

Accepts University post Lichtig leaves board

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Benson Lichtig, the first and sole student member of the Board of Trustees, sent a letter of resignation to Gov. Shapp Friday. Copies went to University President John W. Oswald and Board President Michael Baker.

"The major reason is that I have been offered a full time staff position with the University in the Student Employment Office," Lichtig told The Daily Collegian.

Lichtig concluded that to work for the University while serving as a Trustee would be interpreted as a conflict of interest.

"Although the legality was vague, I was more concerned with the ethical question," Lichtig said. "I felt the risk of someone raising questions wouldn't be helpful. Too much was in jeopardy to keep serving on the board."

It also came down to a question of how much time Lichtig could put in. While working for the University, Lichtig expects to be a part time graduate student in public administration beginning Winter Term.

Lichtig said he was unable to keep in touch with University officials because he worked during their office hours.

"I felt there should be an undergraduate student on the board, or at least a full time student," he said.

Lichtig said he was assured by State Secretary of Education John C. Pittenger that Gov. Shapp will appoint another student to the board.

"My understanding is that Pittenger will contact Mark Jinks (Undergraduate Student Government president) and ask Mark to set up a selection committee process."

This is how Lichtig was chosen.

In 1971, a committee composed of the USG Executive Board, student members of the University Council and two student assistants to the President interviewed candidates and submitted five nominees to Shapp.

After all five were interviewed by Shapp, Lichtig's name was sent to the Senate for confirmation. Gov. Shapp signed his appointment on Dec. 31, 1971 and Lichtig attended his first board meeting on New Year's Day.

Because Lichtig was appointed between sessions of the General

Assembly, he had to be reappointed by Shapp in Dec. 1972. Lichtig ended up barred from two board meetings in early 1973 due to what Shapp called a "paper work foul-up."

Lichtig's term was due to end in July 1974.

As coordinator of the Student Employment Office, Lichtig will develop programs to increase the number of job openings for students, and head a staff of seven work-study students.

"But Lichtig is still keeping his hand in University affairs."

Lichtig has a one year membership in the Alumni Association, and in June was elected to the Human Development Alumni Association.

This weekend Lichtig sent out another letter, to Board President Baker. He requested an opportunity to stop by at the Sept. 28 meeting "to express his best wishes to the board."

"I enjoyed serving on the board," Lichtig told The Daily Collegian. "I hope it will be easier for the next student."



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"Prepare ye the way of the lord"

Carol Horne, Jim Vaughn and Bruce Connelly take time out between performances of "Godspell" to relax on the mall and discuss the play and their parts in it. See review and story, page 3.

Snags arise in BOG program; lack of funds creates problems

The Basic Educational Opportunities Grant, the newest federal student aid program has run into a few snags.

BOG was part of the Higher Education Amendments passed by Congress in June, 1972. The Nixon Administration in January 1973 proposed to fund BOG with \$622 million while eliminating other federally funded student aid programs.

According to BOG's manual, this appropriation would have been sufficient to provide awards of up to \$600 to about 1.5 million students.

But Congress reduced BOG's appropriation to \$122.1 million while continuing to fund other student aid programs.

According to the manual, this

appropriation will assist an estimated 400,000 to 500,000 students with average awards of \$250.

Jesse L. McMannes, associate director of the Office of Student Aid, said under the original proposal a student would receive \$1,400 minus his expected family contribution, which is determined by a needs analysis test.

McMannes said because of the funding decrease, the maximum award a student can receive is \$452, even if his family is expected to contribute nothing.

Because of the funding decrease, Congress also passed a rule which allows only "first-time, full-time" students to receive grants.

For University students, this means only freshmen admitted this fall as full-time students who have never attended another college are eligible for a grant.

McMannes said the University Office of Student Aid has received between 700 and 800 BOG applications so far. "All truly needy freshmen are expected to apply, and this office hopes they will," he said.

McMannes said the Office of Student Aid is processing applications as fast as possible. But McMannes said, "It's my personal opinion that the funds for this year may not be available until Winter Term."

McMannes said if this occurs the awards for Fall Term will be combined

with the awards for Winter Term.

McMannes said the Office of Student Aid does not determine the award. The Office of Education publishes a reduction schedule, which the student aid office uses in making awards.

McMannes said he does not know of any proposed changes in BOG for next year, but added, "An awful lot depends on the funding."

This spring President Nixon requested over \$900 million for 1974-75 BOG operations, but no decision has been made yet on the size of next year's appropriations.

BOG applications are available in the Office of Student Aid. The deadline for filing applications is Feb. 1, 1974. —SO

USG supports busing service

Undergraduate Student Government President Mark Jinks told the Council of Government's Transportation Committee Friday that USG was prepared to put up \$4,200 to help subsidize a bus system on campus.

Jinks said these funds would be for a temporary system which would only last until sometime around June of next year. Jinks explained there is a chance an on-campus transit

system would be eligible for federal funding by then.

