

Questions about the use of ARHS movie funds escalated into

HUBgate

For the Association of Residence Hall Students it was a bad month. An investigation by Daily Collegian reporters which started out examining the uses and abuses of movie co-op funds, ended up examining not only the co-op, but several former area presidents, a projector sale, the Student Travel Organization, a floating meal ticket and a summer Arts Festival party.

As a result of an ARHS examination of these matters, the ARHS Council yesterday asked for the resignations of President Jeff Glazier and Vice President Steve Matt. Glazier and Matt said they had no intention of resigning.

Last Wednesday, Mike Edwards, West Halls president, resigned because of academic reasons and dissatisfaction with the ARHS Council.

Former movie co-op co-chairman Bill Bierschinger and Glazier were charged this summer by the Office of Conduct Standards with misuse of \$1,000 collected from the Feb. 3 and 4 showings of "Annie Hall." Glazier was cleared of charges involving converting organizational funds to personal use and Bierschinger refused to comment on the charges brought against him.

Bierschinger was asked to resign

from the co-op at a closed ARHS meeting Feb. 16 because he failed to promptly deposit movie receipts in the Associated Student Activities office, the organization which keeps the books of most student organizations. ASA policy requires that movie receipts be deposited by 5 p.m. the working day following the movie.

Another movie co-op chairman, John J. Osswald, was said to have violated ASA policy when he allegedly deposited \$400 from movie profits into his personal bank account. Bierschinger and Osswald also reportedly gave about \$300 to former ARHS Publicity Director Mary Anne Eves to pay her rent.

Sources said all the money was returned after it was discovered missing.

Former North Halls President Dana Van Cise spent \$407 of North Halls funds last winter without the consent required by the constitution of North Halls council.

Also, two former area presidents, Centre Halls' Kelly Hause and South Halls' Mary Spyridakis, failed to turn in budgets for the 1978-79 academic year leaving their respective areas without money.

Hause also sold two movie projectors and a switch-over system to Bierschinger, STO president, without the approval of Centre Halls' council, which is a violation of their constitution.

Hause said the equipment was not working properly and was of no further value to Centre Halls. However, Tom Hartman, Centre Halls' movie chairman said the equipment was still usable.

STO was formed to provide students with low-cost travel opportunities, but since the organization received its charter in February, it has co-sponsored only one trip, which was a financial disaster.

According to STO Secretary Matt, the trip was co-sponsored with Centre Halls and 150 tickets were bought at \$4 apiece. The money was a personal loan from Osswald, also an STO member. Two buses were chartered for the trip at a cost of \$1,111. Tickets for the trip cost \$20 apiece.

Matt said only 60 tickets were sold and the trip was unsuccessful because there was not enough time to advertise for the trip due to the extended Spring Term break.

The STO charter will come up for

review within the next few weeks. The review is a routine one, to determine if STO is living up to the terms of its constitution and meeting the requirements of registered student organizations.

Bierschinger was also issued a floating meal ticket enabling him to eat in any dining hall area, although he was no longer a member of ARHS. Only ARHS Council and Executive Council members, Residence Hall Advisory Board members and the movie chairman are entitled to that privilege.

RHAB Chairman Frank Lignelli issued the meal ticket at the request of Glazier and Matt.

ARHS also sponsored a summer Arts Festival party which cost \$608.12, including \$131.44 for eggrolls. The original cost of the party had been agreed on as \$425 by ARHS Summer President Marina Murphy, Glazier and Michael Leeper, vice president of the Organization for Town Independent Students, and was to be split between Leeper and ARHS.

Leeper said he paid \$212.50 cash from his personal money and not from any OTIS funds.

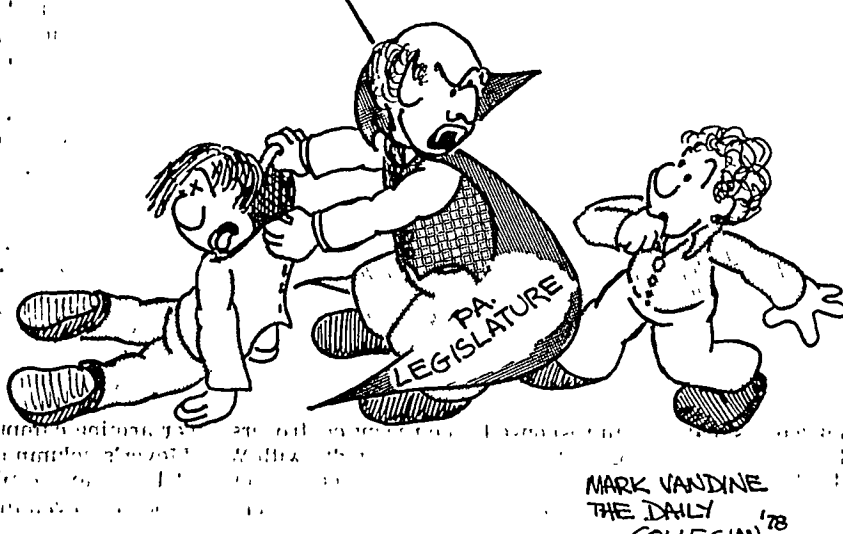


"I fully admit my guilt with the floating meal ticket, but I consider that the extent of my abuse."

