

## An Inquiring Report

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXAMINED

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"What are your opinions, criticisms, or impressions of the Student Government Association, its Executive Committee, and the work it has accomplished in the past and present, and what do you think of its future?"

This was the question that was posed to some of the members of S.G.A. at the end of last term by a reporter of the Nittany CUB.

One of the most recurring and predominant criticisms of S.G.A. by those members interviewed was the apathetic nature of its

members. Linda Juliano said that it is, "... always the same people that are making the motions and most of the people that are there never question the motions. They just figure, well, we'll just push it on through. They don't take the time to question a motion."

Lana Watkins also seemed to support this when she said, "I think that S.G.A.'s biggest problem is overcoming their apathy."

Another point of view was taken by Ken Mushrush. He appeared to hold the opinion that

the problem was with the student body when he said, "I think if the students would stop being apathetic and support every organization on Behrend Campus, the campus could be strong."

Mr. Woerner, the faculty advisor for the S.G.A., agreed with this idea. He noted that S.G.A. has, "Certainly been hampered somewhat by the lack of response on the part of the student body." He went on to say, "I haven't seen that much response from the student body into the S.G.A. When they have, S.G.A. has

responded."

One idea that was expressed by many of the members was that S.G.A. itself is improperly organized. Jim Crawford said, "Personally, I think the Student Government in general is structured incorrectly. I think we have too much student government, too many people with overlapping duties." He also said that the other standing committees of S.G.A. should be updated to be more in line with current happening, with the possibility of the addition of a Safety Committee whose function

would be to act, "as a watchdog on the Business Office and the Security Office and things like that."

Even Dave Carr, the president of the Student Government Association apparently agreed with this contention when he noted, "One problem with S.G.A. at the moment is that its purpose is pretty well undefined and clouded. The purpose of the organization has to be redefined and in doing so the input of the faculty and the administration and the student body has to be

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Construction continues on the new picnic shelter being built in the grove. Funds for the building were donated by Mr. Norman W. Wilson of Erie in memory of his wife.

## News Around The World

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The 24th congress of the Soviet Communist party unanimously endorsed the progress report that Leonid I. Brezhnev gave last week. The report, which took six hours to be given, only took sixteen seconds to be approved.

The report, which has been supported by over 250,000 letters and telegrams, proposed conferences on four major issues. First of all, a conference was proposed on a disarmament of conventional forces on a worldwide basis. Secondly, Brezhnev suggested that the Soviet Union, the United States, Communist China, France and Britain meet to discuss nuclear disarmament. Thirdly, a conference was proposed to dissolve the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Warsaw Pact armies. Finally, Brezhnev suggested a conference to discuss environmental control and cooperation in space.

Pennsylvania figured out last week that its rising relief costs will consume every cent of the new 3.5 income tax.

A few facts point out the huge increase in relief. In July 1969, 532,476 people were receiving aid totaling \$52 million a month. In December 1970, eighteen months later, 735,428 people were receiving aid totaling \$83 million a month.

Right now, over 800,000, one out of every 14, are receiving some sort of aid, and this figure is rising by almost 20,000 a month. Currently Pennsylvania pays out \$1 billion a year in relief.

An Egyptian proposal to reopen the Suez Canal, with an Israeli pullback as part of the condition, was turned down by Israel last Sunday.

In a statement to the Labor Party Conference, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir called this proposal an "Egyptian-Soviet political settlement", but stated that she would resume discussions with Egypt.

This refusal was met with some disagreement. Senator William Fulbright, D - Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stated that Israel is baiting the Communists in an attempt to use American Foreign Policy.

Major Harvey G. Brown, one of the six jurors who convicted Lt. William Calley Jr. of murder in the My Lai massacre, in a letter to President Nixon asked the American public to think hard about the conviction, and not to let themselves be controlled by their emotions.

Brown stated that support for Calley has brought many people together, yet everyone should consider what the cause really is.

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## Progressive Frat Looking For Members

University Park (APS) - Zeta Psi fraternity is offering a special program to Commonwealth Campus men who might be interested in joining a fraternity when they transfer to University Park.

Students participating in this program may live in the Zeta Psi house for one term without obligation. There students will have the options of rushing Zeta Psi or any other fraternity during the term.

