Oil industry aids Clinger

By JAMES A. STEWART
Collegian Staff Writer

A survey on campaign contributions from oil and gas industry political action committees released yesterday by the Pennsylvania Public Interest Coalition said Republican incumbent William F. Clinger has received more oil PAC money than all but one Congressional candidate in non-oil areas.

A 75 percent approval rating on Clinger's votes on oil-related issues by the Petroleum Producers' Association of America and an analysis of five key issues by local groups show that Clinger leans toward the oil companies, said Ed Rothschild, associate director of the Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition, Penn PIC's parent organization.

"I believe oil and gas companies have made these contributions knowing they have a friend in Congress," Rothschild said.

Jim Clark, campaign manager for Clinger, said contributions from oil and gas PACs were a result of votes supporting local oil concerns that employ more than 10,000 people in the district.

The contributions comprise less than 6 percent of total donations to the Clinger campaign, Clark said.

Penn PIC spokesman Jack Stollsteimer said oil producer PACs donated about $33,000 to the Clinger campaign. Of Congressmen outside major oil-producing states, only Sam Gibbons, a Florida Democrat, has received more in PAC money, Stollsteimer said.

"It's important because this money comes from a single source instead of being spread out over individual contributors," Rothschild said. "It has an enormous effect; you can see it in his voting.

"There's a clear correlation between money received from oil and gas contributions and votes in Congress," Rothschild said.

Clinger has received the majority of his campaign funds from individual contributors, Clark said. "Those are the people we really work for."

The group compiled a list of Clinger's votes on "key" oil- and gas-related issues.

The list said Clinger opposed a tax reform bill that would have eliminated oil industry tax breaks, supported an exemption for oil companies to the windfall profits tax and opposed a Superfund toxic waste bill amendment that "would have made oil . . . companies pay their fair share."

Clark said Clinger's decisions were "geared toward independent and small producers" and a means of keeping district people working.

One vote, allowing advance consumer billing as a means of paying for construction on the Alaska pipeline, was later deemed a mistake, Clark said. But it was overwhelmingly supported at the time because of "concern at the time over dependence on foreign oil," he said.

Clark said he was not surprised by the poor rating given Clinger by Penn PIC. "We don't agree with Penn PIC very often."

Mudslinging

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Although it is difficult to assess whether the amount of discussion of issues as opposed to personal atacks is greater this year than the past, Eisenstein said "it's my suspicion that this year is not very different from other years when there are competitive campaigns."

In 1982, he said, when there was "virtually no serious opposition" to U.S. Rep. William Clinger, his campaign was almost invisible.

But because Clinger's opponent this year in the central Pennsylvania race, William Wachob, came within almost 6,000 votes of defeating the Republican congressman in 1984, the congressman has initiated a much publicized campaign — complete with mudslinging on both sides.

Wachob, former Democratic state representative, accused Clinger of being bought by big oil companies, while Clinger charged that Wachob is "soft on child molesters."

But there seems to be some recognition on the part of the gubernatorial candidates that this political mudslinging may have gone too far.

Last week Scranton, declaring that the gubernatorial race had turned into a "back-alley brawl," vowed to stop running negative campaign commercials.

"I am convinced that such tactics serve no public purpose," Scranton said. "There is too much at stake to decide this election on the basis of who can more cleverly or deceptively detract from their opponent."

But Redenius, saying it's a ploy, is skeptical of Scranton's commitment to detailing the issues.

"Scranton is now saying he's going to rise above the mere political nature of the contest and adopt a statesman-like view of what politicans should be about," Redenius said.

"He says he's going to stop the mudslinging and talk about the issues, but two weeks before the election is hardly the time to begin discussing the issues."

Paradox spawns writer's art

By LYNN WAGNER
Collegian Arts Writer

Kurt Vonnegut has defined a writer as "someone who makes his living with his mental disease."

And another writer, Lorrie Moore, in a *New York Times* review of Vonnegut's latest book, *Galapagos*, defined Vonnegut as "that paradoxical guy who goes to church both to pray fervently and to blow loud, snappy gum bubbles at the choir."

Vonnegut's discussions yesterday in an American studies class and also a press conference last night revealed that the truth about him probably combines a little bit of both of these sentiments.

He is a man who is famous for his outlandish writing, which simultaneously jeers at humanity and probes it deeply.

Galapagos is a madcap trip through time 1 million years in the future. The remnants of humanity on the small island of Galapagos have de-evolved from "big brains" who make bombs to helpless creatures with flippers and beaks.

The book is a wry look at the very island that Charles Darwin visited in 1835 to develop his theory of natural selection.

Vonnegut's own evolution as a writer began in Indianapolis, Ind., where he was editor of his high school's daily paper, *The Echo*.

"I wrote for the thugs in the high school I went to," Vonnegut said. "They let me know when what I had written was dumb or whatever, so I got immediate feedback from a general audience."

Later, he found his high school background made it a "cinch to join the *Cornell Sun*," Cornell University's daily morning paper.

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Kurt Vonnegut

After studying biochemistry at Cornell for three years, he joined the U.S. Army in 1942 and was captured by the Germans two years later. He narrowly escaped the bombing of Dresden by both American and Allied planes. Ironically, Vonnegut survived the largest single massacre in European history by being locked in a meat cooler with his six guards and dozens of meat carcasses.

