-Editorial opinion-

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Tuition hikes have become depending on how quickly the tuition costs, and a thorough almost as regular as the noon state legislature wishes to preparation can only help to chiming of the Old Main act. Furtado said the insure an increase of the clock. But notification of an University plays a "wait and lowest possible amount. increase usually comes in the see" game before it can of- He said because this is an

to students and parents who seriously take into con- delivered earlier, depending must devise a manner in sideration the importance of on how fast and how much forewarning students of a business the legislature wants Loren Furtado, director of tuition hike. Then, students to accomplish before adthe Planning and Budget financing their own education journing, Office, said yesterday the can apply for loan increases Fast and efficient service University cannot make the or get extra jobs, and parents should be the legislature's can budget more money.

but it seldom affects us students and act accordingly. The appropriation is sub- directly. In this instance, the Too large a tuition increase legislature is affecting the compensate for the deficit financial lives and futures of could terminate the academic concern of every student. A mind may be a terrible

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Face the facts Today's American economy is in serious trouble.

To cure the problem of 19 percent inflation, President Carter has proposed a balanced budget. President Herbert Hoover's attempts at balancing the budget to cure economic woes did not prevent the collapse of the stock market and the ensuing depression. Furthermore, the attempts at balancing the budget would result in a proposed \$13 billion cut in the 1981 budget. Social programs and solar energy research will face

major cutbacks in funding. At a time when alternative energy sources are of prime concern, it would be self-defeating to curtail solar research. Today we are primarily reliant on fossil fuels or atomic energy.

With its radioactive hazards, atomic energy is an unacceptable energy source. Although coal is abundant in the United States, it still remains a limited resource. Coal, as an energy source, also

damages the environment through water and air pollution. It is time for President Carter to the face the facts. By attempting to solve the inflation problem, he is compounding the energy problem. While 19 percent inflation requires immediate attention, we can not afford to let solar energy fall by the wayside.

Timothy M. Sukel, 5th-prelaw March 20

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affairs. Letters should be type-written, double-spaced, and no longer than 30 lines.

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=Op-ed= To get respect, student government must change USG must emphasize service to get back on feet

By DAVE PRITCHARI

and PAM NESKY During the past year the Undergraduate Student Government has undergone quite a number of changes, and as a result has also experienced many problems. Because of the closed meetings, the overall secrecy, and the lack of communication, USG has abruptly lost much of the respect it took years to gain. With this must definitely change. Because USG is the the onset of new executives, new department central voice for the students, these changes neads, and a new senate, USG must return to its service-oriented path.

We feel we are qualified to get USG back on its feet. Out of all the candidates, we definitely have the most experience in USG and other campus. activities. Pritchard has been a USG senator for two years, where he served on the Policy, and Procedure Committee, and also the Pinchot Fire Committee. He was also a major contributor to the USG Summer Jobs Program, and served on the Student Advisory Board to the Penn State Bookstore.

Nesky has been involved in USG longer than any other candidate. A member of the USG Department of Legal Affairs for three years, she held the position of staff coordinator during 1979-80. Also a member of the USG senate for one year, she worked on the Police Services and Constitution Committees. She has also worked with the Pennsylvania State Association of State-Related Universities (PSASRU), which is a student lobbying group. Along with the above activities, Nesky was also a chairman for the Interfraternity Council Dance Marathon and a student advisor for the College of The Liberal Arts

We would like to see USG take on a new image. . . the image of an active, respected and cooperative student government. To do this, USG must utilize its different departments and other campus organizations to accomplish things the students and the administration will notice. We strongly believe that strength comes in numbers, but along the same lines, without cooperation, so does confusion. Therefore, USG

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needs to work on increasing its relations with other organizations, both large and small, so they can work together to become stronger and more effective.

Too often different organizations spend their time competing against each other and defeating each other's purposes. If USG is to gain the respect of the students and the administration must begin here — but USG also needs ever other organization's help.

