

Winand: Town ambiance means more to voters

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Preserving the ambiance of the State College community is an issue voters will probably find more important than those related to the University in the upcoming Borough Council election, Councilman Fremont D. Winand said.

Winand, who is not running for reelection, said he believed many of the neighborhood associations would like to see an ordinance that controls the amount of new apartment buildings creeping into the area.

"Pleasing residents and neighbors is a big

issue," he said. "State College residents don't really see town and gown (University) relations as an issue."

Councilwoman Mary Ann Haas said the council receives many complaints because of the construction of buildings some residents perceive to be unattractive. The council tries to inspire developers to create attractive buildings, she said, but the problem lies in developers trying to get the most for their money.

Town-gown issues such as noise ordinance violations by student apartment-dwellers and fraternity houses are, however, important to borough voters, Winand said.

"Noise problems excite residents," he said. "Then people perceive problems between town and gown. Students are young, noisy and active, and neighborhoods are more reserved."

But Winand added that he had nothing but praise for fraternity leaders who recently initiated a hotline to help control fraternity noise.

Parking could be a big issue in the Nov. 3 election, and could also affect many students, Winand said.

"There's going to be a big move to eliminate on-street parking, and there is the feeling that on-street parking is used

predominately by students," he said.

Student tenants may have trouble finding parking at their apartment building because developers aren't required to include spaces in rental contracts, Winand said.

"But if we restrict them, where are student tenants going to move (their cars)?" Winand asked.

Extending a business privilege tax to include business enterprises on the University campus, such as the Mid-State Bank, is also an important town-gown issue.

"The town doesn't have the capability to support the area the way we have to," Winand said. "But the University has a tremen-

dous amount of land and resources that are untaxable."

Although the business privilege tax won't likely be a major election issue, Winand said he thinks every candidate should support it.

"Once the tax issue is resolved, (the council) will know better what the borough can or can't tax," Daniel Chaffee, another council member who is not running for reelection, said.

Because students make up a large portion of voters, their vote is important, Mary Ann Haas, another council member not on this year's ballot, said.

Referendum to aid Pa. farmers

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State farmers will be able to sell development rights to their land and still grow crops on it if voters pass a farmland bond referendum on this Tuesday's election.

The \$100 million bond issue, if approved, will be used to purchase conservation easements (development rights) from farm owners in agricultural security districts to promote the planned preservation of farmland throughout Pennsylvania. This land could not be used for non-farm purposes.

"The only legacy I can leave my family is land," said Ronald Houtz, an area farmer and vice president of

the Centre County Farmer Association. "Everything else is perishable."

Houtz said he can not sell development rights to his land because it is not located in an agricultural security district, an area where farmers owning 500 acres or more receive protected zoning status.

The state lost 900,000 acres of farmland between 1975 and 1985, a loss of 90,000 acres per year. Given the population growth worldwide, farmland becomes even more precious, said Judith Johnsrud, area resident and member of the Environmental Forum of Centre County.

"Either people will have less to eat or the quality of food produced from inferior lands will decrease — either way, the future population will suffer," Johnsrud said.

Farmers who decide to sell their development rights can do so for either 25 years or for perpetuity. Farmers who sell for 25 years will receive 10 percent of the land's assessed development value, and permanent sellers will be compensated for the full development value of their farm.

This option gives farmers serious about their attachment to the land a chance to get a fair return on it while the land is still productive, Johnsrud said.

"Many farmers thought they would be forced into development in order to have something to retire on," she said.

A few farmers remain skeptical because other governmental mech-

anisms are available that still retain all rights to their land, she added.

Although the \$100 million would have to be shared by the state's 50 counties, Houtz and Johnsrud agreed the referendum would represent a start in the fight to preserve land.

"If the bond is approved and the money well-spent, it will be an introduction to much larger programs," Johnsrud said.

"I won't deny the need for development," he added, "but I'm not sure we can't (develop) up and not out." Houtz said, noting how buildings could be built higher instead of wider.

Johnsrud said the Commonwealth would pay interest incurred from the bond issue through taxes.

Student bids for borough council

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University student Patrick Paul has launched a last-minute write-in campaign for the State College Borough Council race.

Paul, a senior majoring in political science, is currently president of the University's North Halls. He said he decided to run for office as a student because he feels students could be better served by having a representative on the council.

"I believe... that only a student can adequately represent students," he said at a press conference yesterday at which he officially announced his candidacy. "There are experiences which students share that others beyond student life do not."

Paul said he was encouraged by some council members' understanding of student needs but

sometimes believed that council members did not understand students' mentality.

However, Paul said he would not forget his responsibility to the borough of State College while serving students. While he said he had not attended many borough council meetings, he has researched and formed opinions on many of the issues facing the community.

