# Singel

Singel believes will help him and his running mate put a Democrat in the state's top seat. Casey and Singel have, in recent weeks, been forced to reach into the history books and look closely at their backgrounds, pulling out any advantage to win the election political observers say is too close to call.

"There's not a poll in Pennsylvania that has Republican candidate William Scranton ahead," Singel said. The final two weeks of the campaign will be crucial as both candidates realize that one mistake may cost them the election, he said.

The three-term state senator from Cambria County faces Scranton running mate Mike Fisher in the race for the lieutenant governor seat.

The Democratic race for governor has displaced many myths about the party in this campaign.

The tough and hard-fought primary battle against former Philadelphia District Attorney Ed Rendell did not break the unity of the party as many thought it would. Rather, he said, the Democrats became more cohesive.

"Our biggest advocate today is Ed Rendell," Singel said, adding that "you cannot find a Democrat in the state that is not solidly behind our ticket."

The primary battle gave Casey and Singel an opportunity to get their names heard by residents across the state, he said.

"Although we had to divert large amounts of funds into the spring campaign, many polls show that the campaign to elect Casey and Singel has raised more money than the

Republican challengers since the summer," he said.

The primary, Singel admits, was a factor in fund raising. "If it wasn't for the primary we'd be ahead in raising money.

"We've exploited the myth that the Democrats cannot raise big money in Pennsylvania. This year we've raised more than $4 million and are holding our own," he said. The Republicans for Scranton have raised an estimated $6 million for the November election.

Singel described the Thornburgh administration as miserly in its spending for education and funding for local governments.

"The Casey-Singel ticket will attack the economic development, education and environmental infrastructure as our three main priorities. If a state surplus is available at the end of the year, it will be reinvested in those three areas in that order," he said.

State universities and state-related universities have not kept pace with the cuts to student aid and decreasing federal funds, he said.

"Pennsylvania ranks 45th out of 50 states on the number of high school students who continue on to college," said the 33-year-old state senator.

To help more students get a college degree, Singel said he and Casey have developed an Individual Education Account program so that parents can set aside a percentage of their wages to be entered into a state pool. The money in the pool would be invested by the state and the parents' children would be able to go to any state university free of charge, he said.



**Empties**

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Discarded Coke bottles, stretching as far as the eye can see, sit in mute chorus at a construction site at Pollock and Bigler roads.

# Student group to lobby for University

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A new Undergraduate Student Government committee, the Student Alliance for Education, wants to promote the University to state legislators, the committee coordinator said.

"We're going to market Penn State to the legislature," Frank Cleveland said.

USG President Matt Baker said SAFE, which is non-partisan, plans to send students and their parents to each of the 203 legislative districts during semester breaks with information highlighting the University's positive aspects. After presenting their data to the legislators, the students will ask the representative to support increased allocations for the University, he said.

SAFE will ask the legislature to allocate more funds for higher education in general but will

stress the needs of this University first, Cleveland said.

"We're arguing for more money for Penn State and any other Pennsylvania universities," Cleveland said, adding, "We may emphasize Penn State, and we have to, because we're the underdogs."

SAFE hopes to educate and train a group of 206 students on the underfunding situation at the University, he said. The education will take place in the form of seminars and training sessions.

SAFE will ask the representative to support students will ask the representative to support increased allocations for the University, he said.

After the committee is confident the students can accurately present the University's situation, each student will be sent to work with legislators in every district in Pennsylvania, Cleveland said.

Cleveland said SAFE is going to function primarily as an information group addressing the University's underfunding situation and encouraging legislators to make higher education a priority.

"The state has not prioritized higher education and it's about time that they do," Cleveland said.

SAFE will also be working closely with the University's administration, he said.

"They are emphasizing research at this University at the expense of quality education," Cleveland said.

In addition, he added that SAFE will stress the need to create incentives encouraging Pennsylvania graduates to seek employment in the state, since many students are leaving the area to find jobs.

He added that legislators should also concentrate on economic development in Pennsylvania as a means of creating incentives for graduates.

"Higher education and economic development have to go hand in hand," Cleveland said.

Baker said the groundwork for SAFE is still being laid, but the committee hopes to have regional directors by January.

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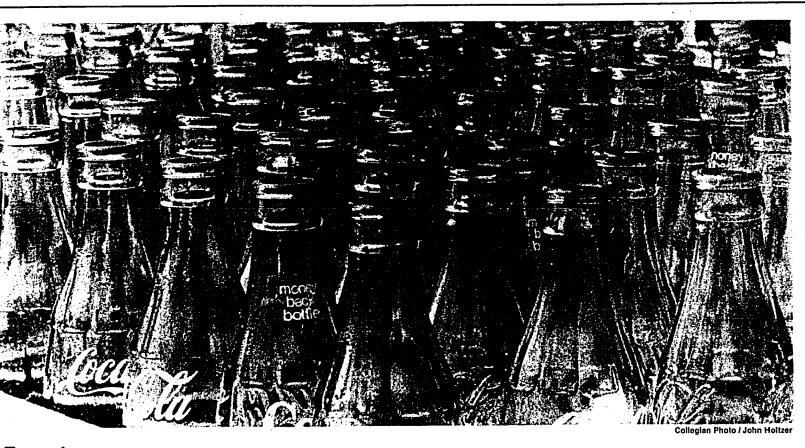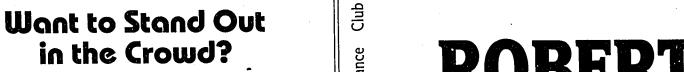
tunnel, while his opponent sees only the tunnel at the end of the light.

Wachob said an effective legislator should not miss 47 percent of committee votes as Clinger did. Clinger served on the House

Public Works and Transportation and House Government Operations committees.

Clinger said the meeting times of the two committees conflicted and it was impossible for him to attend both committees regularly.