Executive Council was originally formed in order for the major student organizations to work together toward common student goals. However, in the past, the council has proved to be fairly ineffective because its meetings are filled only with individual reports on each organization's activities. Therefore, we would like to see the council become more active and sponsor a campus-wide event. Just think of the manpower it would have to make the event a success

A few examples would be a voter registration drive, or possibly the council sponsoring Homecoming activities or a campus-wide Spring Week. Although the last two have been predominantly greek in the past, there is no reason why this cannot change. By involving all of the organizations, activities could be geared to ALL students

We would also like to work directly with many of the other organizations on issues currently affecting students. One example would be to work with the Association of Residence Hall Students on improving the night security system in the dorms. Another would be working with Black Caucus and Academic Assembly on a recruitment program to present to the Univerity's recruiting officers. Because of USG's experience in Legal and Political Affairs we would also like to work with the Organization for Town and Independent Students on bettering landlord/tenant relations. Also, we would like to work with Academic

Assembly to compile a pamphlet including all garbage can.

scholarships available to University students. We feel awareness of USG and its functions and services must definitely be increased. Because the average student is unaware of the opportunities and learning experiences USG offers, we would like to incorporate a USG slide show and workshop into freshmen orientation. This slide show would be an entertaining in-

roduction to USG, showing each department with a brief description of its functions, every service USG provides and people working together and having fun together. This may make a more lasting impression than another pamphlet that finds its way directly into the

We would also like to see members of USG work more closely with the administration. To accomplish this, we propose a standing committee within USG to work with the student trustee. Instead of having only one liaison to the trustee, this committee would help conduct polls and surveys, research, etc., so the student

voice can be more effective.



USG must work to become a respected organization in the eyes of the administration and faculty as well as its sister organizations. We must be able to work with these administrators and faculty members, through the proper channels, in order to accomplish our goals and we must learn to cooperate with other student organizations in order to measure student opinion more accurately. The senate, in its chaotic and undisciplined manner,

has failed to do this throughout the year. The Night Map is a classic example. Its originator failed to communicate with the appropriate University officials and, as a result, was forced to take \$810 out of his own pocket to fund the project.

Although the University will pick up \$600 of that bill, the remaining \$210 is to be absorbed by student organizations. Once again, the senate messed up its communications and to our knowledge refused nonmonetary support from these very organizations. Now division of USG so the organization will not be they are asking them to pick up part of the tab. ecently, however, the Association of Residence Hall be able to support itself through its investments and tudents defeated a motion to fund a portion of this um and we can't blame them

Recently, the structure of USG has attracted much after its fire and channeling it into the campus loop.

The reorganization, which has been going on since January and which is still not resolved, has resulted in the loss of USG's former business manager, project directors and movie staff. USG has even found it necessary to advertise for students to fill these various ositions'. These are the same people USG had working for them but chose to eradicate through personal insinuations — the very thing the senate wanted to avoid.

Our administration would have no need of the secretiveness that surrounded this executive order. We firmly believe public criticism provides many of the checks and balances that are so important to an organization the size of USG. We would rather be told and learn from our mistakes

than have people laughing behind our backs. When we make a mistake, we admit it. The various department heads, the senate and all concerned parties — including The Daily Collegian and the public — should have been involved in such a major decision. Since this presidential order, the senate has ground

to a halt. It has become ineffective because of the reorganization as well as its own inabilities to communicate between USG's branches. This inefficient transfer of authority caused by the reorganization has even forced the administration to freeze USG's funds fearing that the organization was incapable of paying its obligations. This lack of decisiveness may also force the Senate to break its \$15,000 money-market certificate — which it has not needed to touch since November 1978 — in order to pay its debts. For an organization such as USG to become incompetent in serving the students' needs because of its own inabilities to communicate between its own branches, let alone the administration and other

student organizations, is unthinkable. The financial stability of USG is also of grave concern to us. We would like to build up the money-making dependent upon the University for its funding but will projects. This money could be used for emergency funding, such as assisting Delta Tau Delta rebuild

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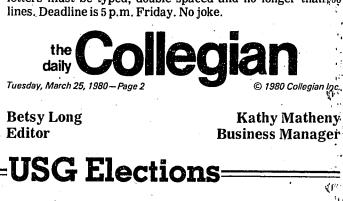
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Fooling around

News Flash: April 1st is April Fool's Day. Does this mean something to you? Well, does it?

