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## Group vote censures USG leadership role

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Students meeting last night to discuss methods to fight the tuition hike voted to censure Undergraduate Student Government leadership for "not engaging in significant efforts to prevent the budget cuts and the tuition hike."

The resolution, introduced by defeated USG vice presidential candidate Gary Potter, was passed 27 to 7. It charged, "The USG leadership is guilty of malfeasance and nonfeasance and should be censured by this body."

Defeated USG presidential candidate George Cernusca, who supported the resolution, said the censure indicates the group's distaste for USG President Mark Jinks and USG's role at the meeting. It does not restrict the activities of Jinks or other USG leaders.

The session, open to all University community members, also approved a resolution calling for the creation of an ad hoc committee "to determine the feasibility of bringing suit against the University to fight the tuition hike."

Cernusca, who sponsored this resolution, said the committee is open to all interested persons. He said, "I see a need for this committee because the present USG administration has been in office a month now and has done nothing."

Jinks replied, "The political ideology of the ad hoc committee does not represent students of this University and what they want. The USG elections gave students a chance to say what tactics they want."

An unidentified student said, "A very small minority of students are here. All students are not being represented. We should go by the election results." Despite these objections, the resolution passed 28 to 4.

Another resolution calling for a University-wide strike of students, teachers and campus workers easily passed. Along with this, a bill was

passed calling "for the formation of a Central Strike Committee representative of all campus student, faculty and workers' organizations to implement and direct such action."

Asked how many students would support a strike, Jim Cory, president of the Young Socialists and defeated USG presidential candidate, said, "28,000 would support a strike if it's proposed within a certain framework. What we want is militant action in defense of our right for an education."

"The leadership of the students up here is spineless, it has no backbone, it refuses to fight. If you're going to propose a strong league to people, plan it out and show them how it's going to work, then they'll support it," Cory said.

USG Senator Don Gingrich proposed an amended resolution stating that fighting budget cuts through a strike is self-defeating. He said, "A strike is likely to get people pissed-off at us. If we want real power we've got to get into the electoral system and make it work for us."

Cory termed the amendment, which was defeated, "reactionary."

Another YS-sponsored resolution calling for faculty unionization was passed by the group because "faculty members will be helpless before planned layoffs if they remain unorganized."

USG Senator John Burns objected to the resolution, saying, "No faculty members are here. This group cannot speak for faculty workers."

Defeated USG vice presidential candidate and YS member Joe Marinucci commented, "The teachers are being attacked along with the workers and the youth. We are being attacked together, we must fight together."

The meeting adjourned after four hours but scheduled another session for 7:30 p.m. May 31 in the HUB Ballroom.



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### Strike!!!

Young Socialists President Jim Cory was applauded several times while calling for a University-wide strike to fight the tuition hike. Parliamentarian Kevin Smith (left) kept order at the meeting.



## Nixon concedes cover-up efforts but says actions misinterpreted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon yesterday conceded there were major efforts to cover up the Watergate scandal. But he said any insinuations that he was involved misinterpret his actions.

In a statement, Nixon said reports about him which purport to implicate him in the Watergate bugging and subsequent attempted cover-up are erroneous.

Nixon said any actions he took reflect a legitimate concern on his part with national security. He also said again he will not resign.

Shortly before Nixon's statement was issued, Atty. Gen.-designate Elliot Richardson told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Nixon was made aware in late March of the break-in at the Los Angeles office of a psychiatrist treating Pentagon papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

Testifying at the unexpected

reopening of his confirmation hearings, Richardson told senators that former presidential counsel John Dean III "informed the President, or so I've heard, that there had been a break-in" at the psychiatrist's office.

Richardson added, however, that this appeared to mean that "the President was made aware of the Ellsberg break-in but not who was involved or what came of it."

It was almost a month later, on April 27, that the judge in the Pentagon papers case announced that the Justice Department had been informed that Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy had been involved in the burglary.

In his statement Nixon said that when he heard about the Watergate break-in he initially thought "there was a possibility of CIA involvement in some way."

