

# Veto the bureaus

George Cernusca must veto the bill the Undergraduate Student Government Senate passed Monday to form USG bureaus of Town Affairs and Residential Life.

The bill to form the bureaus is ambiguous. It could be interpreted as a USG attempt to dominate ARHS and OTIS.

Or, as Cernusca says he will interpret it, the bill could be a step to increase communication and cooperation among the three organizations. But Cernusca cannot let a bill pass that can be interpreted the first way or some other way by future USG presidents.

By passing the bill without consulting ARHS and OTIS, USG has set a precedent. Following that precedent, the new bureaus could act without communication and cooperation with ARHS and OTIS. Cernusca has said that if ARHS or OTIS refuse to work on an issue, the bureaus will not be afraid to step on any toes.

If such action by the USG violates the standards ARHS and OTIS have taken in the past, it could seriously damage ARHS's and OTIS's credibility because the two organizations are supposedly working in conjunction with the USG bureaus.

USG's methods of dealing with people are different from ARHS's and OTIS's. USG is a political

organization that fights for what it wants. ARHS and OTIS are service organizations willing to make compromises so that things can get done. USG's methods must not be forced on ARHS and OTIS when these organizations serve students well with their methods.

There is no real need for the USG bureaus. Under the present system good communication exists between USG and ARHS. Two senators attend every ARHS meeting and report on recent USG meetings, later reporting back to USG about ARHS meetings. USG should set up a similar system with OTIS. Nothing more is needed.

Whenever a crisis arises which requires cooperation, the three groups have worked together. They did so to establish the escort service and to convince the University that students need and want bus service.

If OTIS or ARHS needs USG's help, it is usually for a very serious and immediate problem. Such problems deserve the attention of the USG president. OTIS and ARHS must be able to go directly to him, not have to work through a bureau to get him.

The USG bill can do no more than cause trouble for OTIS and ARHS, which have high credibility and function well by themselves. The bill must be vetoed.

## Collegian note

The Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Centre Region Area Transportation Study will meet noon tomorrow in Borough Council chambers in the State College Municipal Building.

Time, date and place. Just one more in a series of hundreds of "Collegian Notes" each term.

But a few additions should be made to this particular note.

With this meeting, the Citizens' Advisory Committee is opening its membership to obtain more citizen response on Centre Region transportation problems.

Those who join the committee will have the chance to review future proposals made by CRATS consultants before the plans are released to such policy-making

bodies as State College Borough Council.

Transportation is of vital concern to everyone connected with the University. Most of the University's blue-collar workers live outside the immediate State College area and should have access to their work through public transportation.

Not every student can afford his own car, but many are forced by high rents near campus to find apartments on the outskirts of town. Must they continue to depend on buses that are often off-schedule — when they arrive at all?

Do you want to pay \$7 more tuition every term to help finance a campus bus system? Do you want the borough to provide bike lanes to make downtown streets safer

for cyclists? Would you like the borough to dispatch transportation to your door on a "dial-a-bus" system?

These are the questions the CRATS officials need answered now. And only you — the people who will use mass transit — can answer them.

Go to tomorrow's meeting and the monthly meetings planned for the two-year CRATS study. If you cannot make the meeting but are seriously interested in the future of Centre Region mass transit, contact CRATS consultant James Miller at the University's Transportation and Traffic Safety Center.

Let the committee know now what you will need in mass transit for the future.



DEAR, PERHAPS WE SHOULD CANCEL OUR OTHER CAMPAIGN STOPS....

## Letters to the Editor

### Strange combination

**TO THE EDITOR:** I admire Governor Shapp's integrity in his stand against capital punishment. I applaud Mullen's courage in his anti-abortion platform.

There is, however, a paradox in both these men's stands. Shapp does not condemn abortion. Mullen condones capital punishment.

Is a convict more human than a baby? A baby more human than a man?

What a choice?

Diana Clancy  
graduate-psychology

### No smoking

**TO THE EDITOR:** Having been quashed many times under the wheels of the indomitable bureaucracy which seems to govern all large organizations such as Penn State, we would like to retaliate in the one small, parasitic method that is permitted victims of bureaucracies — we would like to make public a complaint.

Attending an extremely crowded event in Rec Hall two weeks ago, we were greeted by a request from the emcee that the audience please refrain from smoking during the event. As there were "No Smoking" signs posted at strategic points about the building, we reluctantly extinguished our freshly-lit cigarettes and, observing that other Rec Hall patrons were also complying with the directive, cheerfully resigned ourselves to our smokeless fate for the remainder of the evening.

One cannot imagine our irritation and utter disbelief when, during the course of the event, we noticed a uniformed member of the highly-respected and widely-acclaimed Campus Patrol, present for security purposes, puffing on a cigarette. Strengthening the bitter irony of the unfortunate incident was

the fact that the culprit was leisurely lounging under one of the strategically posted "No Smoking" signs.

We do not expect, nor do we particularly desire, any punitive or investigative action to be taken against the hapless offender, for we only cite his action to gratify our own injured feelings and to illustrate that, regardless of the effectiveness of a bureaucracy, "Hypocrisy in Bureaucracy" will always exist, and may we offer that phrase as a small consolation to anyone who finds himself inescapably trapped in the maze of bureaucratic procedure.

Charles W. Mitchell  
3rd-political science  
Oscar T. Smedley  
9th-accounting

### Correction

Yesterday's editorial "A lost cause" should have stated that the Association of Residence Hall Students must hold open elections, not that ARHS must not open its elections.

## the Collegian

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There will be a meeting Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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