Paul said he would like to see recycling become a statewide program and that, as a council member, he would support any progress in that area. Implementing recycling in State College may be difficult due to the high turnover rate of students, he said, and he recommended a three-stage plan that would culminate in a complete recycling program for the borough.

Paul said he is very much against the proposed extra \$10 fee on downtown apartment rentals because effects on students are not considered.

"A \$10 fee looks like they're charging students to find lodging," he said. "It's a very, very invalid way to raise money for the borough."

Paul said extending a business privilege tax to University operations, such as the Creamery or the Penn State Bookstore, would also affect students. The University would ultimately pass this extra costs on to students, he said.

When questioned about his support of showing pornography on campus, Paul said that Penn State Cinemas, the organization which sponsors the movies, is responsible for fund-raising and showing pornographic movies was the best way to raise money.

"Pornography traditionally has and still does raise more money than anything else," he said.

Paul said if elected, he will serve out all of his four-year term. He is scheduled to graduate in January but hopes to attend graduate school.

Commissioner candidates

KEITH BIERLY

Democrat
Occupation: District Justice for 12 years. Resigned to run for commissioner

Experience: As magistrate tried about 10,000 cases ranging from parking offenses to homicide. Experience with court related offices.

Age: 38
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Bierly has worked as a District Justice for the past 12 years in State College, Bellefonte and Centre Hall. He has presided over about 10,000 hearings on charges ranging from summary offenses to the most serious felonies, including homicides.

Bierly, who has served on the Centre County Youth Service Bureau board of directors, and the Centre County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Agency, said he has seen changes that need to be made in the county commissioner position.

"The commissioners need a new openness," he said, adding that they



need to be more in touch with the people.

Bierly said he favors the farmland referendum because he would like to see the county land remain diverse and the referendum will ensure its preservation.

He said he favors the county providing shelter for the homeless.

As district magistrate Bierly had to jail homeless people who were breaking laws to survive, he said.

JEFFREY M. BOWER

Republican
Occupation: Chairman of the Centre County Board of Commissioners since 1980, attorney

Experience: Chairman, commissioners; executive committee, Pennsylvania Commissioners Association; Director, National Counties Association; Legislative Counsel, Federal Maritime Commission, 1975-77; partner Eisenstein & Bower; managed 500 employees and a \$21 million budget of the Centre County government

Age: 30
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Bower has served as county commissioner for eight years.

He said that during his two terms as commissioner he has reorganized Centre County Human Services to become a leading system in the state, modernized record keeping systems and played a large role in economic planning.

Bower said he doesn't believe the commissioners should appoint a



district attorney because neither taxpayers nor the county can afford the salary. Part time employees are doing a district attorney's job adequately, he said.

The county's lack of funds also prohibits it from providing shelter for the homeless, he said.

He does not support the proposed farmland referendum, because he doesn't think the funds should be stretched across the state.

JOHN SAYLOR

Democrat
Occupation: County Commissioner
Experience: Served as president and board member of SEDA-Council of Governments from 1977 to 1983.

Age: 55
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Saylor has 12 years experience as Centre County Commissioner, four of them as chairman.

"The major issues are the education, experience and demonstrated abilities of the candidate seeking office," Saylor said.

Saylor said his accomplishments in his 12 years as commissioner speak for themselves, as he has "exercised good sound judgment in attacking problems."

Although county commissioners have the power to designate a district attorney, Saylor said he would hesitate to make that decision because it would cost the taxpayers \$79,000 for salary.

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posed farmland referendum.

Saylor said that because the county alone supports homeless State College citizens, they should continue to work cooperatively with other organizations.

In the upcoming term, commissioners must work towards establishing a local tax reform because the county is limited in the types of taxes, he said. Most of those taxes that are authorized are unfair.

OTHER RACES

— compiled by Brad Gibson

Controller 4-year term
Donald A. Asendorf Republican
incumbent candidate
Cubby Bair Democrat
past president, Bellefonte Area Chamber of Commerce

Coroner 4-year term
W. Robert Neff Republican
incumbent candidate
Dale Woika Democrat
seven years experience in emergency care

Prothonotary 4-year term
David L. Immel Democrat
incumbent candidate
Kay Rossi Republican
former president, Nittany Council of Republican Women

Recorder of Deeds 4-year term
Walter E. Armstrong Republican
seven years experience, office of Recorder of Deeds
Hazel Peters Democrat
former Deputy Recorder of Deeds

Register of Wills 4-year term
Roger Bierly Democrat
incumbent candidate
Kathy Donohue Republican
proprietor of financial service

Sheriff 4-year term
Charles Davidson Democrat
former U.S. Army scout
Garry G. Kunes Republican
incumbent candidate

Treasurer 4-year term
Gino P. Fornicola Republican
incumbent candidate
Milo Wilson Democrat
treasurer, Centre County Democratic Party