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Harmon said a late-model Mustang allegedly used in dealing the drugs was seized by police, and another vehicle was seized later during the day.

Orndorf said three searches had been carried out in the borough during the course of the arrests. Among the evidence uncovered was 4½ pounds of marijuana, scales, steroids and about \$350 in cash.

**'I don't think we busted any big ring, but... gotten some important people.'**

—Jack Orndorf

A handgun that was apparently stolen in the Philadelphia area was confiscated during yesterday's arrests, Harmon said. Also, two of the individuals arrested and charged were not named in the initial 21 warrants but were present when police arrested other individuals and were taken into custody, he said.

He added that police officers were on their way to Greensburg yesterday afternoon to arrest one of the individuals charged in the warrants.

Harmon said the first purchase was made immediately following last November's arrest of 13 people on drug-related charges.

"Each time we make an arrest," he said, "it results in a new series of informants."

Orndorf said some of the alleged dealings were connected, but that others were totally individual operations. Some of the individuals were charged with being conspirators in setting deals, he said.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 1 p.m. April 23 in the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte.

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male student, they would have come in at slightly higher levels of abilities and more positive attitudes and interests," Levin said.

But Jean Landa Pytel, faculty adviser for the Society of Women Engineers and a member of the University's Commission for Women, said that "if women are coming into the major with equal academic qualities and supposed talents... and they are not performing as well, either the ways their abilities are measured are wrong or there is something in the process that is making them perform less well."

Chapman, also affiliate assistant professor of sociology, said that as children, boys and girls are channeled into sex-appropriate roles. For example, adults may encourage boys to become doctors, but girls are more often encouraged to be nurses.

She added that she is hesitant to blame the study's results on socialization, since many women enrolled in engineering have "already struggled to overcome the societal obstacles."

"Many women have been filtered out during their pre-college years," Chapman said. "They are advised against pursuing their interests in areas like math, science and technology because they are not thought appropriate for women."

John Wycoff, also co-author and assistant director of DUS, noted that some students persist in engineering unsuccessfully, while others who leave the major have "fine grades" and are therefore successful.

"This study was only looking at the small group that stays (in engineering) and is doing adequately," Wycoff said.

Levin and Wycoff added that the researchers did not set out to find gender differences but were looking for ways to improve academic advising. They said they chose engineering

because of the large number of students enrolled in the major.

"The reasons for this finding are unclear," Wycoff said. "But it has been suggested that social factors in the general and/or academic environment may be contributors to this finding."

Pytel was asked by the Commission for Women to look into the reasons for the findings.

"These are dangerous comments," Pytel said. "It is saying to women in engineering that they are not as capable."

Pytel said there are "subtle ways of demeaning a person without appearing to do so." The academic environment may be influenced by forms of sexual harassment that people do unconsciously, like telling sexist jokes, she said.

Many female students said they have not noticed obvious differences in the way they are treated by their professors, but said they are affected instead by the attitudes of their peers.

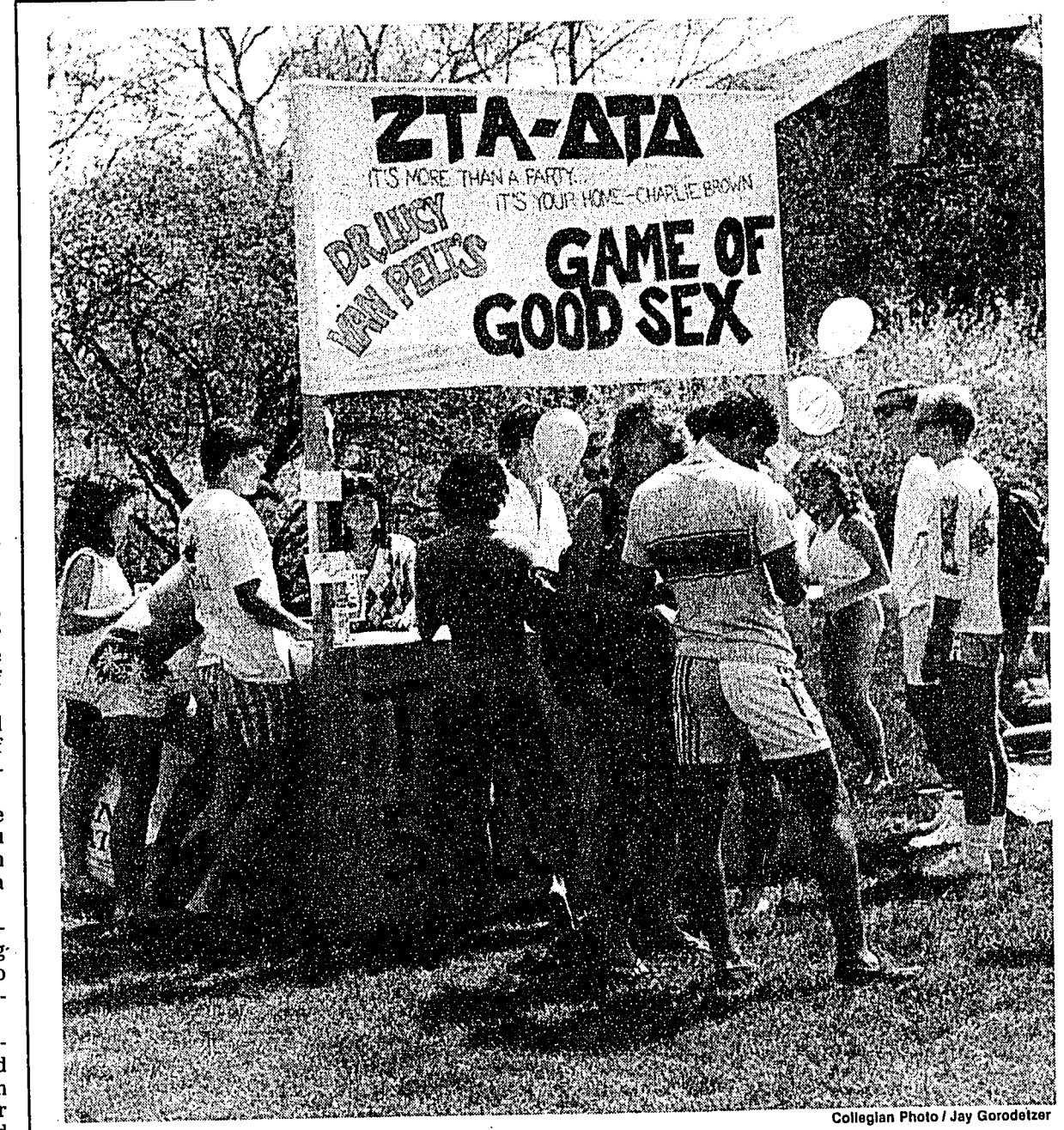
Missy Topper (junior-mechanical engineering) said the attitudes of some male students are often damaging.

