

# New Senate chief seeks changes

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Mark Berg, newly elected president of next year's Undergraduate Student Government Senate, said he has some ideas for improving the Senate.

One problem Berg said he will attack is that of Senate spending. The Senate has become primarily an organization that allocates money to various University groups, according to several student government leaders.

This year the Senate had no set budget, and ran out of money at the end of Spring Term.

The Senate operates out of the unrestricted funds raised by JEM Productions through such projects as the computer date match, movies, calendars, basketball programs and buses for term breaks.

The Senate grants this money to deserving groups who were turned down by Associated Student Activities.

"Next year we hope to be more careful all year rather than wait 'til the end to be cautious," Berg said. "We would like to work with Leslie Maclean (USG treasurer) and Ernie Hicks (USG business manager) to make up a budget for next year."

Berg said he would like to get a forecast of what money will be available from JEM, and from that set up guidelines for Senate spending for each term.

But the Senate has other responsibilities as well, and Berg said he would like to see the emphasis in the Senate shift to policy.

"As the only representative body in USG," he said, "Senate has the power and responsibility to better

represent the students."

In order for the Senate to become more effective and representative next year, a change in attitude within the Senate is the first step, Berg said. If this change occurs in the fall, the next step would be to gain the respect of the administration and of the students — to have them recognize the senate as an effective, representative body, he said.

Berg said he plans to organize meetings with the senators at the start of Fall Term to determine an attitude for the year, rather than to let one develop. It will be important to develop good relationships between senators and administrators.

"We want it to work two ways," Berg said. "We'll go and talk to them, and we'll invite them to our Senate meetings."

# Assembly to offer views on tenure, policies

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Academic Assembly President B.J. Wanamaker will be taking the Assembly's views on the role of University professors and the ways in which students can affect University policies to a meeting with University Provost Edward D. Eddy tonight.

The Assembly met last night to discuss the Penn State Plan for the '80s so Wanamaker could provide Eddy with student views on issues facing the University in the next 10 years.

The Assembly was divided in response to Wanamaker's question about the role of professors in the next 10 years.

Assembly member Rip Zinsmeister said that research is the key to a better university.

"The more research you have, the better university you have," he said. "Research should be encouraged because it brings knowledge up to date."

But other Assembly members were concerned that teaching is often overlooked because professors are under pressure to do research.

Ted Szklenski, the Assembly's administrative liaison, said research should not be the sole criterion in granting professors tenure.

"If there is a really outstanding teacher, he shouldn't be turned down for

tenure because he doesn't do enough research," he said.

Assembly member Beth Wellman said, "The researchers' course loads should be cut back. Then the teachers who really want to teach could pick up the extra courses."

The Assembly also expressed concern that course and teacher evaluation forms were ineffective.

Assembly member Jeff Nibert said the colleges handle teacher evaluations in different ways and treat them with different importance.

"We need a uniform system for handling teacher evaluations in the colleges," he said.

"Most departments re-evaluate their courses on a regular basis," member Beth Wellman said. "We need more student input in this area."

The Assembly has discussed the possibility of re-evaluating tenured teachers on a periodic basis.

"I think re-evaluating tenured teachers every five or 10 years would keep the quality of teaching higher," member Tim Brooke said.

Assembly member Wendy Burris said students should have a say in such a re-evaluation.

"There definitely should be student input into tenure procedures," she said.



How 'bout this one?

Jim (5th-architectural engineering) looks up to his classmates at a window in Sackett Building for a rating on the young woman passing under his pointer. The judging took place yesterday afternoon.

## Alex Haley to talk Friday in Rec Hall

Alex Haley, author of the best-selling book "Roots," will speak at 8 p.m. Friday in Rec Hall.

Admission to the program — Colloquy's last of the year — is free.

One of Haley's topics will be his next book, "Search." The book describes the experiences and obstacles Haley encountered while writing "Roots," which traces the history of his maternal family back seven generations to the African youth, Kunta Kinte.

"Roots," which was twelve years in the making, has been translated into 28 languages and made into a television mini-series.

Haley was born in New York and lived a number of years in Henning, Tennessee. After 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, he retired to a career as a full-time writer.

Haley also worked as a free-lancer for Harper's, The Atlantic Monthly and The New York Times Magazine, and later as an assignments writer for Reader's Digest.

He later moved to Playboy, where he initiated the "Playboy Interviews." An interview with the black leader Malcolm X led to Haley's first book, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

—by Donna Davis

## Lawyer says official must announce interest conflicts

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"In a normal case where a government official is involved and there is any breath of a conflict of interest, the official has two responsibilities," Novak said. "First, he must make it known that there might be a conflict of interest involved. I was not aware he (Irvin) was a first cousin of the family. Second, if there is a conflict of interest, he must remove himself from the vote."

Irvin said four other members of the commission would have more of a conflict of interest than he would. He said Planning Commission Chairman Donald Antes and members Nicholas DeLallo, Henry Durrwachter and Thomas Pellick have "concerned interests" since all four live very close to the proposed mall site.

Antes lives at 1407 N. Atherton St.,

across the street from the site; DeLallo lives at 819 N. Science Park Rd.; Durrwachter lives at 1653 Cherry Hill Rd., located in the Park Hills development; and Pellick lives at 1430 Linn St.

All four members live close to the site, Irvin said, which means they would be "directly affected by any mall construction."

However, Novak said the "tug of a family" would create more of a conflict. Someone in that situation should publicly announce any involvement, he said.

"When a decision affects a member of your family, then there is some question," Novak said.

"I made my intentions clear at the start," Irvin said, "and I'm as entitled as anyone else is to vote on the decision."

## Stolen bookbags reported

Three separate incidents of stolen bookbags were reported to the University Police Services yesterday. All three incidents occurred at Rec Hall. Doris Grimm (13th-public service) reported her bookbag and its contents were stolen from the east side of the main gym in Rec Hall. The contents were valued at \$75, University police said.

contents is unknown, University police said.

Rosemary Gallagher (12th-English) reported her bag was also stolen from the racquetball courts. The value of its contents is unknown, University police said.

David Winkler (9th-political science) reported the theft yesterday of his bicycle from the northwest side of Porter Hall, where the bike was chained to a tree. The estimated loss was \$85, University police said.

—by Lynne Reese

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