Life experiences such as Dresden have spurred many a Vonnegut novel. Although it took him almost 25 years, Vonnegut was finally able to translate his haunting memories of Dresden into his best selling novel, *Slaughterhouse-Five*. The book and subsequent movie expanded the audience he won with his 1959 novel, *Sirens of Titan* (which sold 200,000 copies) and his 1963 work *Cat's Cradle*.

Vonnegut's first novel, *Piano Player* (1952), was inspired by his work as public relations man for General Electric. The book was about the coming of technology and its threat to humanity.

"I wanted to tell the story of automation," Vonnegut said. "I took the standard plot of *1984*, of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. It was an ideal plot to use for a failed utopia."

As a writer, he got his start creating short stories for *Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies Home Journal* and other magazines.

Sixteen books later, he's able to give lectures on "How To Get A Job Like Mine."

"Every speech I ever gave was called that and I talk about whatever I want anyway and no one ever complains," he said jokingly.

Vonnegut expressed a few ideas about up-and-coming authors.

"There are no precocious writers or very damn few of them because experience matters," he said. "No matter how marvelous a person may be with the language, a person has to feel. He's got to gather more information about love and fighting and all that."

After 35 years of writing, Vonnegut should know.

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Herman's bill awaits governor's OK
Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Lynn B. Herman that would ... years has received final ... now awaits the governor's ...

Herman At Grange Fair
Opening ceremonies at the Grange Fair in Centre Hall on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. will feature a speech by state Rep. Lynn Herman, R-77 of Philipsburg. The ceremonies will take place at the grandstand in the fair grounds.

Herman To Hold Town Meeting
State Rep. Lynn B. Herman, R-Philipsburg, will hold a town meeting at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building, 3147 Research Drive, CATO Industrial Park, Thursday at 7 p.m.

Herman to speak to senior citizens
State Rep. Lynn B. Herman, R-Philipsburg, will address a group of senior citizens at a luncheon meet-

PSU gets
Small Business Plays Key Role
By REP. LYNN HERMAN
I'm sure you've all heard the oft-repeated slogan, "The biggest business in Pennsylvania is small business."
That has never been more true
wealth between Sept. 1, 1979, and Dec. 31, 1982. Small business accomplished this feat during a time in which statewide employment decreased by 100,000 jobs.
It's important to keep in mind that these new jobs created by small
financial planning. The SBDC is an important network capable of reaching more than 97 percent of the total small business population in the state.
Small businesses are one of the keystone state's most valuable

Herman: 7 of 10 items OK'd
He didn't get everything he wanted, but state Rep. Lynn B. Herman says he's pleased that the state budget signed by Gov. Thornburgh Monday includes funding for several projects he sought.
"I did much better than I ever expected," Herman said yesterday after making an item-by-item review of the $9.3 billion fiscal plan passed by the Legislature Saturday.
A month ago, Herman had gotten 0 budget amendments totaling about $6 million through the House. In all, the House ...

Projects get the go-ahead
The $9.3 billion state budget includes projects sought by Rep. Lynn Herman, R-... including:
■ $2 million to keep Philipsburg State General Hospital open for another year.
■ Money for agricultural research into animal diseases and weed and pest control.
■ Money for gypsy moth control.
■ Money for state parks.
■ Money for the Pennsylvania Technical Program at Penn State, which is now part of the B Partnership program.
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Herman gives tip of hat to volunteers
State Rep. Lynn B. Herman, R-Philipsburg, has commended Pennsylvania's volunteer fire and rescue companies for their perfect record in the state's volunteer loan assistance program.
Herman said 1,905 low-interest loans totaling $51,389,972 have been

Rep. Herman Schedules Town Meeting
PORT MATILDA — State Rep. Lynn Herman, R-77 of Philipsburg, will hold a town meeting Aug. ... at 8 p.m. in the Port Matilda Sportmen's Club, along Route 220. Rep. Herman noted he has invited ...

Herman pushes for funds for PSU projec
State Rep. Lynn B. Herman has put in a $47.9 million pitch for Penn State in a supplemental capital budget bill now before the House Appropriations Committee.
The funds would be for projects at University Park ...

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Port Matilda Gets Grant for Tank
PORT MATILDA — that holds a one-day supply of water. The new Port Matilda Borough has been awarded a tank will expand that

County projects
Highway construction projects listed in House Bill 384 for Centre County and their costs are:
■ Two-lane, Route 144 bypasses designed to carry heavy truck traffic around the communities of Potters Mills, Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap; total of $6.1 million.
■ Full interchange at the State College Bypass and Route 26 in College Township; $8.1 million (state will pay $3.75 million).
■ Relocating and rebuilding the intersection of Routes 322/504 near Philipsburg and replacing the existing bridge over Cold Stream; $962,000.
■ A truck climbing lane on Route 350 on Sandy Ridge Mountain; $1.6 million.
■ Improvements to Thompson's Curve on Route 322 near Philipsburg; $1.2 million.
■ Widening and resurfacing Route 550; $2.9 million.
■ Building an interchange at the intersection of Route 26 and Science Park Road in Ferguson Township; Includes turning lanes on Route 26; $1.2 million.
■ Improving the intersection of Route 550 and Port Matilda Road in the village of Centennial, Halfmoon.

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