Healey/Weintraub:

Key to USG president's role is 'responsibility and not passing the buck'

Editor's Note: The following five pages conthin line, be a bit more important that ain interviews with the candidates for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Student Sovernment: Joe Healey and Andy Weintraub; Charles P. Kennedy and Ray Leach; Joe Kreta and Chris Cobb; Dave Prichard and Pam Nesky; and Stephen Reeves and Chris Calkins. Weintraub and Leach were the only vice presidential candidates who attended the interviews. The interviews are arranged in alphabetical order and have been edited for length. They were conducted by Daily Collegian staff writer Linda

COLLEGIAN: Should USG serve the students by providing things like DateMatch, Florida trips and term break buses, or by dealing with the administration and helping influence policy decisions? Which is more important? HEALEY: I don't think it's reasonable to sav

one, or the other. Term break buses and DateMatch are things that USG provides to the itudents for entertainment and knowlege, and hese are both things that people value. These things also create money which is very important because it does take money to run the student services.

It stands to reason that students should be able to influence policy decisions, so USG should have the ability to help influence the administration for the students. USG should be able to supply the student voice to the administration. I feel that USG should potently affect the decisionmaking process.

I feel that both parts of USG are very important. If I had to make a decision as to which, I would feel that student services may, by a very

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fluencing the University. Because if we don't provide services we will lose most of the services provided. However, if we don't give the input, the University has in the past set up a board to seek input. But I feel that this question would not be up to me. It would be up to the students. COLLEGIAN: What is the role of USG

HEALEY: To make and help USG to function in the best way for the students. He would have to be very aware of this University and how it is run. He would have to have the knowledge of administrators so that he can go to the specific administrators with problems. His role is one of being a leader and being able to communicate well with the students as well as administrators.

He also has to have the knowlege of USG and student organizations' function. He has to be able to put in the time because he has to pick up the load if other people slack off and hopefully with the type of organization I want to set up next year there won't be people slacking off. It is also very important to be able to communicate with the members of USG. I guess the key word is responsibility and not

passing the buck. One very important point for the role of president is openness, openness in the communication with the University, and the news agencies such as the Collegian. All members of student government and students should know what is going on and no decision shold be made under wraps because the president doesn't feel that another branch couldn't handle it. COLLEGIAN: What structure would you have

because they are the best representative voice of the students. To prevent money from being spent have the knowlege of who has the ability to spend

HEALEY: This decision is up to the senate without being approved, the executive should money. This decision is also up to the senate. It would be a conflict of interest if Andy and I sat down and decided who was going to spend money because our patterns of spending money should

COLLEGIAN: Do you have any special ideas, proposals, or programs you would like to im-HEALEY: We have a feasible plan to help finally get a student elected to the (State College) borough council. This would be accomplished by getting all student organizations

via Executive Council or another council to work ogether to choose a candidate to represent students and help him or her get elected to the (borough) council. This is feasible because in the past the voter turnout for students voting for porough council has been very low. Safety is another program that we care very much about. We want to work with the borough to improve the safety downtown and the safety

WEINTRAUB: We feel that coed housing is mportant because it is a form of learning. Learning takes many forms and coed housing socially from coed housing. We would also like to University. Andy and I will strive to make executive and USG. With the cooperation of students a working knowlege of USG. for handling money and how would you prevent it

development of the night map safety awareness has risen to further broaden the awareness of safety at Penn State. We will push for implementation of a one- or two-day safety presentation to be part of the required health and physical education classes.

WEINTRAUB:Last year many students were juestioning our investments in South Africa and all of the leaders at that time said that they, for moral grounds, wanted divestiture. And yet it's been a year and nothing has been accomplished. Now, the moral question hasn't changed and the need hasn't changed, only the commitment has. But we are committed to offer our full energies

Our learning experiences can be expanded through interaction of people of various backgrounds, cultures and races. More active recruitment by this administration is necessary achieve this. We will work with the ad ministration to accomplish this goal. **HEALEY:** Our first step would be to improve

communications betweem members of USG itself by having new senators come and observe two senate meetings before taking office. Secondly, we would ask all facets of USG to attend at the second, third and fourth meeting of the USG Senate for an orientation presentation.

student poll at least once a term. COLLEGIAN: What type of pay system do you wany to set up for USG?

HEALEY: I don't think it's our place to say what type of pay system we would like to set up in USG because we don't have the right to set up any pay system. Before moving on I would like to mment that any type of pay, if there would be, for president would not be commented on at this time — it would be an obvious conflict of interest. COLLEGIAN: How would you improve USG's credibility with the administration and with the

proved with the students by being open to the students, not having closed meetings. Next year ve would work closely with the Collegian in getting news information out to students. But above all the president has to be out of the cloud and with the students. Improving credibility with the administration is also very important and their respect must be gained. We will work oward that goal by showing them that we do truly care and that we are organized and are willing to listen to them

HEALEY: USG's credibility could be im-

lack of education and knowlege. People in some On other branches of communication, we would branches are there for. Education is very imclassroom. We feel there is much you can learn have a meeting with the department heads from portant to USG. We have a plan to educate USG this past year to set procedures for selecting the as a whole because it is very vital to give mplement an academic adviser to Academic department heads for the next year. We will also everybody a working knowlege of what is in USG. Assembly. Athletics is another concern of the appoint executive liaisons to work with the and then after that is done we will work on giving

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Kennedy/Leach:

Quality student services, participation with administration are a 'dual thrust'

COLLEGIAN: Should USG serve the students by providing things like DateMatch, Florida trips and term break buses, or by dealing with the administration and helping influence policy decisions? Which is more important?

