

Republicans sweep Council race

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Republicans John Dombroski, Fremont Dan Winand and Ruth K. Lavin swept the three open spots on the State College Municipal Council last night in a race that came down to a 37-vote difference between Lavin and Democrat John George for the final council position.

The three also defeated Democrats Jacqueline Melander and Rita Foderaro.

The votes were: Dombroski, 2,574; Winand, 2,198; Lavin, 1,892; George, 1,855; Foderaro, 1,722; and Melander, 1,638.

Both Dombroski, the only incumbent candidate, and Winand led throughout the entire race.

"An awful lot of people helped in

winning this campaign — students, townspeople, businesspeople," Dombroski said. "I'm going to do my best to keep good relationships with these people and work during the next four years to do that."

Winand said he had mixed feelings about his victory.

"I am pleased that the voters listened to me and heard what I said," Winand said. "But I have feelings toward the people who were disappointed in the elections. I think everyone ran a quality race."

Lavin, who trailed George for most of the race, said that although most people in State College are registered Republican, many students crossed parties to vote for Democratic candidates.

"I lost most of the student vote to the Democrats, but I won on the town

residents," Lavin said. "And it feels great."

George was ahead of Lavin by almost 60 percent when the first five State College borough precincts — primarily student precincts — were counted around 9:30 p.m. However, his lead gradually narrowed until Lavin pulled ahead with 17 of the 19 State College borough precincts counted around 11:20 last night.

George said it was disappointing to begin to hope for a victory and watch his lead gradually dwindle, but he was pleased that so many students crossed parties to vote for Democratic candidates.

The heavy Republican registration in the area and the rainy weather probably harmed the Democrats, Melander said. But all candidates gave their best to the campaign and

should not be too disappointed in themselves, she said.

Foderaro said she was glad she ran and believes she gave her best to the campaign, but she said the voters have made their choice.

In other local elections, State College Mayor Arnold Addison was re-elected by 3,416 votes. Addison ran unopposed under both parties for a third term.

Lloyd A. Niemann and John A. Barosque, who also ran on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, were elected to the College Township Council. Barosque received 832 votes and Niemann 960 votes. They ran as a team and were unopposed for the two council positions.

"I am happy that people have confidence in me and I will do whatever the job calls for," Niemann said.



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Volunteers helped stack ballot boxes from the 85 Centre County precincts as they came in to the Bellefonte County Court House last night. Voter turnout was extremely light throughout the county. Rainy weather played a part as only 38 percent of registered county voters turned out at the polls.

Weather a factor in low voter turnout

By JEANETTE KREBS
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Rainy weather may have deterred some Centre County voters from casting their ballots during elections yesterday, but two county commissioners said the 38 percent voter turnout was still puzzling.

Last November's presidential election brought out 79 percent of county-registered voters.

University student voter turnout was also low, but Undergraduate Student Government Voter Registration Drive Chairman Devin Malone said he was pleased with the results.

Malone said despite the rain, he was satisfied with student turnout and the election results.

Because State College Municipal Council candidates John Dombroski, Fremont Dan Winand — two of three candidates USG and the Interfraterni-

ty Council endorsed — won their races, he said the student voters were educated and unified.

"This shows how well educated students' views are," Malone said.

Centre County Commissioner John T. Saylor said the county turnout was extremely low even for a year with no gubernatorial or presidential elections.

"This is the lowest percentage I remember ever seeing for a general election year," Saylor said.

The 38 percent was estimated with 84 of the 85 precincts tabulated.

Commissioner Chairman Jeffrey Bower said he attributes the weather as one factor for the low turnout, but added that despite the rain, he does not know why more people did not go to the polls.

The four polling places on campus East Halls, South Hall, Pollock Dining Hall and West Halls

showed an 8.7 percent, 6.0 percent, 7.8 percent and 8.6 percent voter turnout respectively.

He said one reason may have been because there was only one county-wide contested race was for district attorney.

"With the amount of local races, you would think they would attract more voters," Saylor said.

"I have no idea what the reason (for the low turnout) would be, but I hope it wasn't disinterest," he added.

Saylor said he thought the weather was only a minor factor in the low turnout.

