

# Ackerman preparing to involve more students in role of USG

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A personnel campaign aiming to involve more students in the Undergraduate Student Government will be one of the top priorities next year, according to USG president-elect Grant Ackerman.

It is "for students who want experience working in an organization and who will put in the time and effort," Ackerman said.

Students filling out applications for positions within the various USG departments will be called in for interviews within two weeks, Ackerman said. A "personnel committee" will then screen the students for the jobs according to their interests, he said.

After Ackerman appoints department directors, two things will occur. First, Ackerman, vice-president Denny Rupert and transition coordinator Jack Webber (12th-marketing) will sit and brainstorm with all the department heads about their specific departments, Ackerman said.

Then the department heads will decide on departmental goals, write out job descriptions and the number of people needed to carry out its programs, Ackerman said.

A "cross-over" workshop, tentatively scheduled for the 23rd and 24th, will then be held at either Stone Valley or the HUB. This workshop will involve the entire USG, Ackerman said.

"Everyone will come together and it will be a time for the sharing of ideas," Ackerman said.

At this workshop, workers from other departments will attend meetings of other USG departments, Ackerman said. This is so all the workers will know what goes on in other departments besides their own, he said.

A logistics workshop will be given at the two-day work session for people with an interest in that area. Subjects scheduled to be covered include the handling of bulk mail, running mimeo machines, running stencil machines and advertising and public service messages, Ackerman said.

A few days before the

"cross-over" workshop, smaller workshops will be held for individual departments to prepare them for the larger workshop, Ackerman said.

"If we run this transition period right, when we assume office on the 25th we should be able to get right to work," Ackerman said.

Ackerman met with Rep. Helen Wise (D-77th district) yesterday to discuss a proposal to provide internships for interested USG students.

Wise currently has a student intern with her in Harrisburg, but she wants to try to talk all of the legislators into having interns. These interns will be drawn from all colleges in the state who are

interested in such a program, Ackerman said.

"I think it's a very good chance for students to get experience in Harrisburg," he said.

The USG will set up a committee here to lay the groundwork for the internship program, and a possibility for providing another intern in the 77th district also is being considered, Ackerman said.

"What we really need are people who want to get involved and make student government work. I personally believe there are students out there who are willing to put in the time and effort to sophisticate the whole operation," Ackerman said.



Grant Ackerman (above), USG president-elect, said he is aiming for more student involvement in next year's student government. Applicants for the various USG department positions will be interviewed within the next two weeks.

## Student representation to be examined

A University Task Force on Student Representation has been set up under the direction of Raymond O. Murphy, vice president for student affairs.

The Task Force, which consists of 19 students from various student organizations and four faculty members, is headed by Mel Klein and Rich Glazier, both chairmen of the group.

The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the whole question of student representation as it relates to how the University is presently governed, Klein said. In addition to

examining student representation, the Task Force will offer suggestions as to how the quality of participation for students in University matters can be improved.

According to Klein, the Task Force has been divided into two committees: the internal committee and the external committee. The purpose of the internal group will be to examine the interaction of specific student organizations, he said, adding that this will be done through four approaches.

The first approach will be a

structural one, whereby the group looks at just how the organization functions, Klein said. The second approach will be to see how the organization works with other groups in the University; the third will be to look at representation in the group, and the fourth will be to see what services are provided for the students by a particular group, he said.

The external committee will deal with student organizations in relation to the University, Klein said. There are 30 areas which the committee is going to pursue, and the goal of this

committee will be to look at policies of specific groups and how they affect the students, he said. The committee also will recommend any changes that it sees necessary for improvement in the areas, Klein said.

The Task Force will present a report on its findings to Murphy by April 30.

Klein said the Task Force is still in very early stages of organization, and that it must determine the appropriate direction to pursue in fulfilling the purpose for which it was created.

## Variety of spring plants make colorful, pleasant Easter gifts

Spring plants are a tradition for Easter gift giving and receiving. A wide variety of plants and arrangements can be purchased at local florists at fairly reasonable prices.

Besides supplying the usual dracaenas, ferns, rubber trees and other tropicals, florists are now featuring flowering potted plants such as azalea bushes, gardenias, cyclamen, tulips and lilies. Davidson's carries these Easter plants as well as George's Floral Boutique, which also sells hanging baskets. Chrysanthemums are available at the State College Floral Shoppe.

Woodring's Floral Gardens is running a 'cash and carry' special on flower arrangements. Most prices start at \$7.50. Woodring's

manager, Mike Albright, said blooming Easter plants are well-liked because they are attractive, safe and relatively inexpensive.

Recommended care for bulb plants such as tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and lilies include indirect sunlight, cool temperatures of about 55-60 degrees F and moderately moist soil. Gardenias require extra humidity, light and prevention against disease by spraying. Care for hydrangea shrubs, azalea bushes and mum plants include from four to six weeks of daily watering indoors to keep soil moist.

After Easter is an appropriate time to replant bulb plants outside since the bulbs themselves cannot be rewatered indoors. A light, cool ground area with 50-55 degree temperatures should

be selected. Normal blooming time for tulips, hyacinths, and especially Easter lilies, will occur sometime in August.

According to store owners, these spring plants have no apparent poisonous effects. Sprays present the only dangers and should be used with caution.

For houseplant owners, repotting may be necessary with warmer spring weather. Indications for changes include slow plant growth, water flow through the drainage hole and coiling roots around the inside of the pot. While transferring plants, soil should be dry for easy removal. The new pot should be one size larger than the original. Finally, drainage pebbles or pieces of broken pot are needed at the bottom before adding new soil.

## Ford fears 'miscalculation' in arms negotiations

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI) — Former President Ford said yesterday he fears "over-optimism and possible miscalculation" by the Carter Administration in arms negotiations with the Soviet Union may have serious repercussions in relations between the two countries.

"I believe the administration went to Moscow too optimistic," Ford said during a question and answer session with a University of Michigan political science

class. "There was too much public rhetoric before and after.

"There may have been some miscalculation on our part about what might happen. I hope the either perceived or real relationship is only a temporary one."

Ford's comment on the SALT talks — his strongest criticism of the administration to date — came after a short lecture to students on the campus where the former chief executive is

spending four days as a professor.

The hour-long session was the only one of 10 classes Ford is scheduled to teach this week that was open for press coverage.

Ford said he felt "very deeply" that a new SALT agreement was vitally important, adding that he closely watched preparations for the U.S.-Soviet meetings.

"Their over-optimism, their rhetoric and the possible

miscalculation might have serious repercussions in relations between the Soviet Union and the United States. I hope this isn't true."

Ford said it was premature to try to measure the impact of President Carter's recent statements on human rights.

"When I was president, a number of protests were made to a number of nations, but done from the presidency to the head of state," he said. "The technique we used was

simply different than Carter's.

"The technique is new. It may be productive, it may be harmful. Time will tell whether the new tactic is a better one."

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