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county to a smaller workforce competing for the same number of jobs. Clinger said at a press conference

after the debate that the incubator. though not yet filled, was designed to improve the success rate of new small businesses.

When referring to recent advertisements detailing Clinger's votes in aid of oil and gas interests and contributions from those groups, Wachob told his opponent: "I stand by what we put forward in regards to your race."

Wachob compared his actions with those of a private citizen with questions about Clinger's record. All information, he said, came from the Congressional Record, the Library of Congress and Federal Election Com-

mission records. "The Federal Election Commission reported (Clinger) number five in receiving PAC money from Texas oil

and gas money," Wachob said.
Wachob, Clinger countered, "was number one in terms of challengers receiving PAC money. Being accused of taking PAC money by you is like being called ugly by a frog.

The recent Rejkjavik, Iceland, talks between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev drew discussion centering around the issue of the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as the "Star Wars" defense program.

Clinger described SDI as "the major reason the Soviets came to Rejkjavik" and said the talks provided the hope of "a real breakthrough" in nuclear weapons treaties.

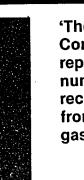
Wachob replied that the program kept Reagan from "looking seriously at the Soviet proposal."

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(intercontinental ballistic missiles) aimed at us in exchange for keeping SDI in the laboratory," Wachob said. That's a favorable proposal for all Americans and one I would agree to." The program should be compared to the space program, Clinger said.

"When we targeted research and

development, we really got the space program going," Clinger said. "It created lots of new jobs. . . The same thing is going to happen with the SDI program.'

Wachob termed the use of SDI funding to create new jobs "ludicrous" and said the main emphasis

should be on the basic research funded at a lower level, which was begun during the Carter administra-

The two also opposed each other on sending \$100 million in aid to Nicaraguan Contras, who are fighting a guerrilla war against a Sandinista government deemed oppressive by President Reagan.

"We're not directly involved in Central America but it is necessary to take a direct and personal interest in it," said Clinger, who supported the Contra aid package.

"Supporting aid for the Contras avoids the possibility of sending American troops in," Clinger said. "The only way to bring the parties to the Contadora table is to bring military pressure."

Wachob said he has visited Nicaragua and talked with both proponents and opponents of the Sandinista government, all of whom opposed U.S. assistance to the Contras.

"Surprisingly, every person I met said, 'We don't need Americans to come down here and tell us what to do.' " Wachob said.

Providing aid to the Contras "pushes the government of Nicaragua into a closer sphere with Cuba and the Soviet Union and just continues to prolong the conflict," Wachob

The debate was held at the WPSX-TV studios in Wagner Building. Duke is the host of Washington Week in Review, which airs on that station.

The debate, sponsored by the Centre County League of Women Voters, was structured to allow the two candidates to counter each other immediately rather than during set rebuttal periods.



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Casey said Scranton's defense was. misdirected, adding that the question should be asking rhetorically whether a public official should be able to withdraw his record from public

"If the day ever comes that a candidate can withdraw his public record, the fact that he didn't go to work, that he wasn't in his hometown at the time of a flood ... if this information cannot be communicated to the voters, we may as well abolish elections," Casey said.

Scranton, 39, and Casey, 54, also fielded questions concerning funding for basic and higher education, agreeing that a tax increase was an inappropriate solution to helping the state provide the 15 percent of public education funds required by the federal government.

'We spent too much time and worked too hard to cut the taxes to the taxpayer, to start raising taxes again," Scranton said. "I believe one of our fundamental and most important investments is in basic education

and higher education.' Scranton said re-orientating the present tax system and continuing to direct portions of this and next year's state budget surplus would help ease the responsibility of local governments in funding education.

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The administration of Gov. Dick Thornburgh raised taxes by over \$5 billion in the last eight years, Casey said, adding recent tax cuts near an election were "a la the old politics . . . but the fact of the matter is that this ádministration's commitment to public education has not been a valid

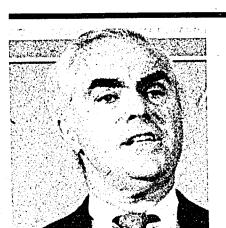
strong commitment." Casey said funding for public education must be approached gradually, looking at what the budget surplus will be several years in the future and adding, "we have to look at what our costs are which will make it possible for the last eight years to be rewrit-

While Casey said he was opposed to abolition of the state-owned liquor system and called such an action fiscally irresponsible in the long term," Scranton favored eliminating the current system through a referen-

Casey mildly opposed putting the question to a referendum vote, saying "most things in a democracy should be decided by elected representa-

tives." "I can't think of two other issues which show the fundamental difference between Bill Scranton and Robert Casey than on the liquor issues and the issue of initiative and referendum," Scranton said.

"I am not afraid on any issue, whether abolition of the control board or whatever, to be brought before the people. We need some opening of this



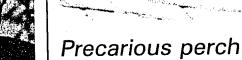
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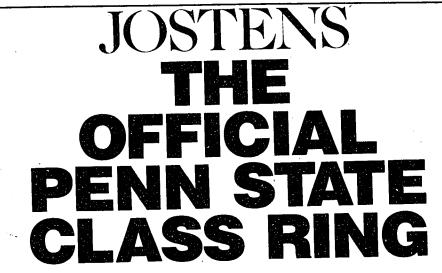
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