

Maternity plan result of GSA student work

Although the Graduate Student Association seeks to deal with problems and issues of concern to graduate students, much of its work may improve the status of all students.

Foremost among GSA's accomplishments has been its leadership in introducing an Optional Pregnancy Benefit in the Student Medical Plan sponsored by the Undergraduate Democratic Government.

Addition of the maternity option to the regular Medical Plan will cost \$40. Patients will pay 80 per cent of their expenses after the initial \$200 deductible up to a maximum of \$10,000.

GSA executive secretary John Thornton said the maternity option was initiated by GSA and was co-sponsored by the UDG.

Serves Undergraduate Also

The measure is an indication of the effect that GSA can have on all students. "We try to serve mainly the graduate student's needs," Thornton stated, "but in a great many instances you can't draw a line where graduate and undergraduate problems begin and end."

Thornton cited the work GSA is doing in the area of extended medical coverage to dependents of married students as another example of benefits received by undergraduates as a result of GSA initiative.

David P. Yens, a member of the Graduate Students Affairs Committee, presented a resolution this summer to University President John W. Oswald, calling for the expansion of facilities and services at the Ritenour Health Center.

Real Health Problems

The resolution cited a State College Area Jaycees report on medical services in the Centre region that states "there are some real health problems amongst the poor... and amongst the transient young graduate student families who are not cared for by the University health service."

Although no plans to expand Ritenour have been announced yet, GSA is laying the groundwork for possible solutions by considering studies and making constructive criticism.

However, to conduct all of its activities, GSA requires a strong membership to support all its organizational positions.

Delegates Elected

All graduate students are, in effect, members of GSA, which is run by GSA executive council. Delegates to the council are elected by the members of the council to be elected. Delegates from any department is regulated by the size of that department.

The council then is run by an executive board which is elected Spring Term. Six other members of the council either are elected or appointed to head the various committees.

GSA also sends six senators to the University Senate and these need not be members of the council to be elected. Graduate senators have speaking rights on the Senate floor but do not have the power to vote, an issue they presently are negotiating with the Senate.

In addition, GSA has representatives on the various graduate school committees.

According to Thornton, the extended medical coverage probably will be the point of most concern for GSA in the coming year. However, better housing, establishment of an international house for foreign students, and a study of tax problems relevant to students also will be worked on by GSA, he claimed.

Thornton said he and other GSA members at this point are optimistic about working with Oswald. "He has indicated a desire to give students more of a voice in matters that concern them," he said.

Student Council execs swap ideas in ICCB

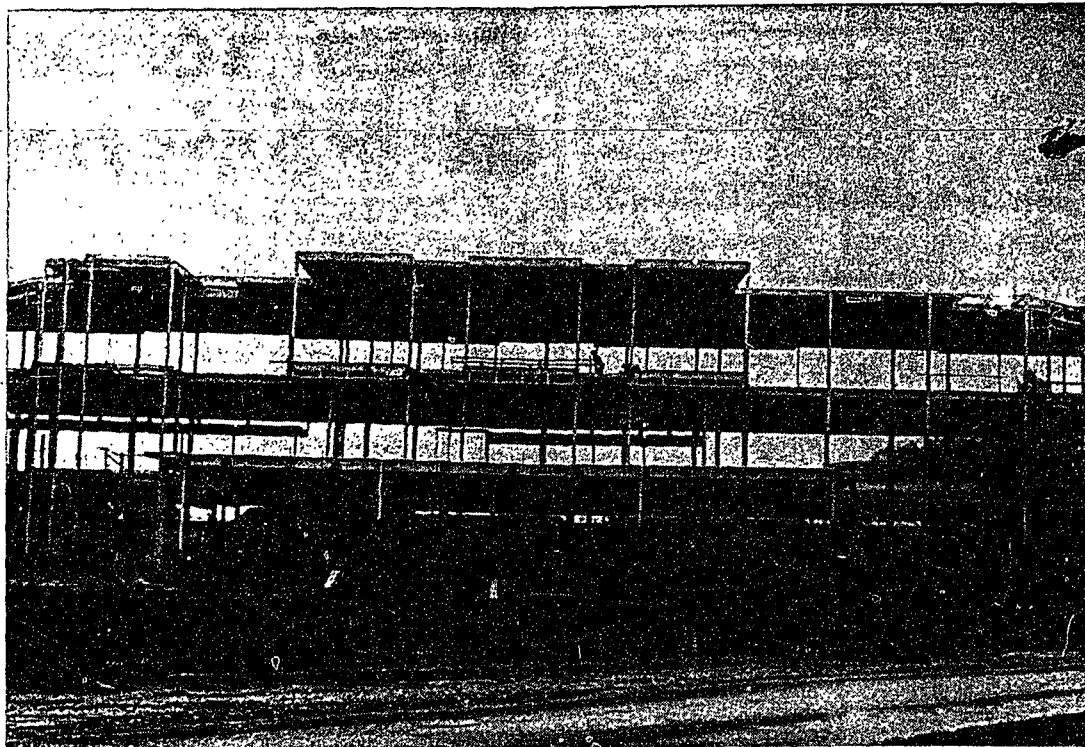
The Inter-College Council Board is an organization formed to help coordinate the activities of the student councils of each of the colleges at the University.