Peter A. Sopko, Commonwealth Campus rush chairman, announced the special program this week.

"The fraternity system at Penn State is undergoing a progression away from the traditional fraternity concept," Sopko said. "Zeta Psi in particular has been a strong advocate of this progression and has accordingly updated all of its policies."

Sopko said that Zeta Psi began a new pledging program six months before a similar plan was approved by the Interfraternity Council. Pledging permits a prospective fraternity member to become familiar with the house functions and to meet the brothers.

A student indicates his interest in joining a fraternity by par-

ticipating in the fraternity's rush program. If a rushee is accepted by the fraternity, he begins the pledge period which leads to fraternity membership.

James N. Gross, Zeta Psi president-elect, said, "I feel that our new liberal pledge program is a good reflection of the progressive attitudes of the house members."

Cleaning duties and general harassment are being phased out of the pledge routines.

The Zeta Psi house is one of the newest fraternity houses at Penn State. It is located two blocks from campus, and it includes a heated outdoor swimming pool.

Zeta Psi is one of 62 fraternities at University Park. There are 24 sororities, all located in residence halls.

Students at University Park have the options of living in a dormitory, on off-campus apartment or a fraternity house.

"Next term we'd like to send out representatives to Commonwealth Campuses during a class day," Sopko said. "We'll set up an information desk to tell (students) about Zeta Psi and answer their questions about fraternity life."

More information about the Zeta Psi program is available

from Zeta Psi Fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave., State College, Pa. 16801.

Information is also available from the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council (for sororities) and Organization of Town Independent Students (for students living in off-campus apartments). Correspondence to these organizations can be addressed to 202 Hetzel Union Building, University Park, Pa. 16802.

## Lobbies Open

The most interesting and perhaps the most important topic of the Joint Residence Council of Behrend Campus meeting that was held last March 4th, was the new revised visitation policy that will go into effect this Friday, April 9th.

The newest addition to the visitation policy was the announcement that the dorms lobbies will now be open for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This has been an experimental step that was used during the latter part of last term, but encompassed the weekends only.

The only other point of major interest concerning the visitation issue was that Mr. Kochel Campus Director offered to change the visitation hours; not in duration, but only when visitation could be held. Mr. Kochel offered the JRC a change to 8:00 to 1:00 or 8:30 to 1:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings from the 7:00 to 12:00 that was used during last term. He also offered to change the allotted three hour visitation period on Sunday afternoons. The Joint Residence Council decided to take the option and elected to change the Sunday visitation hours from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon to 8:30 to 11:30 on Sunday evenings, but decided to keep the present hours on Friday and Saturdays.

Another gain made by the students was that the room doors are now permitted to remain closed according to the discretion of the occupants.

The JRC also made plans to hold a panel discussion for drugs that will be held on April 15th. The proposed discussion was still in the planning stages then, but so far they hope to have three pharmacists, an ex-addict and a doctor speak of the discussion meeting.

## April Antiwar Demonstration

The Student Mobilization Committee plan for a massive peaceful antiwar demonstration in Washington D.C. on April 24 is now in full swing. The march now has the potential of becoming the most significant demonstration in the history of the anti-war movement, both in terms of its size and in terms of the effect it could have on Nixon's expansion of the Indo-China war. The demonstration has the broadest support of any previous demonstration, both workers and students included. Some endorsers of the demonstration so far include Senator George McGovern, Senator Vance Hartke, 13 members of the House of Representatives, Mayor Carl Stokes, "The Guardian", People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, War Resisters League, Catholic Peace Fellowship, the "Militant", College Young Democrats, Young Socialists Alliance, representatives of the United Auto Workers, the Teamsters Union, United electrical Workers (UE),

Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen, California Federation of Teachers, as well as many other prominent individuals and organizations.

Locally, the Edinboro Student Mobilization Committee has reserved two buses to go to Washington. They will leave downtown Erie 10:00 p.m. and from Edinboro at 11:00 p.m. Friday, April 23rd. Departure from Washington will be 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$13.60 round trip, food included.

For those who can't make it to Washington, a donation so that others can go will be appreciated.

The Edinboro Student Mobilization Committee holds meetings every Thursday night at 8:30 in the basement of the World Culture building at Edinboro State College. Everyone is invited to attend.

For bus tickets or further information write:

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