

Happy undergoes cancer operation

NEW YORK (UPI) — Nelson Rockefeller's wife Happy underwent an operation for removal of a cancerous left breast yesterday and surgeons reported her chances for survival were "excellent."

The four-and-a-half-hour operation, termed a "modified radical mastectomy," was performed at Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Vice president-designate Rockefeller later was at his wife's bedside as the attending surgeon, Dr. Jerome A. Urban, told a news conference that Mrs. Rockefeller's "chances are excellent for a full recovery over 90 per cent in 10 years."

"The cancer had not spread to the lymph nodes," Urban said. "I feel I got all of it, I really do."

Asked about his wife's condition, Rockefeller said, "She's fine. She's fine. She's very sleepy, naturally. She's very grateful to the doctors and the nurses. We're all very grateful."

Rockefeller, looking haggard after a long day, then joined Secret Service agents and his press

secretary, Hugh Morrow, for the return trip to his office by limousine.

Urban, who described the 48-year-old Mrs. Rockefeller as "a sturdy, wonderful woman," said there appeared to be no complications and listed her condition as "excellent."

Urban said a biopsy performed yesterday morning revealed a carcinoma less than two centimeters in diameter and two smaller nodules that were found to be cancerous. He and two other surgeons, Dr. Edward J. Beattie Jr. and Dr. Roy Ashikari, then performed the mastectomy.

Urban said he informed Mrs. Rockefeller after the surgery was complete that the cancer had not spread. He said she replied: "Oh, thank goodness."

Asked whether he felt a full mastectomy was necessary, Urban said he believed it was and he would continue to perform such operations "until we get more information on this subject."

Urban said Mrs. Rockefeller discovered suspicious lumps in her breast by self examination two weeks ago and X-rays were taken last Friday by her gynecologist, Dr. Arthur V. Greeley. She entered the hospital Wednesday. Mrs. Rockefeller's surgery came less than a week after President Ford's wife Betty left a hospital following a similar operation for removal of the right breast.

The first lady issued a statement at the White House yesterday which said she was "deeply distressed" when she received the news of Mrs. Rockefeller's operation.

Talks with students in East Halls

Cernusca: the end is near for USG

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The Undergraduate Student Government may be near death, USG President George Cernusca said last night.

He and other USG representatives were speaking to an audience of about 40 in Findlay lounge.

"The rumors of USG's impending death are not exaggerated," Cernusca said. "USG is dying. It doesn't even have a few months. The Daily Collegian doesn't want to see us have that much time."

He told his audience that "some critical choices are going to have to be made in the next two or three weeks."

At its best, he said, USG could hope to remain as a strong "shell organization" and at its worst — collapse.

Referring to the controversy surrounding the articles of impeachment which the USG Senate has voted against him, Cernusca said, "The impeachment process simply took the cover off of a very weak organization."

Cernusca said that the whole impeachment issue made USG look bad. He said this made the University administration happy.

He said University President John W. Oswald "vehemently hates me and undergraduate student governments."

"I can only conjecture how deeply involved the University administration was with USG's instability now," Cernusca added.

Cernusca said he wants to see USG work on getting a University audit, tenant unions and "work for the student body here at Penn State."

"We are not going to put ourselves in a position where The Daily Collegian, with its attacks and innuendos, can overthrow the student government," he said.

The first student questioner complained about USG's allocation of \$250 to Yates Mast's congressional campaign. He said USG had "no business allocating money to political candidates."

Pam Michaels, an East Halls USG senator, replied that she thought USG was justified in making the contribution to the Mast campaign because "Yates has been an unbelievable help to student government in the past. The money can help him get to Congress where he'll help students a great deal more."

Some of the USG senators attending the forum urged the students to participate in USG. One student replied, "It's an organization which can't even prove itself? You want help?"

Cernusca said "student government" has a

great deal of potential. We're asking you to help develop that potential.

"Sure, we've got to get away from playing bullshit politics," he said, "and become more of a service organization."

Another student said he had sat in on the meeting last spring when the USG Budget Committee went over allocations of funds. "It was really disgusting," he said. "A lot of people who are here tonight were there then."

The student complained that those at last spring's meeting had spent the whole time making jokes about what to do with the funding, citing one suggestion that part of it be used to buy a new radio for USG's rooms.

Michaels said, "A lot of things that are said aren't serious."

Cernusca told the student that if what he

said was true, then what had happened was not right.

Mark Davidsohn (10th-science) disagreed with Cernusca frequently during the two-hour meeting. He said the main question was, "Why USG should be allowed the luxury of perpetration?"

Senator Joanie McCarthy said, "I really love USG. It has more potential than any other organization on this campus."

"USG makes waves," she said. "That's why Oswald wants to ignore it."

Cernusca said, "They (the administration) just don't want to deal with organized students."

Most of those who attended the forum agreed that open discussion was a good idea. "We've taken to heart the idea that we have to change," Cernusca said.

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