

## **EDITORIAL OPINION**

# ***USG-SDS Discussed***

Those of you who read Penn State's newspaper, the Daily Collegian, are aware of the recent battle that has gone on between the Undergraduate Student Government (the USG is Penn State's counterpart of our SGA) and the Students for a Democratic Society.

The SDS is an idealistic collegiate organization concerned with such things as ghetto tutorial projects, the Vietnam War, and the draft. But now they feel they should have more say in planning Penn State policies. The best way to do this is through USG, and a power struggle has ensued.

Rich Kalich, USG president, recently set up a joint USG-SDS committee so that these organizations could iron out their differences. Apparently the ten-member SDS committee was fully represented at all joint meetings, but the USG failed to respond as well. Probably this is a result of the fact that they hold the power already, and have no need of condescending to less powerful SDS.

SDS has been energetic in asserting itself, and has attended many regular USG meetings. Kalich of USG then set aside two hours of debate for SDS proposals. This would have been approved by SDS, but their time was wasted by filibustering of Dave Zurndor-

fer, USG treasurer. Zurndorfer has been criticized for asking redundant, meaningless, aggravating, and time-wasting questions.

The A.W.S., Association of Women Students, takes a dim view of the whole procedure, and is sceptical of the tactics used by SDS in contesting student government and university policies. Alexis Brown, AWS president, says that SDS is "talk- ing off the top of their heads," and that there is an air of "nievite" about the organization.

This may be true, but it is also true that USG needs some revision. It is not always an accurate representation of the whole commonwealth, for example. Bob Michaels has experienced USG reluctance to cooperate with commonwealth campuses.

A shake-up is going on in Penn State student government, and the struggle is both interesting and beneficial to students in the Penn State system.

The last term, "Penn State System" is an important one. Perhaps a revision in rules and procedures in the USG will make it a United Student Government of all.