The board is composed of the president and vice president of each college. They regularly meet to review programs and projects that the college councils might work on together.

The stated purpose of ICCB includes promoting "informational and communicative links between the college student councils, representing the council system as a whole to various groups and presenting the opinions and problems of the Board."

According to the Board's adviser, J. Thomas Kidd, "the ICCB is simply a device to get the presidents of the student councils together to exchange views and cooperate on matters of mutual interest."

Election of officers is held in the spring. The president of ICCB is Ed Bechwith (12th-science-Pompton Lakes, N.J.).



Good Heavens, another one?

METAL SKELETONS of new buildings have become familiar sights all over campus. Their temporary lack of aesthetic appeal slowly disappears over the months as work progresses. Above is a recently started arts building, next to the Forum near North Hall.

Religious groups plan activities for students returning to PSU

Students of diverse religious affiliations can find information about the opportunities and activities pertaining to their religions at the office of the Coordinator of Religious Affairs in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

The Chapel sponsors a religious service each Sunday in the Music Recital Hall. The office arranges for speakers from all over the country and abroad to participate in the services.

Jointly sponsored by the Department of Music, the Chapel choirs, with more than 400 members, sing at the services on campus, as well as give many concerts during the year.

A counseling service, the Residence Hall Ministry, has six offices in the residence halls and is available to any student who feels the need to talk to someone.

Ministry's Staff

The staff of the Ministry consists of local clergy, lay persons and religious affairs student interns.

According to Clifford Nelson, coordinator of Religious Affairs, the object of the Residence Halls Ministry is to bring both "pastoral and personal counseling and programs closer and more available to the students."

Nelson stressed that students also are free to come to talk to anyone in the office of Religious Affairs at any time.

Aside from the office of the coordinator of Religious Affairs, the offices of specific religious student groups are located in the Chapel.

Retreats, Seminars

The Lutheran Student Association holds retreats and seminars throughout the year as well as a weekly Fellowship Hour at the Grace Lutheran Church in town.

They also sponsor the Jawbone, a coffee house which features live folk music.

The Newman Student Association, the Catholic student organization, sponsors a folk mass every Sunday, as well as other masses throughout the day.

The Association holds monthly discussions on prominent topics concerning a Catholic student in today's society and Bible study sessions every Wednesday evening. They also sponsor a weekly radio program on WMAJ with a series of lectures, as well as religious music, Pre-Cana, or pre-marriage conferences are taken care of by the Newman Association.

For Catholic Students

Catholic students can become acquainted at hayrides, mixers, and pizza parties held by the Newman Association.

The Canterbury Association of the Penn State Episcopal College Work Ministry holds a Sunday evening service at the Chapel and special services on holy days, as well as occasional folk masses. A social committee plans activities for the members, and a newsletter published by students is sent out to announce coming events.

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship, a national organization, has its representatives on campus. The Fellowship supported last spring's Moratorium in Washington.

The Christian Science Organization has a reading room in Eisenhower Chapel. The group is the student organization of the Church of Christ Scientist in town.

United Ministries

The United Ministries at Penn State will open the academic year with an orientation program in the Hetzel Union Building.

