

Council candidates debate issues

By TONY PHYRILLAS
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The first public meeting of Republican candidates for the State College Municipal Council brought out varied views of the council's past performance and the future direction of the borough.

Four of the six candidates seeking the Republican nomination to the council — James B. Bartoo, R. Thomas Berner, Aura Lee Supina and Joseph Wakeley Jr. — spoke last night at a Candidates Night sponsored by the College Republicans.

Because Wakeley was the only incumbent council member present, criticism of the council's performance was kept to a minimum, with only Berner criticizing many of the council's past actions.

Wakeley, the council president, answered the criticism by standing by the council's record of fiscal accomplishments.

The candidates opened with a brief statement of why they are running and what their philosophies of local government are.

The candidates also answered questions from the audience on key issues facing State College — the Community Development Block Grant allocation, housing conditions, regional cooperation and the development of McAllister Alley.

Berner, a University assistant professor of journalism, said he wants to see a community for all ages — where senior citizens can have easy access to the downtown at all hours and children can cross the streets safely.

"The transportation patterns in the borough are screwed up," Berner said. "The auto is king and the pedestrian is nothing — just someone to get hit by cars."

To reverse this trend, Berner proposed lowering speed limits and installing more traffic signals in the borough.

He also said the borough needs more open spaces and pedestrian roads that make access in the region difficult.

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works in the borough, she is the one candidate without any conflicts of interest.

Supina said she does not have a full-time job — except as a homemaker — and she would have much free time to put to good use if elected to the council.

She said she is concerned with the road system that leads into State College, a collection of unfinished roads that make access in the region difficult.

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Wakeley said the council, under his leadership, has provided full community services with no tax increases and has saved the borough between \$40,000 and \$50,000 by selling the Centre Cab Co. to a private business.

In response to a question of how the borough should spend this year's block grant allocation, Berner said he favors the construction of a community center, although he would hold extensive public hearings to find out what local citizens want done with the money before making a decision.

Supina also supported a proposal for a community center, saying that the borough does not have a facility for teenagers to go to.

Bartoo said he did not know enough about the areas covered by CDBG funds to recommend specific projects, but said his experience working with government grants over the years would help him decide on how best to allocate the funds.

Wakeley defended the council's use of the money last year to rebuild borough streets.

"We have a great need to repair our infrastructure — streets, storm-water and sanitary sewers," Wakeley said. "I know it's not a very romantic area, but you can't develop the downtown without first taking care of this."

Opinions on how best to develop McAllister Alley into a pedestrian mall were mixed.

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Construction of wing should begin in June

By S.A. MILLER
Collegian Staff Writer

If all continues as planned, construction of the Centre Community Hospital's new wing should begin in June.

The new wing will house a cancer treatment center, a respiratory therapy unit, data processing services and office space.

The hospital's board of trustees recently approved an agreement with Paul E. Hickes, Inc. of Alexandria, Pa., that guarantees construction costs for the new wing will not exceed \$1.84 million.

Board member Virginia Eisenstein said she is especially happy that a cancer treatment center will be built in the area.

"Now, in order to get radiation therapy, people have to go to Williamsport, Geisinger (Medical Center in Danville, Pa.) or Hershey," Eisenstein said. "It's very difficult for them to make those trips at a time when they need to be close to their families."

Don Spackman, engineer for the board, said the new cancer treatment center will be able to handle an estimated 465 cancer patients a year, with each patient receiving about 20 treatments a year. A director for the center will be named later this year, he added.

The hospital will finance the new wing with a portion of funds set aside to cover the depreciation of existing facilities. Spackman said such funds are usually used to cover the cost of rebuilding facilities that have fully depreciated. The new wing will increase the hospital's existing capacity in the respiratory therapy unit, the data processing center and the office space.

The \$4.1 million originally budgeted for the project has been decreased to \$3.3 million because of lower construction costs, Eisenstein said.

police log

• The State College Police Department reported yesterday that a suitcase belonging to Peter Kuhn, Toms River, N.J., was missing from a truck parked near the corner of McAllister Street and Calder Way. The suitcase and contents are valued at \$144. State College police said.

• University Police Services reported Monday that Mary Spink, 224 Atherton Hall, was a victim of theft by deception. Loss is estimated at \$500. University police said.

• University police reported yesterday that unidentified people broke the glass of a showcase in McAllister Building. An estimate of damage was not available. University police said.

— by Michael J. Vand

collegian notes

• The Penn State Veterans Organization will meet at 8:30 tonight at 227 E. Nittany Ave.

• The College of Arts and Architecture Student Council will meet at 8:30 tonight in 128 Arts Building.

• Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 7:30 tonight at Grace Lutheran Church, Garner and Beaver avenues. Newcomers will meet at 7.

• The Horticulture Club will meet at 7 tonight in 108 Tyson.

• The American Society of Civil Engineers will meet at 7 tonight in 112 Buckout. Benjamin Whistler, project engineer for the Houston ship channel bridge, will speak about "The Houston Ship Channel Bridge."

• The Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 207 Sackett. Steven A. Pla, librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library, will speak on the stamps of China.

• Jackson Spielvogel, assistant professor of history, and five other faculty members who survived the Nazi persecution will speak about the Holocaust at 6:45 tonight at the Hillier Foundation, 224 Locust Lane. The program is sponsored by Hillier and Yachad.

• Samuel Winograd of IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center will give a free public lecture on "Complexity, Algebra and Signal Processing" at 4 this afternoon in 127 Sackett.

Marathon to benefit handicapped

By MARIA NICOLO
Collegian Staff Writer

From dancing to pole-sitting, philanthropic marathons at the University have traditionally included a wide range of non-stop events.

This weekend the term "marathon" will be applied in its original sense when participants run laps around Old Main in the 9th Annual Delta Chi Marathon, held in conjunction with Kappa Delta sorority.

Money raised from the marathon's \$30 entrance fee is deposited in a special bank account first established in 1979; the building interest is used to award scholarships to handicapped students at the University, said Brenda Hammsler, coordinator of Services for Disabled Student Assistance Center.

The amount awarded for the scholarship to two students each year increased from \$135 last year, Hammsler said.

"I like the way the scholarship program is set up so that all money raised is still there earning year after year," she said.

The marathon is "one of the few philanthropies that the money goes back to the students at Penn State... so it means a little bit more," event chairman Andy Nachamie said. Last year, the marathon raised \$3,200.

Starting time for the event is Friday at 5 p.m. when the first relay teams scheduled form a line on College Avenue near the base of the mall. The course will take runners up the mall to circle in front of Old Main and return to College Avenue on the side of the Human Development Building.

Each four-person team will have 55 minutes to complete as many 1/3 mile laps as possible. Winners will be decided on the basis of highest totals, Nachamie said. Fraternity and sorority members will supervise the races until the last team clocks in Sunday at 5 p.m.

Time slots covering all hours of the day and night will be picked at random for the 100 teams, Nachamie said.

"The marathon goes on no matter what," Nachamie said.

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in four divisions: fraternity, sorority, male independent, and female independent.

The deadline for registration is today. Forms are available on HUB ground floor, in campus dining areas, or at Delta Chi fraternity, 424 E. Fairmount Ave.

Stabbing victim in fair condition and improving

By MICHAEL J. VAND
Collegian Staff Writer

A University student, the victim of a stabbing early Sunday morning, is continuing to improve in the intensive care unit of Centre Community Hospital.

Randolph Baker (12th-accounting) was listed in fair condition yesterday afternoon, a hospital spokesman said.

Baker was stabbed in the chest while involved in a fight at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, 408 E. Fairmount Ave. According to police reports, both Baker and his assailant are residents of the fraternity. Police have not identified the other person involved in the fight.

Police said yesterday that they are continuing to investigate. A police spokesman said charges will not be filed until the investigation is complete. He explained that police must determine if the stabbing was accidental or if it warrants a charge such as aggravated assault or attempted homicide, before taking action.

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Pole-a-thon raises \$2,000

Poling for dollars in pouring rain may have left the members of Chi Phi fraternity with colds, but the approximate \$2,000 raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is nothing to sneeze at.

Pole-a-thon Chairman Tim Johnson said that although it rained all weekend, soaking both canners and pole-sitters, the bad weather may have helped the event in a roundabout way.

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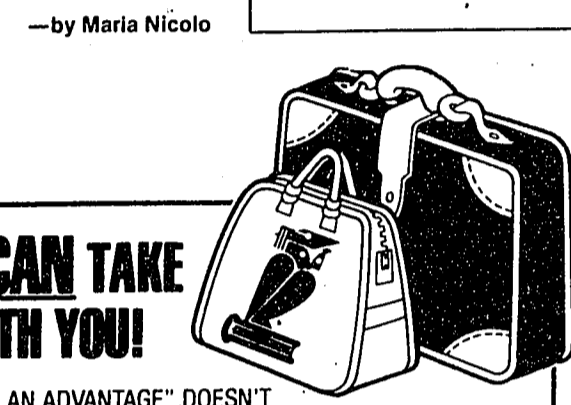
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