Bower said he will be interested in comparing the final results for student voting this year after such a high turnout in last year's presidential election, which followed an extensive voter registration drive.

Malone said he visited some of the polling places and all were being well run and there were no

Storm kills 26; West Pa. now a disaster area

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Storm-swollen rivers roared out of their banks in Pennsylvania and across the mid-Atlantic region yesterday, killing 26 people, forcing thousands to evacuate their homes and leaving others missing. Some looting was reported in areas cut off by the floods.

Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh declared Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Somerset counties state disaster areas and freed \$1 million in emergency flood relief aid for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Flood warnings were also in effect for Erie, Crawford, Warren, Venango, and Mercer counties.

The governor called out 600 National Guardsmen to assist rescue workers in flood-stricken areas, said gubernatorial aide David Runkel.

Up to three inches of rain fell on parts of western Pennsylvania in a 24-hour period ending yesterday morning, the National Weather Service said. Nearly 4 1/2 inches of rain fell on Erie in a 36-hour period beginning Monday morning.

The Ohio River was expected to crest in Pittsburgh at 26 feet, a foot above flood stage, at 5 this morning. The state estimated at least 3,000 residents were forced from their homes by the water.

Flooding forced officials in Washington and Fayette counties in Pennsylvania to postpone general election voting in 15 precincts, delaying the outcome of at least one political race.

Up to 60 barges ripped loose from moorings on the Monongahela River, which starts in West Virginia and flows past Pittsburgh to the Ohio River. Evening rush-hour traffic in Pittsburgh was tied up as police closed bridges while some of the barges swept past.

The Monongahela crested at 40 feet, 16 above flood stage, at Point Marion, where police rescue worker Danny Rhodes said: "The old people in town say this is the highest they've ever seen it."

No injuries were reported, but in Erie County, 160 miles to the north, volunteers searched Walnut Creek for Lawrence Kalisewski, 28, of Edinboro, a salmon fisherman swept away by the current. Please see related story, Page 4.

RHAB to close all meetings to public

By GREGG BORTZ
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The director of the Residence Hall Advisory Board announced Monday night that RHAB meetings will now be closed to the public because he said he does not believe the organization can effectively and openly discuss matters in the presence of a reporter.

Bob Taylor said, "I don't feel I have the freedom at my meetings to really discuss some matters because I'm not sure what will be printed."

He said he has not had problems with any reporter concerning material printed, but he is "no longer sure" that will continue.

Taylor said he is upset with journalistic policies concerning "off-the-record" material in that he cannot discuss anything "off-the-record" at a meeting.

"We discuss a lot of future policy," Taylor said, "and I can't take a chance at being misquoted or saying something that isn't finalized and have it printed."

RHAB is a department of the Association of Residence Hall Students and makes recommendations to the University concerning housing and food services.

Taylor said he has not yet experienced a problem with anything being printed from the meetings

this year because he "has not let it happen."

"I've been holding back at the meetings," he said. "I can't be effective if I'm afraid to talk."

Taylor also said he is closing the meetings because he believes he does not now have a working relationship with *The Daily Collegian*.

Taylor, who has been with RHAB for three years and director for this semester, said he is experimenting with closed meetings to see if there is an improvement in the discussions and effectiveness of the meetings. He said the meetings will be closed indefinitely.

He said he had been discussing the closing with the other members of RHAB outside of the meetings for about three weeks.

"It was basically a unanimous decision," Taylor said.

Patty Martin, president of ARHS, said she agreed with Taylor's decision.

"There are subjects that RHAB discusses that are very sensitive," she said, "and they can't take a chance at having something printed before it should be."

Taylor said he is not cutting off information from the press and that RHAB's actions will still be accounted during his regular report at the weekly ARHS meetings.

Close county DA race ends with Gricar victory

By JEANETTE KREBS
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Wearing a baseball jersey with "Ray" on the front and "Gricar / Number 1" on the back, Republican Ray Gricar was greeted with a round of applause as the results for Centre County district attorney came in.

Gricar, 40, and his wife Barbara Gray waited for the election results at the Centre County Court House in Bellefonte last night. When the results were tabulated, he said the race was close but he was glad he was chosen to serve as district attorney.

