thought more good things than bad have resulted from the area's growth.

While 51 percent of the people said they wanted the growth to continue at its current rate, 47 percent said they wanted the growth to slow down or stop, the poll said.

Also, according to the poll, 13 percent of the State College residents questioned said Centre County has become a less desirable place to live, but 19 percent of the people from all other communities said the county is not as desirable as it once was.

Some local government officials were also divided on whether they think the area should continue to grow at its current rate.

State College council member Fred Honsberger said he thinks the Centre Region should continue to grow but State College itself has no more room to grow.

One of the major reasons State College's growth may slow-down is that there is very little unused land left in the municipality, he said.

The Centre Region will continue to grow because industrial parks will be attracted to the area, Honsberger said.

County commissioner Jeffrey Bower said he thinks growth is both positive and necessary.

"But it should not be growth for the sake of

growth," Bower said. "It should be well-managed growth that needs the cooperation between local and county level government."

Many other local officials agreed that growth must be controlled.

State College Planning Commission member Jacqueline Melander said, "We need some growth, but the growth has to be in a certain framework."

State College council member Daniel Chaffee said he thinks growth should continue, but as it did in the 1970s, with a conscientious planning commission and council planning the growth.

Council member Mary Ann Haas said the area

will definitely grow a little, but as long as the growth is controlled to allow the style of living to continue in the region, the growth will be positive.

Rapid growth could mean zoning and other standards could be lost, she said.

Also according to the poll, Centre County natives, property owners, residents more than 35 years old and people planning to stay in the area more than 10 years were most apprehensive about future growth in the community.

Chaffee said that as a Centre County native, he is also apprehensive about future growth because he does not want to see the "Happy Valley concept" lost by too much growth.

Bower agreed: "We have something special here. There may be apprehension to move into the unknown. That's why it's important for government officials to work together and consider the needs of the long-term population."

The biggest problems of growth have been increased crime, increased traffic congestion and loss of farmland, according to the people polled in the survey.

A report on the survey prepared by the journalism graduate students said, "While the crime rate in Centre County has increased significantly since 1974, there has been little increase in violent crime. Reports of vandalism and disorderly conduct have more than doubled, however. These crimes are a particular problem in State College."

Most of the government officials agreed that loss of farmland and increase in traffic congestion were problems, but did not think the crime rate has increased very much.

"A lot of people do not necessarily mean a lot of crime," Chaffee said.

While overcrowded conditions invite crime, he said, the area's growth has been planned, so the region still has enough space for people to spread out.

Council member John Dombroski agreed that because the area's communities were spread out and small, there has not been an increase in crime corresponding with the increase in population.

However, Dombroski agreed that traffic congestion is a problem in the Centre Region, and particularly in State College.

"An area of this size that only has one north-south access route is in dire trouble," he said. "We need to develop an alternate north-south route and the by-pass is not the answer. It has to be closer to town."

"Even east-west traffic can stand some changes,"

Bower said he was concerned with loss of farmland as a result of growth.

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Clarification

Because of a reporter's error, the University Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs was incorrectly identified in yesterday's Daily Collegian.

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weather

Variable cloudiness early today with a few showers. Chance of a thunderstorm. Becoming partly sunny around midday, with a chance of a late afternoon shower or brief thundershower. It will be windy all day. High near 62. Partly cloudy tonight with some patchy fog towards morning, low near 38. Partly sunny tomorrow, high in low to mid 50s.

—by Mark Stunder

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