

# IFC announces candidate endorsements

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The Interfraternity Council's Endorsement Committee announced last night its decision to endorse candidates for the state house, U.S. Senate, and gubernatorial races but declined to support a candidate for the 23rd Congressional District.

IFC Community Relations Chairman Mike Schwartz said the committee chose Republican Lt. Governor William Scranton III in the gubernatorial race because of the candidate's stance on education and his political experience.

For the 77th District, the committee endorsed Democratic State Representative George Fields, who addresses issues such as alcohol liability and increased University state appropriations.

Also endorsed was Incumbent Ruth Rudy for state representative in the 171st District. In a press release, the candidate received IFC endorsement because of her experience in office and fight to increase University appropriations.

The race for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 23rd District ended in a deadlock. Schwartz said the committee, composed of four fraternity presidents and two fraternity vice presidents, decided not to endorse any candidate since members supporting each candidate presented strong arguments.

Schwartz, originally scheduled to vote in case of a tie, said he did not vote because he "did not want to be the sole vote to decide which candidate IFC would endorse in the 23rd Congressional race."

IFC President Pat Conway agreed saying that "it was too much pressure for one person to decide this closely contended race."

The committee is composed of two republicans, two democrats and two independents Schwartz said.

Conway said the endorsement committee was appointed to come up with a decision that would represent "the typical fraternity male's view."

All candidates in the races were sent a questionnaire concerning three areas. The questionnaire focused on their views about alcohol liability, insurance and financial aid.

Conway said the IFC's endorsing candidates did not contradict the endorsements of the Undergraduate Student Government.

"IFC is more autonomous than it use to be underneath the University's new student Life Policy," Conway said. "IFC is much closer to the beliefs and values held by average fraternity members."

"Greeks rally behind IFC's decision to support candidates out of a sense of fraternity," Conway said.

About 2,000 fraternity members are registered voters, Conway said.

## Conway's involvement questioned

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While the Interfraternity Council's Clinger-or-Wachob endorsement ended in a deadlock last night, some members of the Endorsement Committee claim IFC President Pat Conway influenced a decision the committee made Wednesday night to support Bill Wachob.

Committee member Pat Carter said the IFC Endorsement Committee originally endorsed Democrat Bill Wachob for the 23rd District's U.S. House of Representatives race, but decided to table the decision at the request of the IFC President.

Carter, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said yesterday that after the committee finished deliberating and reached a decision Wednesday night, Conway entered the room, looked at the decision and announced that the committee should take more time in deciding which candidate to endorse in the 23rd District's congressional race.

However, Conway said that no decision

was reached Wednesday, and added "I was not involved with the process at all. It was the committee decision not to vote."

Conway added that he felt the final decision of the committee better represented fraternities' view since all six members of the committee were not present to vote on the candidates at Wednesday's meeting.

Earl Good, the president of Acacia fraternity, was not at Wednesday's endorsement meeting.

Silverman said, "Everyone wanted to hear Earl Good's input and I think the... the endorsement was handled beautifully — I have no complaints."

"The committee did not endorse anyone for the 23rd Congressional race."

Two other members of the committee — Marc Silverman, president of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, and John Mattillio, president of Alpha Zeta fraternity — also confirmed that Conway did first read the decision and then recommended that the committee should wait in announcing a decision.

Conway, however, said he did not read the decisions of the committee Wednesday

night and that the committee itself voted to delay its decision until last night.

Mike Schwartz, head of the Endorsement Committee, agreed with Conway, saying that the committee first voted to delay the decision.

Carter said that after Conway read the committee's results Wednesday night, Conway wanted to disregard the committee's decision to endorse Democrat Bill Wachob.

Then, after some discussion, the committee voted to wait until all the members of the committee were present, Carter said.

"Pat originally wanted to throw out the results from the Wachob/Clinger race," Carter said. "But everyone became upset... finally we all agreed to wait to hear Earl's input."

Silverman said though Conway did look at the decision then announce the committee should wait until the next day, "everyone decided it would be better to have the input from Earl Good."

Conway confirmed that he held a summer intern position at the Clinger campaign headquarters in State College.

## Education: reform looks to excellence

Editor's Note: This is the last of three articles on education by writers who attended an education symposium last week at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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The education of America's youth is receiving increased attention across the country from a grassroots reform that has turned a critical eye toward the public education system and American society.

At a symposium on education held at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania last week, experts debated the future of education, emphasizing that reform is necessary to bring more equal educational opportunities to the people of the United States.