Of course it does. Surely there's someone or something at the University whom you feel is truly deserving of the honorary "Fool of Fools" title. (Here's your chance to alienate your roommate forever.) Or perhaps the day reminds you of that incredible no one-is-going-to-believe-this, I'll-never-forgetwhat-happened-when, once-in-a-lifetime experience you had at dear old State.

Even more importantly, how do you think the Universit should celebrate April Fool's Day? Or has it already? How? C'mon folks, here's your chance to be creative. On April Fool's Day (that's Tuesday, April 1st, remember?), The Daily Collegian will devote its Op-ed page to Penn State Humor (or perhaps the lack of it, if you don't respond). Comment on this pressing issue by submitting letters to The Daily Collegian Editorial Editor, 126 Carnegie Building. All letters must be typed, double spaced and no longer than \$30





Although we stress the importance of campus issues, we also believe local and state government decisions affect students just as strongly. We believe that by strengthening and supporting PSASRU — the student lobbying group for the state-related universities — that the University's

trustee's voice better reflects the opinions of the entire campus. We are definitely the most qualified candidates for president and vice president. Our, ideas are feasible and our proposals are backed by experience and knowledge from the work we have put into USG and the research that has gone into our issues and proposals.

It's one thing to suggest ideas; it's another to, support how you plan to strengthen these ideas. Although we cannot promise that we will be able to accomplish all of our goals in one year, we do have the experience and dedication needed to put USG back on its feet, and keep it growing in a_{ij} positive direction.

An outsider's view needed to rebuild government

In a recent debate, we suggested that a board of the directors consisting of USG's president, its vice president, its treasurer, the president of the senate, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a senator elected at large, the director of Programs and Services, its former director, and a professor and administrator from the College of Business Administration would provide the optimum solution to USG's current dilemma.

The Board of Directors would be responsible for monitoring the activities of USG's Director of the Department of Programs and Services, who in turn would be responsible for the activities of four project managers. In turn these project managers would be responsible to the students to help run these various projects.

The Department of Communication should be'strengthened. This is the department that is responsible for distributing information to the student body and could be used as a link between the Collegian, the radio stations and various student organizations.

The Department of Minority Affairs is also very important. It was set up to help minority students' adjust to University Park and it should be encouraged to build upon this worthwhile objective. The safety and welfare of the women at the

University is of grave importance. They not only have?" the right to expand their horizons and pursue their goals, but they also have the right to be free from fear. It is therefore our hope to expand the role of the Department of Women's Affairs in USG. It should be given the opportunity to grow and respond to the every the second s increasing and changing needs of today's woman. At this time, we feel it is only fair to tell you we are \hbar^{0} honest and we believe that this has been holding us

In the interest of helping our fellow students, we have only sought your time and vote. Tom Johns and Dave Klaphake, our campaign managers, did not ask for campaign contributions. We sincerely wish to make USG a government for all the students and not just \mathbf{a}_{i} select few Finally, we would like to thank all those who have"

assisted us in campaign efforts.

Goals for a strong student government

Responsible leadership for USG

BSTEVE REEVES and CHRIS CALKINS

There is a need for a strong and office hours in the OTIS office. dedicated leadership for the Undergraduate Student Government. The student organizations. experience and integrity to provide that cooperation between student leadership.

became more effective by setting goals establish an effective system of liaisons and working towards them together. We between USG and other major student are familiar with this goal setting ap- organizations for formal comproach and will continue it. Here are munications. We will also organize insome of our goals for making student formal meetings between represengovernment a stronger and more ef- tatives of other student organizations fective voice for the students and our and The Daily Collegian to discuss the ideas on how we intend to accomplish best method for dealing with student these goals.

