

The buddy system

"It all comes down to whether 40 people will get screwed," says Neil Brandt, former chairman of the Undergraduate Student Government Judiciary Committee.

Those 40 students are the students who applied and were interviewed by the former USG Judiciary Committee for three vacancies on the USG Supreme Court.

Early this term Academic Assembly gave the USG Senate Judiciary Committee chairman the power to fill the three court vacancies with the advice and consent of the Judiciary Committee.

Since USG is supposed to be a democratic student government and not a dictatorship of best buddies, Brandt advertised the vacancies and opened applications to all students. Of the 40 students who applied, the Judiciary Committee chose nine as the best qualified but did not make a final selection of three.

In the meantime, a new USG president was elected: George Cernusca, who decided that he, not Brandt's committee, had the power to select the judges. In a compromise, Cernusca and Brandt agreed that Cernusca, with some input

from Brandt, would select three judges from among the nine.

But Academic Assembly President Joe Kaplan decided Cernusca did not have the power to select the judges because Academic Assembly had given that power to the Judiciary Committee. Kaplan threatened to take Cernusca to the USG Supreme Court — still missing three judges — for its interpretation of the USG constitution, which, as in so many other cases, does not make it clear whether or not the new Judiciary Committee retained the power to select the judges.

To avoid a Supreme Court case, Cernusca backed down and granted the new Judiciary Committee the power to select the judges. Instead of choosing three from among the nine students chosen by the former Judiciary Committee, the new committee chairman without consulting her committee presented to them for approval three students: one from among that nine, one of the 40 applicants and one who had not even applied.

The new Judiciary Committee interviewed those three students, and, under pressure from

Brandt, the other students in the original nine. The committee approved its chairwoman's choices Tuesday, but, realizing that some railroading was going on, revoked its approval Friday.

Brandt was wrong. It does not come down to whether 40 people will get screwed; it comes down to whether 30,000 students will get screwed. Every USG Supreme Court decision affects those 30,000 students. And those decisions must not be made by a bunch of buddies railroading in by a bunch of their buddies.

USG and all its branches are not supposed to be a clique. They are supposed to form a government for the students. The U.S. government works on a system of checks and balances. But one branch of the USG government cannot check another branch if USG is being run by best buddies rather than budding statesmen.

The new Judiciary Committee must interview the nine students chosen from the 40 applicants. And it must make the three selections from among those nine with no additions or exceptions.

...AND I FLATLY PREDICT THAT 1929 WILL BE A VERY GOOD YEAR!



Letters to the Editor of the Collegian

Drinking on the wall

TO THE EDITOR: The other night my companion and I were participating in one of Penn States oldest traditions, the wall. As everybody knows the wall is the place to be during the spring term. Most wallers come out to have a good time, have a beer or two, and maybe even blow a joint.

As everyone in Pennsylvania knows, the drinking age is an outrageous 21-years-old. My friend and I have waited 21 long, hot, miserable, frustrating years before we could have that first legal drink. But last night we, and several others, were refused this privilege for the simple reason, that we were on the wall. A campus security Patrolman and a short, skinny, narco-type dude came trampling along and, for no reason, unduly harassed us. They said it is against University rules to drink on campus except in a dorm room. They also said that the campus boundary line extends to the middle of College Avenue, so we were violating the rules. But how rinky-dink can campus officials be? People who are on the wall are trying to establish a spirit of brotherhood and friendship. Why is it necessary for these campus fools to refuse wallers a good time? Are they trying to start some kind of riot? We feel that

there are numerous other problems on campus to which these boys in blues should be attending. Seriously, how much harm do these wallers do?

We suggest, if a student is 21-years-old, he should be able to be enshrined in the wallers' hall of fame, and be able to enjoy his booze anywhere he pleases.

Russel J. Pensinger
9th-liberal arts
Stephen P. Lyon
8th-journalism

Help WEHR

TO THE EDITOR: For three years now, people have sunk enormous amounts of time and energy into WEHR to get it totally functional. As of this time, the station is only partially functional. It is established and is recognized as a new station with many accomplishments and great potential. It is also recognized as a valuable and worthwhile communications medium in an area where it is definitely needed. However, WEHR is not able to broadcast to all of the dorms in East Halls and is not that financially stable.