— Jeff Glazier (left), ARHS president.

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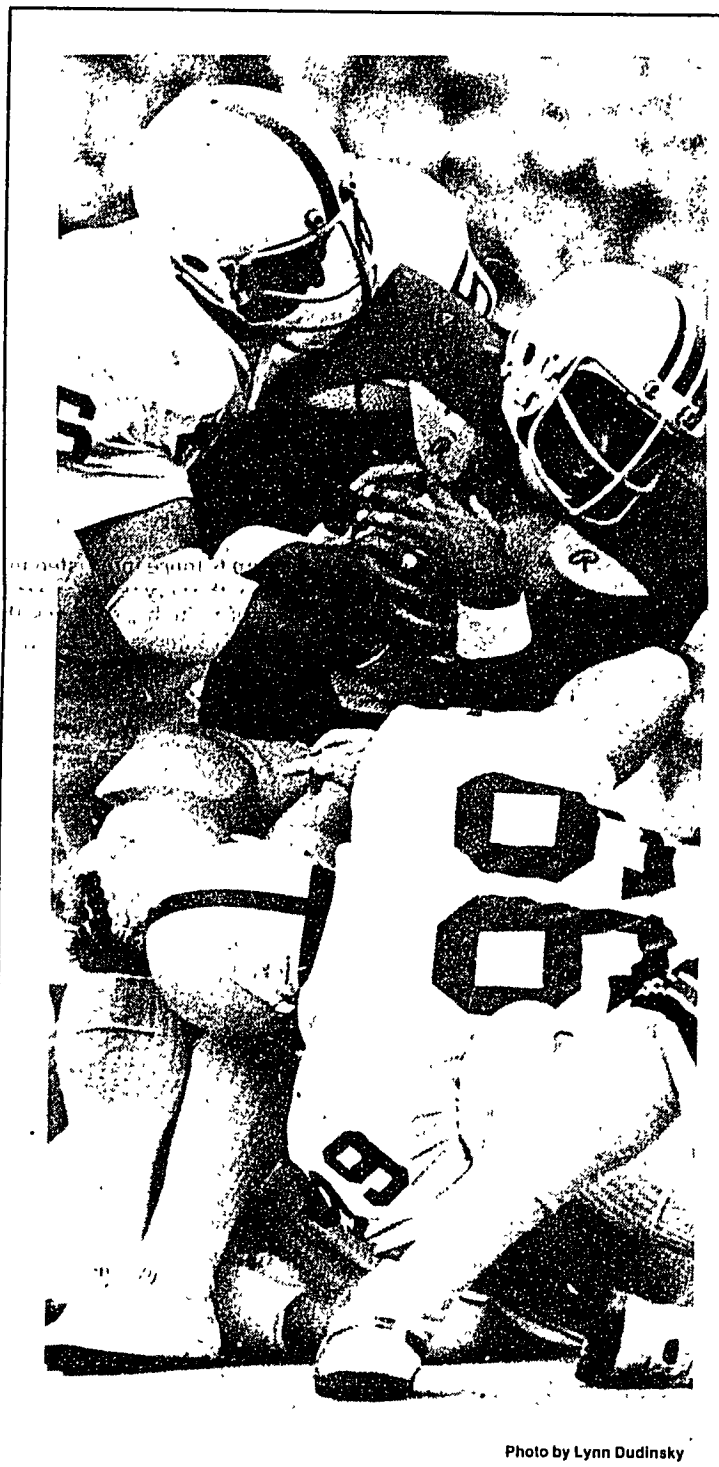