• Increasing cooperation between student organizations. There is a lot that can be done at this between the major student press ample time to comment or organizations. Student opinion is much criticize USG initiatives and programs. more credible and effective when We will continue and expand the Student pool their resources, such as USG and feelings on major issues concerning qualified candidate for the position. He the Organization of Town Independent them. Stadents joining together to lobby for the student seat on the CATA Board, or USG government. and Association of Residence Hall' Students working together to get out using Executive Council as a forum to Ritenour Health Services which resulted student voters in the dorms.

by giving the Executive Council a goal oriented direction rather than merely reacting to crises. As USG executives we feasible or desirable method of funding would continue to attend selected dorm student organizations. Obviously there area, house and OTIS meetings to keep are many short term problems that must and willing to work hard throughout the in touch with the special concerns of be solved, but this plan would give

 Increasing communication between REEVES/CALKINS ticket has the In order to achieve improved

organizations, better channels of This year we found that the Senate communication must be opened. We will

• Increasing student input into USG. We will prepare regular press releases detailing what USG is doing and what it University with improved cooperation is planning to allow students and the

We will develop a plan for the decade give long range direction to student in the revitalization of the Ritenour We feel cooperation could be enhanced government. It will detail the ways to Student Advisory Board. improve student government in the '80s

senators to attend OTIS meetings and sit solving direction for the future. The REEVES/CALKINS ticket is the

those organizations. We will urge town student government continuous problem

most experienced team running for the USG executive positions. We both have been very active in USG over the past

audit the financial books of the take money for filling it. organization. This has given him an accurate understanding of the financial Athletic Policy Committee and the Communications Department.

Unlike the vice president in the federal government, the USG vice president has a very important role. One of the major responsibilities of the vice president is has been a senator for one and a half • Improving continuity within student years. While in the senate he was chairman of the ad hoc committee on coed housing and the ad hoc committee on

> REEVES/CALKINS will work as a team to bring effectiveness back to student government. We are capable year to provide responsible leadership for USG. By being here this summer, we will be able to work on new programs and an orientation presentation about USG for incoming freshmen as well as representing student opinion in any administration decisions made over the

Only through working together with other student organizations will USG be able to provide students with an effective student governmen

Time for USG to become an effective organization

It is said that our fellow candidates, with exception of one • Tuition: When decisions are made, students should be told team, have tried to take good accomplishments and hard work and smear them to benefit themselves.

our goal -- "to help students make the most out of their education and the most out of their lives at Penn State." PLEASE read our platform, look at our past and compare We want to and have shown we can do the job.

Major points from our platform:

We have feasible, well-researched ideas that can accomplish

A question for the future: To pay or not to pay?

By MARK BERG

Senate There has been much concern lately about the question of whether workers in the Undergraduate Student Government's business function should be paid, as well as about how long the decision on this question has taken. One hears it at USG Senate meetings, reads it in The Daily Collegian, and even hears it in conversations between uninvolved students.

This concern is encouraging — interest is always good to see. What I would like to do is to clear up any misconceptions that might be surrounding the entire issue. Judging from the conversations, debates and editorials, it seems necessary to go into a little background.

The Office of Business Manager was established by the senate in March 1972. In the structure that evolved, the business manager Minarik assumed the position in 1973 and was considered to be the originator of USG money The first action taken was the executive order making, as we now know it, the business faction of Jan. 14, 1980. JEM was brought into USG as a became popularly known as JEM Productions. It department. This order started the flow of ar-

JEM and USG.

and only indirectly responsible to the senate and the rest of USG viable? Could an organization such as USG contain an autonomous business? Could the philosophies of such a business and a government coexist? These questions made it was responsible to the president. Since James E. seem that some change, or at least a discussion of the structure, was needed in USG.

ticles and editorials in the Collegian. The twomonth debate in the senate over pay also began at this time There are those who feel that the matter of pay would best have been left to the executives and out of the hands of the senate. There are others who feel that the discussion of this issue has made the senate "argue its time away" and that the senators have "copped out" on other issues.

My opinion is that the senate is the only place for such a decision to be made. It would, of course, take much less time for a few people to sit down and decide which way USG should go on the pay issue, but something very important would be lost. Our society runs on the principle of representative democracy. We implicitly realize that the resulting debates among lower groups of people can take time, but it is felt that better decisions result from discussions, debates and deliberations. At Penn State, the body for this is the USG Senate.

Sure, it would have been wonderful to keep moving on the track that the senate was on before Jan. 14. It is important for the senate to work on those policy issues at the University

was a small operation in 1973 and was basically a one-man show. In the years since 1973, JEM grew in size, in quality and variety of programs, and in profitability. JEM's profits (revenues less expenses) grew from \$2,381.47 in 1973-74 to \$25.080.37 in 1977-78.