COG Executive Secretary Ron Short said ridership on the Centre Area Transit buses has increased sharply now that students are back in town for Fall term. He said the main problems now are "trying to determine the manner of operations and management" of the bus lines.

Short also said the Committee has discussed enlarging the CAT W route to include Toftrees.

Student leaders want changes in SAB

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Members of the Student Advisory Board told The Daily Collegian this weekend the SAB needs changes.

The SAB was formed in 1970 by University President John W. Oswald to provide him with student input on various student issues. The SAB consists of various student leaders and

administrators and meets three times a term.

This opinion was first voiced at a meeting Sept. 7 after the Encampment, when a group of student leaders discussed ways of improving communication with University administration.

The meeting resulted in various proposals on how to improve the

students' power in affecting administrative policy.

At a meeting held Tuesday night in Kern Graduate Center, about 20 to 25 student leaders discussed plans to improve student power and communication with the University.

Dion Stewart, a graduate student on the University Senate, led the open discussion.

Stewart said there were two ways students could work to influence the administration. He said one way was to work within the system by setting up a student committee and the other was to work from outside by lobbying.

He said, the conclusion from the Encampment workshops was students do not have enough power in affecting the administration.

Lack of co-operation between student groups was mentioned several times.

Dean Phillips, Free University representative, said "None of us know what the other groups are working for and this hurts our effectiveness. We should work for a group committee."

USG Vice President Frank Muraca agreed with Phillips and added, "The reason for student apathy towards USG and other student organizations is the administration doesn't listen to us. They know this so they don't vote. How can we expect the students to stand behind us if we can't stand together?"

Muraca said student organizations must obtain a unified group.

Mark Singel of the University Council said, "The first goals of the group should be more interplay between students and administrators."

Some students said they felt a new group should be formed, while others wanted the SAB revamped.

Stewart said, "One reason I don't like SAB is it is more controlled by Oswald than a new group would be."

"Oswald has indicated he listens and gives weight to statements made by the SAB and University Council. We must respect this kind of interchange before we change format," Singel said.

Stewart suggested the possibility of an outside lobby.

But Singel said the first option to be tried should be working through the system.

Stewart said, "I'm leery, because even as we talk I can see Oswald's influence on you."

Jeff Wall, president of the Association of Residence Hall Students, said, "I think SAB is ineffective because we don't talk before meeting."

Wall suggested having a caucus which would be open to all students before the SAB meeting.

The proposals decided upon at the meeting were to work through the SAB

to improve student influence of the administration, improve communication between the students and the administration and to have open caucuses before the regular SAB meeting.

At a Thursday meeting of SAB members, issues were discussed and several problems solved, Roger Richards, Graduate Student Association president, said.

Patricia Stewart, editor of The Daily Collegian, said among the issues discussed were putting the Encampment on the agenda, future SAB meeting topics on the discipline system and student participation in University decision-making.

SAB members this weekend discussed the accomplishments and changes of the SAB.

Richards said, "I think the goals of the SAB could be summed up by saying the members want to communicate, cooperate and coordinate."

Association of Women Students President Doreen Robotti said, "The SAB is potentially productive, but it is frustrating that the organizations are not aware of what other organizations are doing. We already have taken some steps to making a coordinated effort and after Thursday's SAB meeting, we will know what effect they will have."

Bruce Kelly, Organization of Independent Town Students president, said, "The SAB is a forum for students to bring up problems. It gives Oswald a chance to keep the students informed in areas which they need to be."

Kelly said the first way the SAB should be changed is already being done.

"Getting rid of the lunch will help. It rushed us too much. Now we will have time to bring up more problems."

Previously, SAB meetings were conducted at a lunch with Oswald.

Kelly agreed the caucus would help student organization cooperation. But he said the caucuses would be open to SAB members only.

Undergraduate Student Government President Mark Jinks said the caucuses probably would be open to all students.

He said he believed the SAB had been hampered by meeting over lunch, but eliminating it would help.

Among the accomplishments made by the SAB were changes in the Student Handbook and the Encampment, Jinks said. But he added, the SAB had been a disappointment in time.

Panhellenic Council President Carol Cabrey said one problem was that the agenda for the SAB meeting was given to the members too late to study and prepare before the meeting.

Kelly said the SAB would request Oswald to present his agenda to the

members several days in advance so they could prepare for it.

Jinks said on the agenda for the Thursday SAB meeting are the subjects of the Encampment and campus transportation for students.

SAB includes the president and vice president of USG, the president and vice president of GSA, the presidents of ARHS, OTIS, the USG Academic Assembly and AWS.

Also on the board are the presidents of the University Union Board, the Panhellenic Council and the

Interfraternity Council.

Four representatives from the University Council, a black representative, two representatives from the Commonwealth campuses and the editor of the Collegian are also on the SAB.

Besides Oswald, other representatives from the administration include Raymond O. Murphy, vice president for student affairs, Robert E. Dunham, vice president for undergraduate studies, and M. Lee Upcraft, director of the residential life programs.



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