

FASENMEYER CRUSADES

Last Tuesday's S.G.A. meeting featured Dick Fasenmeyer and his deadly charge that S.G.A. is not representative of the student body. Each member is theoretically responsible to fifty students, but Fasenmeyer feels that student government is not true to its constituents.

Ron Bachelor missed an office hour because of a 45 minute telephone call concerning his automobile accident. When S.G.A. accepted his excuse, Fasenmeyer objected: "We aren't here to represent nice guys, we're here to represent the rest of the students." (Who aren't nice guys?)

Fasenmeyer, who is not a member of S.G.A. also complained that S.G.A. purchased fifty tickets for last Sunday's Bill Cosby Show at Penn State. True, but this was an independent move by Bob Michaels. Custody of these tickets was given to the Behrend Players.

But the players, he pursued, are not representative of the student body. Why should the tickets be turned over to a privileged few? Answer: (1) because Players requested the tickets in the first place. (2) Players are paying for the tickets.

Any student organization may buy tickets to anything if they pay for them, no matter how small and unrepresentative a group they are! No S.G.A. money went into the Cosby tickets, so it's not a student concern. S.G.A. didn't complain last time Fasenmeyer elected to buy himself a ticket to a Republican banquet.

Fasenmeyer has charged many times that S.G.A. members vote for things without thinking them through. But each member of S.G.A. prides himself on being at least as intelligent as Brother Dick.

These are serious charges. It is good to have an interested student like Fasenmeyer to serve as critic. But S.G.A. is not necessarily guilty as charged.

STUDENT APATHY EXAMINED

Every school newspaper feels obligated to poke its finger into the ribs of student apathy and lack of school spirit, but this time we'll approach the subject from a more optimistic angle.

S.G.A. will soon be sponsoring a "Student Concerns Week" to discuss problems pertinent to this campus. And Gary Baran is currently constructing an S.G.A. Suggestion Box.

With the recent Winter Carnival, student participation increased. The Clubs went along with the snow sculpture idea, the tobogganing party was successful, the ice skating party went over.

Circle K even proved that you don't HAVE to lose money every time you sponsor an activity. They actually made a profit from their dance.

And the Program Committee is an encouraging sign. This organization has already sparked some activity by spearheading the organization of the upcoming trip to Cleveland.