Nixon acknowledged that he ordered his two top aides, H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, "to insure that the investigation of the break-in not expose an unrelated covert operation of the CIA or the activities of the White House Investigations Unit."

That unit, which came to be known as the "Plumbers," was organized to plug security leaks in the White House.

Two of the Plumbers, Liddy and Hunt, have since been convicted in the Watergate affair and the two other

members of the group have resigned their administration posts.

"It was certainly not my intent, nor my wish, that the investigation of the Watergate break-in or of related acts be impeded in any way," Nixon said.

The Senate Judiciary Committee had been expected to approve Richardson's nomination yesterday and the reopening of the hearings was a surprise.

The holdup in Richardson's confirmation delayed the official start of work by Archibald Cox, the Harvard law professor tabbed by Richardson to be the special Watergate prosecutor.

Cox asked that the regular prosecutors working on the federal government's Watergate case meet with him today.

## Teamsters reject contract

Members of the Teamster's Union Local 8 last night voted down the University's contract submitted for the next fiscal year. The contract would affect University Park and branch campus workers.

A union member gave The Daily Collegian the results, which were verified by the Teamster's office. At the University Park campus meeting 1,136 attended of whom 1,127 voted against the proposed contract and 9 voted in favor. At branch campus meetings votes totaled 178 against and none in favor.

Teamster's officials last night would not comment on this vote's implications and on the union's next

steps.

A union member said the vote was not a strike vote but one to submit the contract to the University for renegotiation.

Contract particulars he cited include a 5.5 per cent maximum increase in campus workers' wages only if the University receives the full \$6.1 million requested appropriation increase. With less appropriations to the University workers wages also would be proportionately less, he said.

The new contract, which was read in portion to those at the meeting, is basically the same as the old contract which expires May 31, the union member said.

## In comp sci department

### Appointment may not close rift

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The appointment of a new acting chairman to the computer science department is an attempt to heal a rift between theory- and applications-oriented faculty. Whether it will reverse the department's trend toward more theoretical instruction is open to question.

Thomas Wartik, dean of the College of Science, Friday said he will replace present department head Edward G. Coffman with someone, as yet unnamed, from outside the department. Coffman, whose interests lie in research and theory, had been accused of riding roughshod over the department's job training programs.

However, many professors and graduate students contacted said the department was split between theorists

and applied people long before Coffman became chairman and course content reflected a trend toward the theoretical for several years.

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With much material already covered it was an open question what new material would compose graduate courses, the student said. Even before Coffman arrived many 500-level courses were theoretical, making it difficult for some master's degree candidates to get enough "hands-on" vocational training, he added.

Many students who took Computer Science 511, systems programming, said Coffman made the course much more theoretical. "Maybe I can't say there has been a great shift in subject matter but there has been a shift in the spirit," one student commented.

Another said, "Dr. Coffman has turned 511 into essentially a mathematical models course." He called it "a great introduction to research" but said the course is required not only for Ph.D. candidates but also in the terminal master's program designed to job train graduates.

"The course should be split into two courses," the student added.

Faculty members noticing a change in department emphasis saw it largely as a shift in personnel, suggesting the change has fed on itself.

Two faculty members who have accepted appointments elsewhere said their decisions were not political. One said he is leaving because he wants to teach and feels teaching is "no longer a viable commodity" at the University. "Adequate teaching will get you by, adequate research will not," he said, referring to the department's current priorities.

He also said although there was a split in the department for years most members remained neutral until January.

Another instructor who also plans to leave said he thinks a large faculty exodus from the department will be the dispute's most damaging result.

The instructor said courses such as Computer Science 404, 411 and 420, required of all computer science majors, and 468, required of all graduate students in the department, are interrelated and depend on teaching continuity. This could be destroyed if many instructors leave, he added.

Graduate students, some complaining a few courses no longer resemble their catalogue descriptions, said they already have felt the change in staff.

Several students said the most recent doctoral candidacy examination reflected changes in courses they had taken earlier. Their course work and reading list were not adequate preparation for the exam, they noted.

With the shift in personnel and the "spirit" that both teachers and students say tells the most about the department, Penn State computer science has become polarized between two camps in past months.