According to one expert, the "move toward excellence" reform represents important and long-lasting change and differs from past reforms.

"The excellence reform is obsessed with the outcome and end-results of the education system," said Chester Finn, assistant secretary in the Education for Research and Improvement division of the U.S. Department of Education.

Finn also said the grassroots reform, which is a reform starting at a local level, is decentralized and not led by educators, but by legislators, the business community and the public.

"Year after year Gallup polls indicate that American dissatisfaction with the quality of

public education continues to be high," said Denis Doyle, director of Education Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute.

Doyle noted that dissatisfaction is "highest among inner city minorities who, with no easy way out of the cities, have the most riding on the quality of the schools."

One symposium speaker spoke out for the problems faced by black students.

"The education system must strive to narrow the achievement gap between white and black students, especially in the elementary schools," said Barbara Sizemore, an associate professor in the University of Pittsburgh's department of black community, education, research and development.

"Stereotypical beliefs about black children have no place in the minds of their teachers," Sizemore said, "because for a student to learn a teacher must believe in the student's abilities."

Herbert Gintis, who authored "Schooling in Capitalist America: Educational Reform and the Contradiction of Economic Life," said "inequality in education is a serious issue when people on the lower economic ends suffer because they don't have the resources to become full human beings."

He said society discriminates against minorities and women and added that last year, only three percent of the individuals promoted to top executive positions in American corporations were women.

Reform proponents also stressed the need to bring a "democratic ideal" into the heart of American education.

"Education can and should contribute to a genuinely pluralist and democratic society," said Stanley Aronowitz, professor of sociology at the City University of New York.

The "equity agenda" of the new reform, Finn said, demands that schools which provide a lower quality of education "should be compelled to keep up with the better schools."

Unfortunately, qualities inherent in the better schools, such as teachers and administrators committed to high quality education, plus a concerned public, cannot be mandated by law, Finn said.

"You can't expect to wave a policy wand and get good results," he said.

Gintis said despite effective reforms over the last 50 years aimed at improving equality in education "there's still a hierarchical system in our society" which maintains an order of authority.

"To get a job in this society, one must not only have the skills, but must assimilate, through dress and mannerisms, into the dominant class within American society."

Such practices must be attacked, Gintis said, because for most groups, like blacks, hispanics and other minorities who may have problems with this assimilation process, education alone may not reward them with a job.

"I propose the next major step of modern free society is the democratization of society where educational rights based on race, sex and wealth are replaced by personal characteristics," he said.

## Feminist's speech begins sisterhood conference

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There are no political or social issues in the world that are not women's issues, said a feminist author and activist last night in a keynote speech to kickoff the "Sisterhood is Global" conference scheduled for Saturday.

Robin Morgan, playwright, journalist, and author, spoke on international feminism. She is best known for her work on *Sisterhood is Global*, an anthology of feminist writers from around the world and for which Saturday's conference is named.

Morgan said the women's movement in the United States is not the most important nor the only movement for women; however, it is unique because its membership provides such a cross section of race and color.

"We are a microcosm of the international women's movement," Morgan said, "so we have a certain responsibility."

Women's issues on a global scale include those problems unique to each country, Morgan said, but they are basically the same worldwide.

"The plot is the same — it's patriarchal power," Morgan said.

"The plot is the same, but the costumes change."

Some of the issues women face include suffrage, freedom of sexuality and of access to contraception, agism and religious fundamentalists. The religion may change, Morgan said, but the arguments raised by leaders remain basically the same.

"A fun parlor game is to take the names of quotes from Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, the Pope, and the Ayatollah Khomeini," Morgan said, "and each player gets to guess what each one said."

Women own less than 1 percent of the land in the world, yet they provide two-thirds of all working hours, Morgan said. Women also provide 50 percent of the world's food, she added.

Two of three women in the world are illiterate, Morgan said, and while the general worldwide illiteracy rate has declined, the rate for women has increased.

In the industrialized world, Morgan said, one-half to three-quarters of women have been "ghettoized" in cities and still remain the last hired and the first fired.

One billion people suffer from malnutrition, Morgan said, the majority being women and children.

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### friday

#### fyi

The deadline for graduate students to apply for the Lone Star insurance policy is tomorrow. Luke Taiclet, Graduate Student Association Graduate Council representative, said the policies must be postmarked by Nov. 1. Grad students may still apply for insurance next semester on either the Lone Star or Blue Cross/Blue Shield policies in January.