"You come across a guy every once in a while who doesn't think you belong there," Topper said. "I can see it being a hindrance because it's a blow to your confidence."

Topper said there have been isolated instances when a man studying with a group would refuse to listen to her input. "It makes you feel worthless," she said.

Pam Dandois (junior-electrical engineering) said cases have occurred when a man sitting next to her in class would turn to another man for help with a problem before he would turn to her.

"People I know well treat me equally," Dandois said. "But those I don't know well I have to prove myself to."



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## With business tax debate over, town leaders ready to move on

By KARL HOKE  
Collegian Staff Writer

Members of the State College Municipal Council and local business owners appear ready to tackle other issues after debating the business privilege tax for five months.

The tax, approved Monday night, will require local businesses to pay a 1.5 mill tax on their gross receipts.

"I'm disappointed and worn out," said council member Dan Chaffee, the only member of council who voted against the tax.

Chaffee, a local real-estate sales manager, said the business community will recover from this temporary setback.

"It's nothing personal, we'll live," he said.

Geoff Brugler, former president of the Downtown Business Association, spoke numerous times before the council at meetings and public hearings in which the tax was discussed.

The DBA and the State College Area Chamber of Commerce led the opposition to the tax.

But Brugler and other local business owners said they harbored little doubt that council would adopt the

tax when it was proposed five months ago. Chaffee has been the only member who has voiced opposition to it.

Brugler said the extended debate on the tax has postponed the work on other important issues and may have created some hard feelings between council and local business people.

He also said the press has exaggerated the degree of the controversy.

"It's time to move on. We work with council on many things," Brugler said. He said the Main Street Manager program and traffic and parking concerns need to be addressed by council and business.

He also said, contrary to what has sometimes been reported, he and council president John Dombroski have a good working relationship.

Ken Kulp, a local businessman who has also spoken to council at several meetings, objected to the way council handled the issue. He said this reflected an insensitivity or a bias against businesses.

"Council doesn't have many feelings for the business community or they would not have railroad the tax through," Kulp said.

"It's just that we're totally disappointed at the way council looks at the

business community," Kulp said. "Council rarely wants to listen to business."

"When they do, it's after the fact," Kulp said. He hopes that some pro-business people are elected to council in November. He said then a move could be made by council to revoke or reduce the tax, though Brugler and Chaffee disagree with Kulp on the chance of this happening.

"Even if this of the business people won, I don't see this election changing things," Chaffee said, adding that candidates with a business background could win three seats at most in November on the seven-member council.

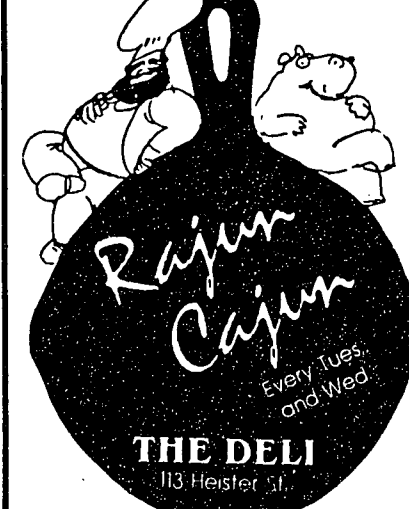
Chaffee said most of the local business people don't live in the borough which keeps them from running for office.

Brugler said the tax could be modified or repealed if future councils see fit to do that.

"That's always a possibility," Brugler said.

Council member James Bartoo said most business and professional people who oppose the tax are subject to the tax will try to minimize their tax obligation legally.

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