But as JEM grew, potential problems for USG did also. The level of expenditures and the size of the structure that began to become necessary threw questions on the structure of USG especially on that of the relationship between

Please stop and think about it. Was a business that was directly responsible to the president

President, Undergraduate Student Government

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BANDE HEALEY and ANDY WEINTRAUB

The same issues and problems have been with us for several years. Every year, new candidates look at those old problems and say that they are going to change things. But things haven't changed very much at all.

Students still get the shaft on decisions such as the Physical Education (priority system) change. Students are still inaware of what the Undergraduate Student Government has to offer or what its purpose is. We feel the capability and the manpower exists to make USG into an effective organization. The problem stems from the political games that are played wifhin USG.

This year is no different. The campaigning is going on in the same old way. The same purposeful and snide attacks on ponents are still with us. If the people who take office are going to change USG - and

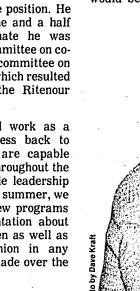
its very evident that students want it to change - they must be people who have shown that they care about students and have truly worked with students and administrators. In short, the president and vice president must be people who have lemonstrated their capability and knowledge of students, stiment organizations and this University. As a senator and through the projects he worked on, Joe

lealey gained experience and knowledge in working with students and administrators as well as many other aspects of Penn State The major accomplishments and knowledge he gained

through the Night Map was knowing where the people are who re willing to work and help. Andy Weintraub has a strong working knowledge of USG. He

has been active in USG for two years. But more importantly, he has worked on the Race Relations Board since near its beginning and, two years later, left the board as vice chairman.





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Stressing quality over quantity to revitalize student government

and RAY LEACH

Charles Kennedy and Ray Leach are ready to accept the responsibility of Undergraduate Student Government executive office. We are not plastering our names all over campus, nor are we producing expensive brochures. We want your vote because we can do a responsible, honest job of working to represent students' interests outside the student body and provide competent, efficient management of student

Charles P. Kennedy has been vice president and president of Black Caucus. He has served on the Student Advisory Board, the Executive Council, WDFM Board of Directors, Paul Robeson Cultural Center Board of Directors and as Assistant Editor of Black Life. He feels his years of dealing with both student concerns and administrative matters has amply prepared him for the job of USG president.

Ray Leach has lived in Centre County for 12 years, has worked at Sears and Roebuck during his entire career, is now the president of the Middle East Cultures Club of America and is a published author. As a run-of-the-mill student, he is prepared to approach the job of USG vice president with an outsider's skeptical eye and the ambition to put in the time it takes to do the job

We believe our platform illustrates a blend of our philosophies that can revitalize USG and stress quality over uantity in student services. We have agreed to undertake the ollowing measures:

• Refuse the stipend that is now being offered to the Stephen has been a senator for the last president and vice president of USG. Most students do not year. While in the senate, he was elected realize their executive officers are paid, and we feel the chairman of the Senate Appropriations educational experience gained by holding this office is ample Committee which required him to work. compensation for our time. This is a personal preference of closely with the treasurer of USG and ours and we do not want to spend money to get the office, or

• Work to reorganize USG's machinery for dealing with minority and intergroup relations. We advocate the combining workings of USG. He has also worked on of the Race Relations Board and the Department of Minority senate ad hoc committees such as the Affairs under an executive department called the Department of Intergroup Relations. The energy level of the Department of Minority Affairs has been lagging, while the Race Relations Board is a growing group that needs departmental status to

obtain funding and USG control. • We will support a realignment of the USG chain of command that would continue the Department of Programs and Services while separating it from JEM Productions. JEM student organizations join together and Opinion Surveys to assess true student chairing the senate. Chris is the best would be reinstituted as a separate body accountable to a



why they are made. We will also work to give more student input into the decisions.

• Student Town Representation: We will set up a program so organizations work together to choose and nominate a student or student representative and help him or her get elected to the Borough Council in the next election.