"If someone sneezes it can be considered political," one professor said. This is why Wartik said he is bringing in a chairman from another department.

## Weather

Cloudy, damp and mild with rainy periods through early tomorrow morning. High today 68, low tonight 60. Remaining mostly cloudy tomorrow, becoming breezy with chance of a light shower, high 68.

## Clemency offer admitted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House aide John C. Caulfield yesterday swore he relayed offers of executive clemency to Watergate burglar James W. McCord Jr. but doesn't know whether President Nixon "personally had endorsed this offer."

Caulfield said he was assigned to contact McCord by John W. Dean III, who was then White House counsel. He said he asked, "Do you want me to tell him it comes from the President?" "He said words to the effect, 'No, don't do that, say that it comes from way up at the top...'"

McCord, who finished two days of questioning yesterday, said when he received the offers from Caulfield in January, he assumed they came from the President, the only one who can grant executive clemency.

Caulfield said, "I specifically never spoke to the President of the United States and have no knowledge of my own as to whether he personally had endorsed this offer or indeed whether anyone had ever discussed it with him."

McCord said he was told by Caulfield that Nixon knew of the clemency offer, would be told his response and that he could expect a personal call from the President after their meeting.

Caulfield's statement differed from McCord's in two major respects.

McCord testified Caulfield told him the President was aware of the executive clemency offer and would receive a report about it.

Caulfield said he had no knowledge that the President knew the offer was being made.

McCord also said he placed calls to two embassies in an effort to have the government disclose that his conversations were overheard on wiretaps. He identified the embassies as those of Chile and Israel. He said he knew such evidence would not have his case dismissed but would test the truthfulness of the government which said there were no taps.

But Caulfield testified McCord told him the scheme was a way to save the White House embarrassment over Watergate. As the committee recessed for a vote on the Senate floor, McCord's attorney, Bernard Fensterwald, said his client would not volunteer answers to questions on the differences.

Caulfield said, "I viewed my role simply as one of a messenger," and

added he actively resisted the role.

McCord earlier said he was so angered by "a ruthless attempt" by the White House to blame the CIA for the Watergate burglary that he sent a letter promising "Every tree in the forest will fall. It will be a scorched desert."

Caulfield acknowledged receiving the letter.

## Astronauts conduct final Skylab practice

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts yesterday conducted a final rehearsal of the repair job which must work if America's Skylab is to be saved.

Workers meanwhile prepared for countdown toward a Friday launch of the first space salvage mission.

Working underwater in a tank at the Marshall Space Flight Center near Huntsville, Ala., Skylab 1 astronauts Charles Conrad Jr. and Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin practiced erecting a sun shield designed to cool off the overheated space station.

The third crewmen, Paul J. Weitz, planned an underwater rehearsal of a possible space-walking attempt to unjam and deploy a solar power panel which failed on the space station.

Full-scale mockups of the Skylab space station and the astronauts' Apollo ship are submerged in the huge tank, where the astronauts get sensations similar to working in weightlessness.

Workers at Cape Kennedy were preparing to start at 5:30 a.m. EDT tomorrow the countdown toward launch of the astronauts at 9 a.m. Friday.

If all goes as planned, Conrad, Kerwin and Weitz will be drilled into orbit aboard an Apollo command module

stuffed with tools and equipment designed to rescue the crippled \$294 million Skylab from failure.

Skylab Deputy Program Director, John H. Disher, yesterday said the astronauts will carry hardware for two and perhaps three alternate methods of shading the sun-heated orbiting laboratory.

Engineers at the far-flung nerve centers of the nation's space technology have been working feverishly to design, build and test sun shade equipment. Disher said at least three models will arrive at Cape Kennedy by this afternoon.

Disher said chances are good for a Friday launch.

"We're very hopeful we can keep that date, and at the moment there appears to be no reason we can't," he said.

Disher said the prime design for the sun shade is a spring-deployed device similar to a beach umbrella. Tentative plans call for the astronauts to deploy the umbrella through an airlock of the space station.

This would not require a space walk. The effort is scheduled for Saturday, during the second day of the salvage mission.