The final voter tally showed Gricar with 10,287 votes and Democrat Amos Goodall, 39, with 9,689 votes.

Gricar, now the first assistant district attorney under outgoing incumbent Robert Mix, said his experience as a prosecutor was his major qualification to become district attorney.

The race for district attorney promised to be a close one and for the duration of election returns that promise was fulfilled. Gricar said the race was close

because of the money Goodall used for his campaign.

"I felt the margin would be slimmer, but my opponent put a lot more money into his campaign than me," Gricar said.

Goodall, reading from a written statement, congratulated Gricar and thanked everyone who helped with his campaign.

"I respect the Centre County voters' decision," said Goodall, a lawyer at the Bellefonte law firm of Miller, Kistler and Campbell. He added that he will continue to serve the county as an attorney.

Throughout the night, it was apparent the winner would only take victory by a narrow margin:

- At 10:15 p.m., with 38 of 85 precincts tabulated, Gricar had 4,432, Goodall 3,352 votes.

- At 11 p.m., with 60 precincts from the county in, Gricar still held a slim lead with 6,956 votes, but Goodall was only 485 votes away with 6,471 votes.

- At 12:45 a.m., with 74 precincts tabulated, Gricar had 8,847 and Goodall had 8,370 votes.

election roundup

GOP wins big in N.J.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Republican Gov. Thomas H. Kean won reelection by a landslide yesterday in a dramatic reversal of his razor-thin victory four years ago, and his popularity swept the GOP into control of the state Assembly.

With 84 percent of the 5,763 precincts reporting, Kean had 1,128,777 votes, or 70 percent, to 480,552, or 30 percent, for Democrat Peter Shapiro, the 33-year-old Essex County executive who had sought to become the nation's youngest governor.

All 80 seats in the state Assembly also were contested, and the GOP's hopes to take control of the house for the first time since 1971 were realized as the party added at least nine seats to the 36 it held previously. At least 10 Democratic incumbents were ousted, while one GOP incumbent lost her seat.

Democrats sweep in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Gerald L. Baliles was elected governor yesterday, leading a Democratic sweep of Virginia that also saw its first

statewide victories by a black and a woman. With 98 percent of the vote counted, Baliles had 724,283 votes, or 55 percent.

The election of veteran state Sen. L. Douglas Wilder was the first time a black candidate in the South had won a state executive office since the Reconstruction. Wilder defeated Republican colleague John H. Chichester 52 percent to 48 percent.

Mary Sue Terry, a six-year veteran of the House of Delegates, defeated Republican Del. W.R. "Buster" O'Brien, to become the first woman to be elected attorney general in Virginia. She had 794,584 votes, or 61 percent, to O'Brien's 499,102 votes, or 39 percent.

Landslide win for Koch in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Edward I. Koch, whose black-ink budgets and unrestrained personality have struck a responsive chord in many New Yorkers, yesterday rolled to a landslide re-election victory in the nation's largest city.

Koch, 60, the third mayor in New York's modern history to win three

terms, has said he wants to be mayor "forever."

His principal opponents were Diane McGrath, who ran on the Republican and Conservative party tickets, and Carol Bellamy, running on the Liberal Party line. Six minor party candidates also were on the ballot.

With 83 percent of the city's 5,129 precincts reporting, Koch had 716,200 votes, or 77 percent, to Bellamy's 110,060, or 12 percent, and McGrath's 90,400, or 10 percent.

Caligiuri wins third term in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Democrat Richard S. Caligiuri won his third four-year term as Pittsburgh's mayor yesterday in a landslide victory over a weak field of opponents led by a young Republican attorney.

With 405 of the city's 410 precincts reporting, Caligiuri had 61,831 votes, or 76.2 percent. Republican Henry Sneath, 27, a civil litigation attorney and Caligiuri's only serious opponent, had 17,769 votes, or 21.9 percent.

Mark Weddleton, 25, a factory worker representing the Socialist Please see ELECTION ROUNDUP, Page 16.

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weather

Today, another overcast day with possible showers. High 51. Tonight, mostly cloudy with any lingering showers tapering off by morning. Low 38.

.....Heidi Sonen