

# Time For Action

With the vagaries and vacuums of election time over, Undergraduate Student Government now has to get to work.

USG President Richard Kalich has said he wants to put the impetus and effectiveness of his organization behind a drive to increase the academic side of student life.

He proposes to work for the institution of a "pass-fail" system of grading so students can take courses outside their majors without fear of pulling down averages.

He wants student representation allotted on the reorganized University Senate's committees.

He wants students provided with a three-way advisory system to provide counseling and direction in legal, academic and administrative areas. USG already has a smoothly-functioning Legal Awareness Committee. It must institute or spark the Administrative Academic Awareness Committee.

All these plans and aspirations look good on paper, but now it's up to the newly-elected representatives and those elected last spring to stop talking and start acting.

Kalich has said he plans to act; now he must prove it. But he, and the elected and ex-officio members of Congress, cannot convert their plans into accomplished fact if they must constantly face challenges to their existence.

To understand USG, a person must take it for exactly what it's worth. It is a group of students, students who will be here only four years, who try to both tell the administration what their fellow students want and to institute programs which will be beneficial to students in an academic, social and cultural context.

USG is not a government; it has no sovereignty over the Administration. But it is the highest student medium at the University for coalescing student opinion and for coordinating student programs.

USG leaders realize this. They know their limitations and they try to increase their effectiveness by

lobbying for more power for students. They do this by working within the system, by reasoning with the Administration, by coming up with alternative plans of action.

Currently USG is facing yet another challenge to its basic existence by Students for a Democratic Society. This group has said it intends to make an intensive investigation into the functions, programs and attitudes of USG. SDS is acting under the premise that USG does nothing but talk to itself.

This SDS challenge comes two years after a major, campus-wide campaign to abolish USG and five months after an election campaign to elect an apathy candidate to the USG presidency.

It is well and good for USG to be forced to re-evaluate itself periodically. But it is ridiculous to expect the organization to spend 90 per cent of its time explaining and defending itself. This leaves only 10 per cent of its working time for it to do what it's supposed to do: work for the betterment of the student's life here.

Although these periodic attacks on USG show a basic failure of the organization to clue students in on what USG is and does, it would be far better for those who are attacking it with a destructive, negative attitude to instead work to better the organization. To work within the system rather than outside it.

If SDS and these other organizations would adopt this approach, they would stand a better chance of achieving their goals and, at the same time, quit obstructing USG in its basic work.

Anti-USG elements could easily achieve improvements in USG's structure, could inject new blood into the governing body and could even see to it that the group accomplishes concrete action if it would channel its efforts into offering constructive criticism and active assistance.

SDS will get only a negative answer from USG if it attacks the problem with a negative attitude.

USG faces a new year now, with 13 newly-elected persons in its posts of leadership. If this year is to be successful, if USG is to deliver the academically-oriented programs it proposes, it must have constructive help, rather than destructive efforts.

## BERRY'S WORLD



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"Fasten your seat belt, Mr. President! We're going over dangerous territory—the Berkeley campus!"

Ed Munn

## Same Pin, Different Shirt

It's nice to have your assumptions jarred, to be reminded that the stereotypes you think in are not universally valid.

Carousing through Philadelphia on a weekend escape (admittedly, a most unlikely city to escape to), one of my most longstanding preconceptions was, to my great delight, shattered.

There were these two guys. One was bearded, wore a not-quite-clean but almost electronically mod shirt, leather vest, smoked wire-rim glasses and a Goodwill Industries cap of early 30's vintage.

The other one made no pretensions to such elegance; he got by with torn blue jeans and other Bucolia.

But if their clothes could be called nondescript, their minds were definitely descript. As we led a lurching rake's progress through the city's seamier quarters, the conversation crackled; venturing with equal temerity into discussions of symbolic logic and Modigliani paintings.

But my stereotype came crashing when they started talking about a most improbable topic: "the House."

Now I had heard this sort of thing discussed before, but never in such with-it company. So it took me more than a moment to understand that these were, in fact, fraternity men, brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Lafayette.

When they rolled up the streets in Philly (early, as usual) I spent the night in somebody's unquestionably hip, rundown pad on Market Street near the Penn campus.

The apartment had a huge "Socialismo Democratico" poster hanging in the hall, discarded plectrum signs in the corner, and posters salvaged from somebody's apprenticeship as a civil rights worker in Mississippi. And the residents hardly looked like Young Republicans, to say the least.

But with my Penn State images solidly burned in, I still found myself resisting the belief that at the bottom of this dalliance with Bohemia I had found fraternity pins.

Well, I got back to the Nittany Valley in time for Monday morning classes, and on the way thereto I was submerged in a sea of V-neck sweaters, weefuns and Bold Traditionals. Had I been dreaming? Wasn't this reality?

A chorus of overheard gabbling about the "great blast out at the house" and "Would you believe, this date I had..." reaffirmed my traditional classification of the Penn State neat frat.

But the weekend's perspective had absolved the fraternity system as a whole. They aren't all broken records, repeating and repeating in the same herringbone groove. Only here.

### An AP News Analysis

## Vietnam Resignations: History and Timing

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — Deputy Premier Nguyen Luu Vien submitted his resignation from the Cabinet this week. Thursday, 24 hours later, he sat smiling beside Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and heard Ky announce that Vien will act as head of government while Vietnamese leaders attend next week's conference in Manila.

His resignation was not officially withdrawn. It was not rejected. One official in Ky's office said, "It was not formally received."

Six other resignations announced Wednesday and accompanied by bitter attacks on the government are in the same strange limbo.

No reports on the political turmoil appeared in the censored press or were broadcast. No officials would talk. The people directly involved did not seem certain of the status of anything.

But a piecing together of often contradictory reports gives this picture: Ky's regime is not imperiled, only embarrassed, by the disension.

The 85-man cabinet has no vital powers and Southern civilian members are low on the official totem pole.

By timing their revolt just

before the seven-nation summit called to study Vietnam's future, the discontented ministers seemingly hoped to win important concessions.

Two of those who quit seem determined to stay out. At least two have returned to the fold.

The resignations were prompted by Vietnam's emotion-charged North-South regionalism overlaid by oldtime politicking.

Ky and many top leaders in Saigon are refugees from what is now North Vietnam. Ky comes from Hanoi.

Even though Ky and other Northerners came to the South 12 or more years ago, they are still mistrusted by Southerners, especially since taking over key positions.

Southerners in the Cabinet hold the foreign affairs and information portfolios and the important Rural Reconstruction Ministry post.

The 27 Northern refugee deputies in the Constituent Assembly elected Sept. 11 to write a new constitution already have emerged as the assembly's most dynamic and progressive element.

The seven Cabinet ministers evidently saw the Southern position eroding, and decided to rebel.

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Today	news
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4:05-6 p.m.—Music of the Masters (Bruckner, Saint-Saens, Help)	7:45-8 p.m.—SpotLight on Sports
6-6:05 p.m.—WDFM News	8-12 midnight—Sendoff (popular)
6:05-7 p.m.—After Six (popular)	news on the hour
7-7:15 p.m.—Dateline News (comprehensive campus, national and international)	12 midnight-4:00 a.m. (Sat.)—NightFlite (top 40) — news on the hour

### TODAY ON CAMPUS

Nickelodeon Night, 8:30 p.m., HETZEL Union assembly room.  
French Department, 8 a.m., 217 HUB.  
HUB Social Committee Jammy, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom.  
Students for Democratic Society, 8:30 p.m., 217, 218 HUB.  
Women's Recreation Association, 2:15 p.m., HUB assembly hall.

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