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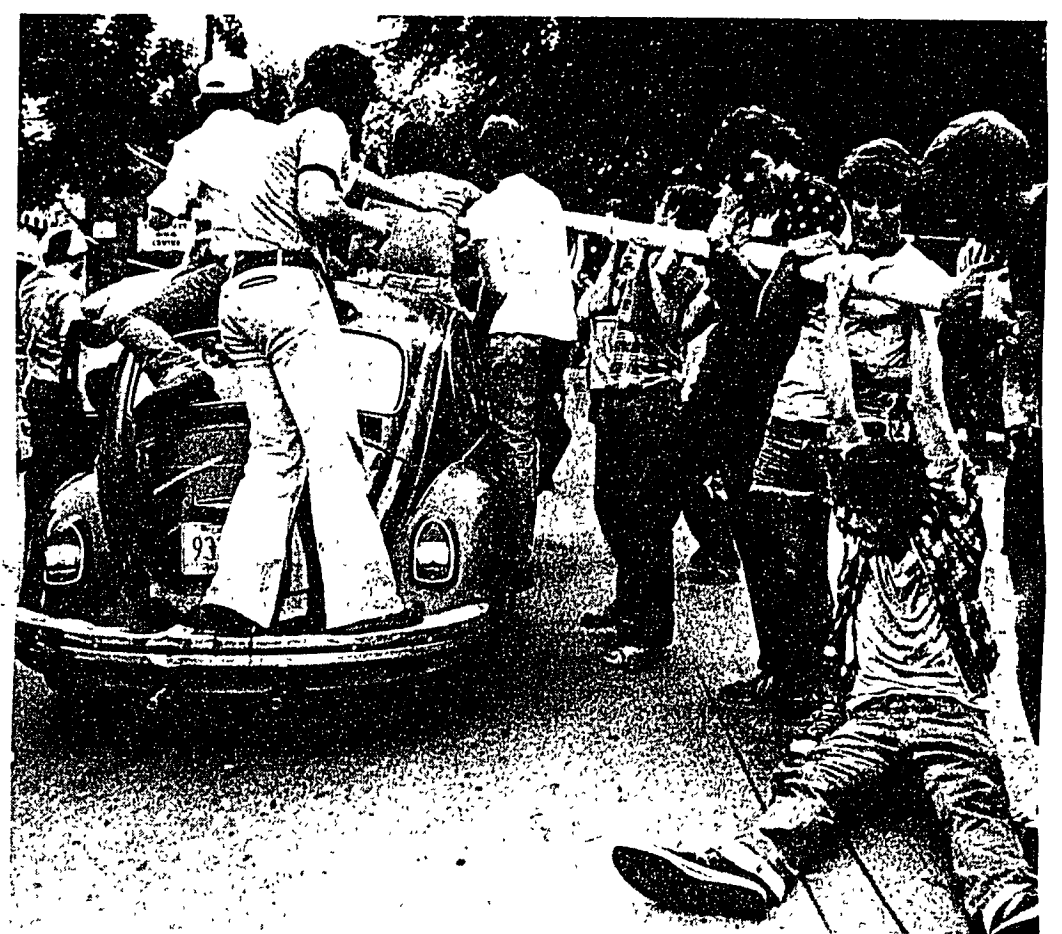


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Shutout in the Woody Bowl

In what many were calling a one-game season, the Nittany Lions beat Ohio State, 19-0, largely on the merit of an airtight defense and Matt Bahr's right foot. What ensued back home in Happy Valley could only be

described as a small-scale riot. The police said it was all in good fun, but several students and town residents took offense to beer being dumped from balconies, cars being walked on and buses being rocked.

The state legislature goes house cleaning

By DAVE GILMARTIN
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September '78 brought to the state General Assembly an extensive questioning of its ethics which led to a flurry of month-before-election bills aimed at reforming politics in Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Inquirer started the controversy with its series on the legislature's abuses of taxpayers' money. The articles, which were the result of an eight-month investigation, revealed a complex, secretive political system in both the House and Senate which allows a Senate librarian to charge the state \$1,000 for candy, allows many of Senator Henry J. Cianfrani's "ghost employees" to reappear on the state payroll after he admitted their existence last February and allows a retired legislator to earn more on pension than he did while on active service.

"One of the most important disclosures centered around the abuses of the Senatorial Scholarship program. The Inquirer discovered that many of the senators were giving scholarships to children of friends and political leaders who had little or no financial need with college costs.

The \$3.1 million program gave each senator 96 scholarships, averaging \$600

each, to be given to students at five state schools - including Penn State - with no criteria as to who should get preference. When the Inquirer requested a list of scholarship recipients from fifty senators, only 20 replied.

On September 13, three days after the first Inquirer article, the Senate Rules Committee failed to send a bill to the floor that would have abolished the scholarship program. On September 15, a more in-depth article was released concerning the program's abuses. Five days later, the same committee passed the measure to get the bill on the floor. Six days after that the Senate abolished the program, effective 1979.

Local politicians got involved when Representative Helen Wise announced that she and five other House democrats were proposing a watchdog committee to monitor House members' public accounts and to force the stepping down of any legislator who is under indictment until his case verdict is determined.