The United Campus Ministry, a division of the United Ministries, which includes American Baptists, Brethren, Disciples of Christ, the Menonites, the Society of Friends and the United Presbyterians, has an office in the Chapel.

The United Ministries also includes the United Methodists, who are located in the Wesley Foundation in town, the Southern Baptists, and the United Church of Christ.

The Calder St. Station in the Wesley Foundation is a coffee house and creativity center, featuring rock and folk music, plays and films.

A series of student-made experimental films will be shown at the Calder St. Station.

The Wesley Foundation itself is a place where students may go at any time for relaxation, study and informal discussions.

"Kairos" is the formal Sunday worship of the United Ministries at Penn State, held at Eisenhower Chapel.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, which is located off-campus, represents all three branches of Judaism. There are free weekly classes in beginners and advanced Hebrew and Yiddish at Hillel Israeli dance sessions also are a weekly feature.

Every Sunday there is a lox and bagel brunch, and kosher meals are offered three times a week.

Hillel holds Sabbath services Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, as well as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The rabbi is available Wednesday evenings in East Halls for counseling.

BSU to lead program for new black students

Programs for incoming students this year will include the first Black Student Orientation to be conducted at the University.

Sponsored and staffed by members of the Black Student Union, the black orientation program is expected to "provide black students with the information and advice which will help them prosper," according to Anthony Leonard, BSU treasurer.

Black students will be able to attend this special orientation program in addition to the regular orientation program offered by the Associated Student Activities for freshmen and transfer students.

The Black Student Orientation is part of a series of BSU-related activities and programs designed to "provide the supportive services — economic, social, cultural, academic and political — which are necessary for the progress of black students at Penn State," Leonard said.

Total Well Being

He emphasized, however, that the BSU also is concerned about the total well being of all the students since the University, as a state-related school, should serve the needs of everyone. "No one is receiving an adequate and realistic education if black students are being deprived of their necessary education," Leonard explained.

Members of BSU said they feel that the University does not prepare black students for contribution to the development of their community, and that blacks often are at a disadvantage in the University system. For these reasons, the group is offering programs dealing in all areas of concern to the black student.

Culturally, the BSU will sponsor a black arts festival in the coming year. Also planned are workshops in dance, poetry, sewing, cooking and skills relevant to the survival of black people in America, Leonard said.

Negotiations To Take Place

As a result of some of the demands presented by the BSU last year, negotiations are expected to take place between the University Black Student Union for the establishment of a Black Cultural Center at the University.

Leonard cited the Special Education Opportunities Students (SEOS) program as an example of how Black Student Union influence has helped black students economically. The SEOS program is admitting 500 disadvantaged students to the University this fall; a majority of these are black students.

Politically, the BSU has been very active on campus the past two years. Last year saw a march of black students presenting demands during a PSU-Boston football game, a day long occupation of Shields Building during Spring Term and other politically-oriented activities.

Leonard stated that the organization is attempting to bring about those reforms in the University which will enable black students to make viable contributions to the black community and to mankind.

WHR and WDFM again air their views

Two University-affiliated radio stations, WHR and WDFM will continue broadcasting this fall.

A nonprofit, volunteer activity, WDFM, 91.1 FM, is a student-operated radio station offering approximately 130 hours of programming each week — includes news, sports, music and special broadcasts of debates, concerts and other campus happenings.

Tentatively, WDFM plans to broadcast weekdays a wake-up program from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. classical music from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by a one hour news program and heavy rock until 1 a.m. Friday the station will broadcast until 3 a.m.

Weekend programming includes opera from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, it is expected that programs originating in New York will be carried starting in December. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays, classical sounds will be heard; followed by hard rock broadcasts until 3 a.m. Sunday programming starts at 7 a.m. and will continue for 13 hours with an easy listening program followed by a classical presentation until midnight.

Students interested in working for WDFM may visit the station at 304 Sparks from September 24 through 27, or any time during the first few weeks of the term.

There are no special qualifications for becoming a broadcaster for WDFM other than a 2.0 average. The training period last about four weeks, although the time does vary. Positions as engineers, program directors and others also are available.

WHR is West Halls Radio, a student-operated station on the AM dial. Serving the West Residence Area, WHR broadcasts popular music throughout the day. Students interested in positions with the station should contact the station manager at the studio located in Waring.

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