

Rivals clash in debate

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Saying he pitied Democrat Bill Wachob and wanted no part of the wave of the future if it included Wachob's type of "political pornography," Republican U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger said at a debate last night that effective use of federal programs has paid off for the 23rd congressional District.

In the debate televised on WTAJ-TV, Wachob said the 1986 election offers the district a chance to grow economically instead of lagging behind national averages. He said the national recovery has not reached this part of Pennsylvania and that the district has not received its fair share.

Each candidate attacked the other's record in voting and interests.

Wachob said oil interests and large corporations had their own congressman in Clinger while the people of the district lacked the leadership of one.

"The 23rd District needs a new congressman for the interests of all in the district," Wachob said, adding that his interest would lie with the farmers, students, senior citizens and middle-class taxpayers he said Clinger has ignored.

Although Wachob said Clinger's vote was bought by the oil interests, Clinger said he never voted 100 percent with any interest. He said many jobs in the district are directly affected by the oil industry and that he votes to save existing federal agencies that would preserve jobs.

Wachob stressed high unemployment as an important concern in the campaign, but Clinger contended that unemployment is steadily dropping in the district.

On national issues, Clinger said the deficit is the biggest threat to the nation's economic growth and supported the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget-balancing law, which he said was needed to set spending priorities in Congress.

Wachob said he did not support the budget-balancing law and thought it cut too much from human services programs.

Clinger said the national economy is improving and that he sees the light at the end of the tunnel.

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From left, U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, R-Pa.; and Penn State Head Football Coach Joe Paterno address students' questions in 225 HUB yesterday. Paterno said he would vote for both candidates but would make no endorsement.

Paterno backs GOP hopefuls

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Head Football Coach Joe Paterno said yesterday he was not endorsing the Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives but will vote for both on Nov. 4.

"If I have a guy who's running the ball pretty well, I don't change him. That is, unless he gets tired, and these guys aren't tired," Paterno said while sitting beside incumbents Sen. Arlen Specter and Rep. William F. Clinger at a packed forum in the HUB.

Paterno appeared in radio and television advertisements for Clinger last month saying, as a spokesman for the educational community and personal friend of the congressman, that Clinger has been consistent for education.

The advertisement was not considered an endorsement, said Clinger spokesman Harry Phillips.

Paterno did not explain the apparent discrepancy in semantics between an endorsement and his declared election support of the candidates.

Clinger is running for a third term against Democratic challenger Bill Wachob for the 23rd District seat. Specter faces Bob Edgar in the race for the U.S. Senate.

Paterno also offered the candi-

dates last-minute campaign coaching advice, telling them to "attack."

He said the incumbents are honest, accessible and use good judgment in Congress. Paterno said he did not always agree with, and does not expect to agree with, the votes of each of the candidates, but said both men were "damn good representatives."

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Specter said he was glad to be at the University with "a campus of winners" to get the last-minute tips from Paterno and to highlight some recent efforts of legislators in Washington.

"Students who graduate from Penn State would like to go into an economy that is thriving, where there are opportunities, where businesses is expanding," the Pennsylvania senator said. "I believe we have that kind of an economy in this country today."

Specter said cutting taxes for

increased incentives has aided the boosted economy. He said that while his opponent said the deficit reduction bill was "the worst bill he's seen in 12 years in Congress," the legislation is an integral part of the solid economy.

"My opponent is not out of the mainstream of Congress and out of the mainstream of the country, he's out of the mainstream of the most liberal branch of his own party," Specter said, never mentioning Edgar's name.

Clinger called Specter one of the most visible senators the state has ever elected. He added that Specter's awareness of the problems of rural Pennsylvania have made him an effective senator on Capitol Hill.

The senator said he has always had the best interests of Pennsylvania in mind and was never afraid to differ in opinion with President Reagan. He said the president is supporting his re-election bid.

Vice President George Bush was in Altoona on Friday campaigning for Specter and a continued Republican majority in the Senate. The Republicans hold a narrow margin of six seats over the Democrats.

If he were to predict the outcome of the election today, Specter said the Republicans would retain control of the senate. However, he said, too many races are close at this point.

GM to pull out of South Africa

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DETROIT — General Motors Corp. announced yesterday that it was pulling out of South Africa, a move Chairman Guido B. Smith attributed both to financial losses and that nation's slowness to abolish apartheid.

General Motors is the second-largest U.S. employer in South Africa, behind Mobil, according to the Investor Responsibility Research Center in Washington. In 1985, 39 U.S. companies pulled out of South Africa, followed by 22 so far in 1986.

General Motors South African Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary, has annual sales in the \$300 million range and a 2,800-member workforce that is predominantly non-white.

It has assets worth about \$140 million and makes cars by GM's German and Japanese partners, Adam Opel, Isuzu and Suzuki, GM spokesman George Schreck said.

GMSA is expected to be sold to a group headed by the South African management at its Port Elizabeth car and truck assembly plant. The purchase price was not disclosed.

A GM engine plant in South Africa has been idle for several years and is not part of the package being sold,

said Ron Theis, another company spokesman.

Smith said GM was "struggling desperately" in South Africa because of the nation's economy.

"Our aim is to enable the new owners to start from a strong position, to continue to provide job opportunities for the employees and to continue to serve our customers," Smith said in a statement.

Smith said the proposed sale also was a result of the South African government's slowness in eliminating apartheid.

The No. 1 U.S. automaker has been under pressure externally and internally to divest its South African interests. In May, in response to a proposal by an investors' group, Smith announced that GMSA would no longer sell vehicles to the South African police and military.

However, GMSA had only sold 11 vehicles to either branch in 1986 and those sales were carryovers from 1985, Schreck said.

One of GM's board members is Leon Sullivan, the Philadelphia minister who devised the Sullivan principles, a set of guidelines for the employment and treatment of blacks by businesses operating in South Africa.

Ex-campus politician aims for Harrisburg

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In the spring of 1974, USG Senator Mark Singel proposed legislation that would have abolished the University's student government.

He said he wanted to form a governing body that would better represent the voice of the students. The attempt failed, but 12 years later Singel is running for lieutenant governor with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bob Casey and vowing to reshape state government to solve the Commonwealth's economic woes.

While majoring in English literature at the University, Singel was instrumental in setting up a task force to eliminate the Undergraduate Student Government and form the Pennsylvania State University Student Association. And he says his experience in student government helped prepare him for real-world politics.

The experience in Penn State politics has been just one factor that

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Mark Singel



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Ready for takeoff

Charlie Bricker, a resident of State College, prepares his radio-controlled World War II Corsair for flight this past weekend.

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This afternoon, sunshine accompanied by some clouds. High 64. Tonight, partly cloudy and seasonable. Low 41. Tomorrow, warmer with lots of sunshine and a high of 66.

.....Heidi Sonen