I was recently told by one resident of East that it seems whenever WEHR makes some progress, it is always confronted by a new problem. They went on to ask why a needed service organization such as WEHR has not received more assistance from the University than it has received up to now, and why certain people always seem to see a need to create impediments for WEHR. This has been recently exemplified in the case where persons who evidently felt WEHR to be a menace to them, furnished C. Fred Willis, candidate for State Senator, with false information concerning the station. Granted, we have obtained help from some people within the University, and we are grateful for this help. But again, we can unquestionably use much more than we have been offered, particularly in terms of financial support. After all, if this weren't true, WEHR would presently be broadcasting to all of the fourteen dorms in East. These feelings of frustration are more than abundant through the people in the city of East Halls and others associated with WEHR, as many have expressed such feelings.

The purpose of this letter is not to deny the help people have been giving us, but rather to make it known that the problems we've been encountering far outweigh the assistance we need. So, if you don't mind watching as a harmless, worthwhile,

student-run entity painfully wastes away, fine, it's your conscience. But if you'd rather lend your support and assistance where it would be most appreciated.

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President of WEHR radio

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Audit demands: poor judgment

By DOUGLAS FORD
6th-community development

I direct this letter to the members of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate.

The auditor general's office cannot possibly meet your request. The reason is that they only record that the money was delivered and received. They do not have the authority, the time or the manpower to audit how each appropriation is spent. Such an audit

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would have been possible under a bill co-sponsored by Rep. Galer Dreibeis, D-State College, which provided for a special office composed of professional auditors and certified public accountants which would perform a thorough audit of all state institutions and organizations receiving state appropriations.

At the present time, if USG goes to Harrisburg to voice its opinion that money is spent or used unwisely, you will find that you will have hurt yourselves rather than helped. It's common sense to know that when a recipient of an appropriation complains about how unwisely the state's money is being used, the legislature will simply cut back on its appropriations. After all, would USG give money to an organization that

they were told was not using their money wisely?

In my talks with several administrators and legislators I found that the three primary reasons for tuition increases were inflation, the five per cent increase due to Social Security and the tuition increase policy put forth in the Commonwealth Master Plan for Higher Education. It stated that tuition at the three Pennsylvania state-related universities, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Penn State—would be increased to the level of \$1,000.

At present Pitt and Temple have an annual tuition rate of approximately \$1,050, and therefore are not being asked to raise tuition. Members of the administration expressed that the increase in tuition as now proposed is definitely needed, but whether we need the increase to \$1,000 only time will tell.

The problem seems to be in dealing with the legislature. If the administration approached the legislature saying that tuition is high enough the legislature would simply say that our appropriations are high enough. In any case fighting the University and the legislature for an audit is ridiculous.

Another point that must be expressed concerns the accusation that this University makes a large amount of profit on such services as telephoning and mailing. You are not entirely wrong.

The University may make a profit over a month's time, but this money is used to pay off the debts incurred in past months and debts will be incurred in the future. These operations are budgeted on a long-run basis to break even.

Another point concerning George Cernusca's accusations deals with the question of a contingency fund. The administrators I have talked to substantiate the fact that a contingency fund exists. Profits do not go into this fund, it is budgeted for, with other monies coming in from sources such as colleges who have money left over after their expenses, which is a rare happening indeed. The primary purpose of this money is to pay for equipment replacement.

It is a fact that some money is spent unwisely. This happens in any business or institution and it is important that we try to solve these problems but the amount of such spending at Penn State is not anywhere near enough to offset a tuition increase.

So, I submit to the Senate the following recommendation:

Stop running headlong into a situation which apparently you know little about. To base your actions on an ex-employee and one senator is terribly shallow thinking. As I stated in a past letter to the Collegian, look before you leap.

Stop going to the legislature to demonstrate your grievance that money

is being spent frivolously and unwisely because the only effect you're going to have on the University is a decrease in appropriations. If this happens you alone are to blame and then you will be representatives of the student body no longer.

Stop dealing with people as though they can be manipulated by your power. It is imperative that you learn to deal with people cooperatively. You cannot deal with administrators, legislators and people in general by intimidating or throwing ultimatums at them as you have with your letters to President Oswald.

I assure you that there are plenty of student, faculty and administrators who are terribly upset over these situations but let's deal with these situations through Penn State in a cooperative manner. Don't send letters with "you do this or else" statements through them. After all wouldn't USG react in the same manner if the administration told you to stop your tax fight or else? You would probably tell them to go to hell and rightly so.

As it is now, this USG will no longer be effective for you managed to thoroughly alienate the administration and many students by your poor judgment in dealing with people and your refusal or inability to research a problem thoroughly and effectively.



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