Wise's opponent in the next election, Gregg L. Cunningham, charged Wise with "an incredible change of position" from her previous legislative record. Cunningham said Wise had voted against efforts to remove House Speaker Herbert Fineman from office after he had been indicted.

Rules governing tenure challenged in court, revised

A professor who sued University President John W. Oswald last summer to learn the reasons he was denied tenure rejected an out-of-court settlement in September.

Kurosh Ostovar, formerly an assistant professor of food science, said he expects a hearing this fall.

In another tenure matter, Oswald

approved six of nine Faculty Senate proposals to change University promotion and tenure policy.

Under the new tenure and promotion policy, faculty members would be notified of the reasons for their tenure denial. Oswald said that if tenure is denied, the provost will inform the dean

or deans informally of the reasons and the dean or department head would inform the faculty member informally.

Oswald said the policy was changed "to insure that ultimately the individual would be informed in private by his dean or department head as to the reasons for tenure denial."

Oswald told the Senate on Sept. 7, "There were two changes that I felt were so important that I would refer them to a joint administrative-faculty committee." He rejected a ninth proposal because he felt "it did not belong in the policy statement."

—by Mary Anne Mulligan

Guns, appropriation top September page one news

Traditionally, students take the first month of the school year to catch up and readjust. But the rest of the University community keeps functioning and news continues to be made. These were the top stories in September:

Appropriations request

The University's Board of Trustees approved a 1979-80 state appropriations request of \$130.1 million, representing a 1 percent increase from last year's \$119 million allocation. Eddy said that a third of the increase was required to offset a rise in tuition. Helen D. Wise, a trustee and state representative from the State College area, warned the board that the chances of the full appropriation being granted were slim in a non-election year, especially because additional revenues from personal and industrial taxes implemented for 1977

will expire Dec. 31. She said the University could expect at best a 5 to 6 percent increase.

Oswald hospitalized

University President John W. Oswald was admitted to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Sept. 11 to undergo unscheduled surgery to repair a detached retina in his right eye. He originally was scheduled to remain hospitalized for a two-week recovery period, but his stay was lengthened indefinitely. Oswald later asked the Trustees for a two-month leave of absence. Eddy will assume Oswald's responsibilities in his absence.

Ford speaks on campus

In a move to bolster the campaign of local Republican congressional candidate William Clinger, former president Gerald Ford made several

appearances locally, including a \$50-a-plate speech at Gatsby's and a speech to an overflow crowd at a rally in the HUB Ballroom. At Gatsby's, he said President Carter "blew it" in his handling of economic and domestic policy.

Rep. Joseph Ammerman also announced that Vice President Walter Mondale would appear in the area on his behalf Oct. 13. Ammerman remained hospitalized throughout the month, recovering from hip injuries incurred in an automobile accident Aug. 20.

Police request guns

David E. Stormer, director of University Safety, requested that the University Council, an advisory body to the president of the University, consider the possibility of arming Police Services officers. He also revealed that 33 officers had been armed from July 17 to Sept. 21, following three incidents of potentially

violent natures. Acting University President Edward D. Eddy recommended the Council study the problem and hold public hearings on the issue.

Airport challenge

Four Philipsburg residents filed suit in Centre County Court requesting that the University Park Airport be closed because it took business away from the Mid-State Airport. Because Mid-State was built with state funds, the plaintiff argued, no municipal funds should be channeled into the University Park Airport, as this would directly affect operations at Mid-State and therefore would be in conflict with the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Lowered referendum

The Undergraduate Student Government Executive Council initiated a move to lower the minimum number of

students required to vote in a referendum change, such as last spring's Task Force student government proposal. The Council originally sought to lower the number from 40 percent to 20 percent, but that effort was abandoned when two-thirds of the organizations in the council - Academic Assembly, Black Caucus and the Organization for Town Independent Students - voted down the referendum change. Two-thirds of the nine Executive Council organizations must approve any change in the referendum. The council now is bringing a proposal to the member groups to drop the minimum requirement to 25 percent of the student body.

Learning support center

Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond Murphy agreed to open the Learning Support Center to all students,

reversing a decision in June to allow only Equal Opportunity Program Students to participate in the project due to budgetary cutbacks. Murphy's decision came following a meeting with Paul Weppler (10th-chemical engineering), who had initiated a petition drive to reopen the center to all students.

CATA drivers' charges

Centre Area Transportation Authority bus drivers, represented by the Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees, decided to drop unfair labor charges against CATA management, pending the success of a newly-formed labor relations committee made up of union and management representatives. The charges stemmed from what the drivers said were discriminatory actions against union steward John Strand in considering candidates for a higher position.