

Attorney says jury selection omits students

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Whether University students are to be called for jury duty in the first degree murder trial against Subramanyam Vadam, 21, was contested Friday in Centre County Court by defense attorney Amos Goodall. Today Centre County Judge Charles C. Brown will also consider Vadam's right for bail. Brown denied Vadam bail last September but Superior Court Judge Edmund Spaeth ruled that he is entitled to bail if the state fails to prove the existence of an aggravating factor. Aggravating factors include, but are not limited to, killing by contract, death by means of torture and homicides committed in the course of a felony. Goodall said the jury selection process is unconstitutional because an out-dated list of potential jurors does not represent a fair cross section of the community

since it systematically excludes University students. Those who have campus addresses in particular are omitted. Vadam of State College is charged with the December 1980 slaying of Thomas P. Kinser. Kinser's badly decomposed body was found by two hikers on Sept. 27, 1981, in Harris Township near Tussey Mountain Ski Resort. Vadam is scheduled to go on trial in Centre County Court on Jan. 31. Goodall argued that the selection process based on a February 1982 list for January 1983 deprives students and young people of jury duty. He referred to a census report from the University's Office of Housing and Food Service Operations that of the estimated 12,300 students with University Park addresses, only one received a summons to appear for jury duty. Judge Charles C. Brown recessed the hearing until today so University Commissioner Anna Lose can be present.

Parade to honor Lions

Penn State football fans will get an opportunity to honor their national champion heroes one more time. The "Back the Lions" organization will be sponsoring a parade for the Nittany Lions at 10 a.m. Saturday. The theme of the parade will be "Love Ya Lions," and Betty Bechtel, secretary-treasurer of the Lions Country Visitors and Convention Bureau, said the sponsors want everyone to wear blue and white. The Downtown Business Association will show its support of the Nittany Lions by painting blue paw prints on store windows. A luncheon, sponsored by the State College Area Chamber of Commerce and the bureau, will immediately follow the parade. The luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Penn State Inn, 240 S. Fugh St., and a limited number of tickets are on sale for \$15. Tickets can be purchased at all McLanahan's stores; Sears at the Nittany Mall; the State College Area Chamber of Commerce, 444 E. College Ave.; the Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce, 14 S. Front St.; the Train Station Restaurant, 418 E. College Ave.; and Centre County News Agency, 102 N. Allegheny St. in Bellefonte. The parade will begin on Shortledge Road, proceed west along College Avenue and end on Burrows Road. —by Christine Murray

Berner disgusted with 'new majority'

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After years of observing the political process, the seven member council of journalism has decided to toss his hat into the ring and run for the Republican nomination for the State College Municipal Council. "I'm very disgusted with the 'new majority' — some of whom I voted for," R. Thomas Berner said. "I'm unhappy with those four people." The "new majority" has been on the strong end of 4-3 votes for about a year and is made up of four of the five Republicans on the seven member council: council President Joseph Wakeley Jr., Fred Honsberger, John Dombroski and Gary Wiser. "I'd like a council of seven people working together to solve the community's problems — and we don't have that right now."

in the present council is inefficient, unimaginative, inconsistent and divisive." The new majority, Berner said, has discouraged citizen participation in local government by holding lengthy meetings with long agendas, eventually tabling many items. By meddling with the professional-staff's daily operation of the borough, he said, the new majority has hampered the staff's efficiency. Berner also criticized the council's use of last year's federal community development grant. Instead of using the \$705,000 to benefit low-to-middle income residents, as designated by federal guidelines, the new majority created a public works slush fund to rebuild streets, Berner said. "The opportunity to do something long lasting — building or buying a community center, acquiring previously unavailable parkland, improving pedestrian amenities in the downtown area — was squandered," he said. "The truth is the new majority

Wakeley ready to stand by record

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Incumbent Republican Joseph Wakeley Jr. has announced he will seek reelection to the State College Municipal Council. Wakeley, who has served as council president for the past year, said he is proud of his record as a council member and is ready to stand by his one-year record of council leadership. "I've voted a certain way in my four years on council and there's very little doubt what my position on the issues is," he said. "People know my record and they'll have the opportunity to vote either for or against it." Wakeley, 65, said when he first ran for council in 1979, he ran on a platform containing seven major items and has strived to accomplish some of the goals in each of the areas over the past four years.

about running because she is philosophically uncomfortable with the idea of serving for a third term. "To a certain extent I don't quite believe in a third term because I'd like to see some different people," Haas said, "but on the other hand I hate to give up the good fight right now." Nominating petitions may be circulated beginning Feb. 15 and must be filed with the Centre County Board of Elections by March 8. A minimum of 10 registered voters is needed on a petition for a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot. Any number of candidates may run for the council's four open seats, with the field being narrowed to four candidates from each party in the May 17 primary election. Wakeley, 45, said when he first ran for council in 1979, he ran on a platform containing seven major items and has strived to accomplish some of the goals in each of the areas over the past four years.

"These original goals will never be accomplished," Wakeley said. "but I believe I've toward those goals and I believe I've made progress on all of them." A major goal was to bring a new sense of fiscal responsibility to municipal government, he said. "I'm proud of how the council made a priority of fiscal responsibility last year and kept spending down, which helped result in no tax increases this year," Wakeley said. Another move in the right direction, he said, was the sale of the Centre Cab Co. by the council last October. "We finally turned the cab company over to private enterprise and it looks like it's doing well without any taxpayer expenditures," Wakeley said. In the area of downtown parking, Wakeley appointed an ad hoc committee to look into the possibility of downtown business involvement in the financing of the proposed parking garage on South Fraser Street.

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"Park land acquisition in one section of town is played in another as favoritism," he said. "Street rebuilding is selectively scheduled. Personal values are injected into community business." "I believe in a non-partisan approach to local government. Problems are solved not in the interest of a political party, an ideology, a personal belief or obsession, or a vocal minority." Berner said he would work for a safer, better lit downtown with benches for senior citizens and safer streets.

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