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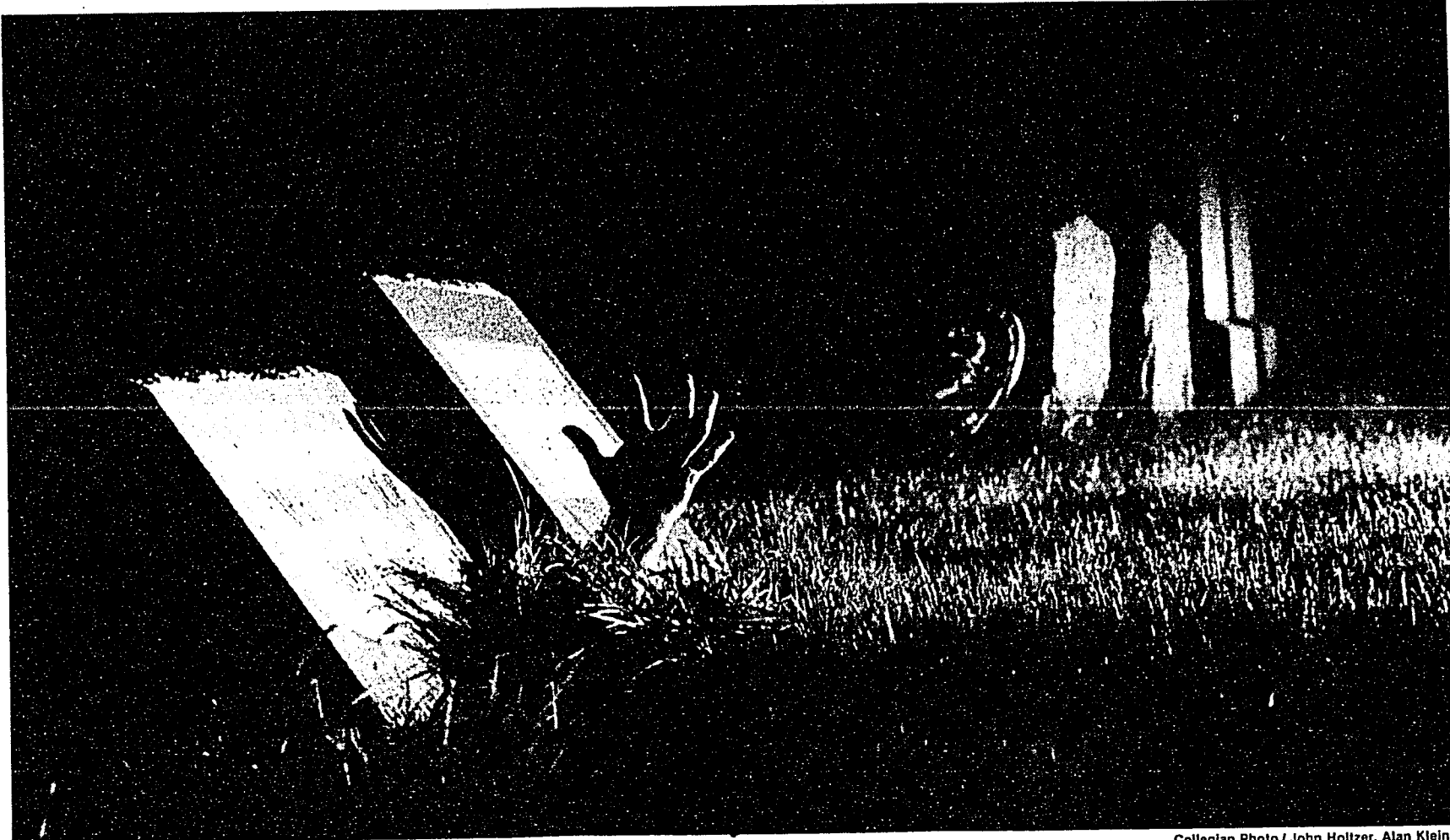
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#### weather

This afternoon our weather will be a real treat and that's no trick. We'll have crystal clear skies and bright sunshine. It will be breezy with a high of 59. Tonight looks like a spooky evening — the kind that ghosts and goblins really like. Low 42. Tomorrow warm and continued breezy with lots of sunshine and few clouds. High 64. Heidi Sonen



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### Thriller

Watch out for the dead rising from the grave, black cats crossing your path or even a witch flying in front of the moon this weekend as another Halloween hits State College. And, with strange goings-on the norm in Happy Valley this weekend, be wary of things that go bump in the night.