• Co-ed Housing: We feel living in the form of co-ed housing needs to be expanded at Penn State - especially in the form of





Board of Directors composed of the president, vice president and treasurer of USG, the senate president, appropriations chairperson, and JEM business manager. A faculty position would be optional

• We will conduct a survey of students and student organizations immediately after being elected. Student input is vital to our efforts in focusing lobbying efforts, providing student services and filling particular needs of student groups We will work to increase student voter registration because it is the foundation of our lobbying efforts. We feel an expanded role for the Department of Political Affairs is a necessity in moving toward this goal, and we would support an increase in its appropriation.

• We feel the Executive Council must take a more visible leadership role. We would like to add one seat-at-large to the council to allow student groups other than the eight most powerful ones to participate in long-range planning. Representatives of smaller groups such as the Third World Coalition, Eco-Action and Turning Point would fill the seat-atlarge on a rotating basis, allowing them to add their opinions to those of groups like the Organization for Town and Independent Students, Panhellenic Council and the Association of Residence Hall Students. • We would ask the USG Senate to make a greater effort to

involve town students and independent students in its activities by working with OTIS.

• We favor a larger annual grant for Associated Student Activities to allocate for student services. We think that a responsible USG will earn more respect from the administration and enable ASA's funds to keep pace with in-

• We would promote continuity in USG by making a better effort to recruit underclassmen to staff agencies and participate in USG activities. Orientation need not stop after Labor Day.

• We want to assist the University in its mission and commitment toward minority recruitment. We will work with the Offices of Secondary Education, Admissions, Special Programs and Services, and Academic Assembly and Black Caucus toward that goal.

We entered this campaign with a clear conscience and a determination to restore pride and integrity to student government. We think that for too long USG executive office has been an exclusive club open only to people with the money and resources to obtain it. We embarked on this one-week campaign to win, and we will, if all the candidates are evaluated on their talents. We want to work together to help serve vou better.

Academics: We will work with the administration to help

create more study space and better and longer learning facility hours. We also will help the Academic Assembly put more pressure on the Faculty Senate for better student advising.

• Campus Safety: With the development of the Night Map, safety awareness at Penn State has risen. To further broaden our awareness of safety (theft, car theft, vandalism, rape and attack prevention, etc.) we will push for the implementation of a one- or two-day safety presentation to be part of some of the required Health and Physical Education classes. What follows are some of the possibilities of change within

1. Clearly define responsibilities of senators and enforce them. Aside from the senate's regular functions, members should improve their communication with and visibility to their constituents

2. Establish an ad hoc orientation committee to form a program aimed at informing freshmen on student government structure, where to turn for answers and what diverse services are available to them.

3. Encourage the administration to use Executive Council and USG Senate to get student input rather than boards set up by the administration. Executive Council and the senate are student elected and thus better represent student concerns. Communication.

 Improved Communications: We will improve comnunication and education between members of USG by having new senators come and observe two senate meetings out of the four remaining meetings before they take office.

• More Student Input: With the cooperation of other student organizations, we will institute a student poll at least once a Remember, it's time USG meant something to you



Now's the time

However, the decision on the structure of the business function and payment of workers is also very important. The executive order brought immediacy to the question, but I feel that the question would have come up sooner or later. The structure of JEM was becoming too large and diversified for questions about that structure and JEM's relationship to USG to not come up. Somewhere along the line, some senate would have been faced with our present situation. This brings me to my major reason for writing this forum

Much has been made of the two months spent on the question of USG's function as a buisness. Granted, two months is a long time, but the decision is not a simple one.

The committee of the senate that is studying the questions has been in existence for four school weeks and has made some headway. Before the committee was formed, the senate had long, repetitive and unproductive debates on pay proposals. The committee set out to change this. Relevant past and present members of USG came before the committee and gave input, so

the committee members started with increased knowledge. It was decided that a more intelligent decision could be made by first deciding on the general role that profit-raising should have in USG in the future. Only then could the decisions on structure

and pay be considered. While this three-step process takes longer than simply sitting down and deciding pay, the latter wasn't happening without the former. The process seems to be working - we are very close to a decision.

With this background given, I ask you to look at the situation objectively. It may seem that the senate is doing nothing about student interests, but I feel that we are.

Not only are we intelligently deciding on a concern that will affect the quality and quantity of student services offered by USG in the future, but we are also clearing the way for other student concerns to be discussed.

We are doing our best to make a good decision and to move on to other matters. With the help and patience of the students, we can most certainly do it.