EXENNEDY: Our priorities would be quality student services. We would necessarily expand the business operation to provide more services. We would also stress participation with the administration to solve problems of a mutual concern, and Ray (Leach) and I are prepared to carry out our administrative ideas, particularly in the area of the Student Advisory Board, Executive Council, lobbying in the Board of Trustees, direct ties with the administration. direct ties with the (USG) Senate, and adhoc committees that would be doing most of the field

work. The stress there would be a very strong eadership and we think we have the best chance because of our experiences. LEACH: We think there should be a dual thrust to USG, that it should provide services to the students and that it should also serve as leverage to present the students' views to the administration, to the state and local governments and basically be the student advocate, and we don't think this has been effectively done this y $oldsymbol{arrho}$ ar. We would like to apply ourselves to im-

COLLEGIAN: What is the role of USG KENNEDY: The role of the USG president is basically that of overseeing the operation of the executive departments, and also persuading the

proving both of those thrusts of USG.

down to that body and to work with other student organizations within the executive council, within the Student Advisory Board and the executive departments.

The president sets the tempo for the year for student government and this person would have to have the experience necessary to effectively deal with administrators on their domain. This person would also have to have leadership ability, so I think that the president is the person that the administration looks toward as reflecting how student government will be that

The president has the authority to basically restructure, with the consent of the senate, those departments and those areas that that person may feel are impeding the growth and progress of USG, or he can rearrange them so that his ideas can flow more smoothly through the The president does not rule by decree. He rules

by the consent of the governed and of those bodies such as the senate and heads of student COLLEGIAN: What structure would you have for handling money and how would you prevent it

from being spent without being approved? KENNEDY: There has been designed a means to control the funding of the business wing of USG, and this year it has been abused to a great degree. We don't think this should continue and we do have a plan to restructure the business

-by Cindy Cox

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an observing position and they would serve basically one month and that way we could get maybe 12 organizations to observe the actions of the council in one year. We think that this would contribute to the cultural and intellectual stimulation of the council and also increase the interaction between those student organizations participating with the council and the larger

departments which would take the Race Relations Board and collapse the department of minority affairs and more or less consolidate

KENNEDY: We advocate the creating of a seat at large for the executive council. This would go to smaller organizations such as Ecoaction, HOPS, or the Caribbean Student

be eligible to pay. We would advocate a restructuring of USG

USG, the senate appropriations chairperson. We their functions under one USG department, and would leave a seat for a faculty person. This we would call it the department of intergroup relations. The Race Relations Board, I think, would benefit from being made a department because they don't have access to funding as

In the area of the programs that were provided we think the department of intergroup relations could effectively implement those programs and continue to provide the quality of service and programs for training prospective RAs and proposals or programs you would like to imsensitizing them to the concerns of various groups at the University.

COLLEGIAN: What type of pay system do you want to set up for USG? KENNEDY: Before we can discuss pay for USG we have to discuss structure. The structure we envision calls for a department of programs Our idea is to have these groups participate in and services that would continue along the lines

of policy already enacted; that is, anyone would Separately, we would reinstate JEM productions. This business mamager would be eligible for some type of compensation. The various project managers would be given compensation for the time that they worked on their specific project. The manual laborers would be paid on a fixed hourly rate. The business manager would be responsible to a board of directors which would include the

would be optional and would depend on how the board of directors feels. COLLEGIAN: How would you improve USG's credibility with the students and with the adthey are right now. They are no more than an ministration?

president, vice president, and the treasurer of

morale within student government, with those; people working directly within student govern-) ment, and secondly we would have to work) closely with those organizations that participate: consolidate their support and those students that work within student government would be informed of our tentative proposals and wouldi present a consolidated front to the University to;

concern both parties. We think that by establishing meetings, times, and places in dorm areas and downtown we could bolster our communications with students and we think a necessary outcome of that would be a greater morale and a higher level of credibility, not only with students but with the administration.

COLLEGIAN: What is USG's biggest LEACH: The best thing I could do is refer to: the previous question. USG's biggest problem: right now to the run-of-the-mill student is credibility, competency and efficiency. I don't think you can interest students in undergraduate

student government if you're doing an unprofessional job of running it. Every year maybe 25 percent of the students vote in USG elections and it will never be improved unless the student has confidence in the student government and unless the student believes that the student government is doing ar

honest, responsible job of representing him.

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Awareness Week, sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and designed to make both men and women aware of the many dimensions involved in being a woman, begins Monday, a committee chairwoman said

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• Monday, a Physical Awareness ferent theme, said Phyllis Skreski, seminar will be held. Cindy Pugsli chairwoman of the awareness week will demonstrate and give instruction committee. The programs are open to in belly dancing. Dr. Edward everyone and all events are free.

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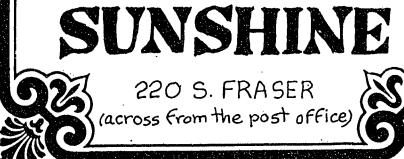
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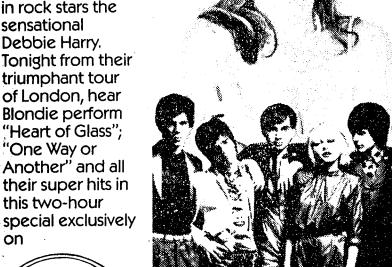
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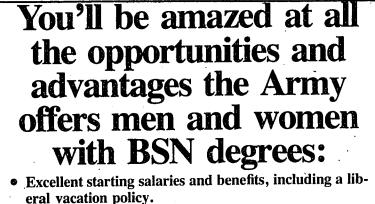
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