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Bill Cluck/Ken Reeves win USG election



Photo by Rebecca Pope

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— Bill Cluck, newly elected USG president.

It's all yours

Bill Cluck, the president-elect of the Undergraduate Student Government, got a congratulatory handshake (above) from a student early this morning after his victory. At left former USG President Joe Healy spoke with his successor.

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Bill Cluck (11th-speech communications) and Ken Reeves (6th-meteorology) won the Undergraduate Student Government election for president and vice president early this morning.

Cluck and Reeves won with 2,299 votes. Wimpy the Gerbil and Fred Schiller came in second with 1,432 votes and Doug Kahn and Cindy Dutt came in third with 1,378 votes. Kevin Leondi and David DeGrose came in fourth with 329 votes. Other write-in candidates received a total of 368 votes.

"I am psyched," Cluck said after the announcement. "Things are going to change in student government."

Rob Fanning, USG elections commissioner, announced the winners at 2 this morning. The total number of students voting was 5,806 — 22 percent of the undergraduate student body. Last year 20 percent of the students voted.

Cluck and Reeves came in first in 13 of the 16 voting areas. Wimpy the Gerbil and Fred Schiller came in first in West Halls, East Halls district one, the HUB and Briarwood Apartments, 681 Waupelani Drive.

East Halls had the largest voter turnout with 1,350 students voting. South Halls followed with 792 votes and Pollock and Nittany came in third

with 717.

Kahn said he hoped Cluck would follow through on his promises and he was disappointed with the low voter turnout.

"I hope that Bill can fulfill all that he promised," Kahn said. "It will be an interesting year."

"I was disappointed in voter turnout," he said. "If students feel that Bill is the best choice I hope they back him and realize that student government is run by students to give them a service."

Leondi said he would support the new administration.

"I will back Cluck and Reeves in any endeavors," he said. "It was a fantastic experience; I learned a lot from it and enjoyed working with the other candidates."

Cluck said he hoped his opponents would continue to be active in student government.

"The other tickets ran a good campaign," Cluck said. "They cared enough to run and they deserve a place in student government."

Jon Pinchock, president of the Monty Python Society said he was pleased with the election results.

The Monty Python Society and Froth magazine sponsored the campaign of Wimpy and Schiller.

"On a rough calculation we took one-third of the votes," Pinchock said. "It proves that

dedication, following the rules and running a clean campaign — it's going to go over."

Winners in USG Senate races for dorm areas are:

- East Halls district one: Darryl Daisy and Darnell Daisy.
- East Halls district two: Peter Waldron and Matthew Wolford.
- East Halls district three: Jann Gouterman and George Lippitt.
- Pollock Halls: Wendy Cantor and Thomas Morris.
- Nittany Halls: Dennis Keleshian.
- North Halls: Steven Ripp and Demai.
- West Halls: Kimberly Kolback and Waretel.
- Centre Halls: Steve Lunger and Minn.
- South Halls: Pierce and Lee Facetti.

Winners in senate races for the fraternities are: John Bravacos and Jim Krauss.

Winners in senate races for town areas are: Helena Barch, Greg Dougherty, Jeanne Thompson, James McJunkin and Debbie Riebman. Also, John Schnatterly, Mary Ann Cashin, Chris Yankello, Jeanne Cooke and Robert Reinsel won in town races.

Conon McManus, Cindy Ackerman and Emil Parvensky were also elected to senate seats representing town.

Two town senators were elected by write-in votes: Jim Dunn and Allen Massaro.



Photo by Sam Vanitas

Homosexuality

Communication is important, group says

By DIANNE GARYANTES
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Communication is the key to the relationship between a parent and a gay child, a member of a parental support group for homosexuals said at a workshop last night.

"When you keep the barriers up, you're living a lie," said Hope, who has a gay daughter. "Let the walls come down and let the love come through."

The workshop is part of the Gay Awareness Festival and consists of members from Homophiles of Penn State and Parents and Friends of Gays.

PFOG is a group from Harrisburg that offers support for parents of gays. It is the only one of its kind in central Pennsylvania and was formed in 1979 by concerned parents and Tressler Lutheran Services.

Bill Sowers, a Lutheran minister who helped form the group, said there are two other parents of gays groups in the state — in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh.

"There are groups all over the country, but there isn't one central national organization yet," Sowers said. "All the groups are separate."

"We'll get our act together, I'm sure," he said.

The members of HOPS thought the support group and the workshop were very successful.

"I've seen a lot of new people here tonight," David Albert, publicity director for HOPS, said. "I think we're fulfilling a need the people want."

Drew Silva (graduate-economics) said he thought the workshop was extremely helpful to many people.

"This is the type of thing that has to be encouraged," Silva said.

Other HOPS members also thought the workshops should be encouraged.

"I thought it was very instructive," one member said. "I haven't told my

parents yet — this may make it easier."

Parents of gay children discussed some of the problems and reactions they had when their children told them they were gay.

"There is guilt, there is anger," Hope said. "You rack your brain, then you try to get information."

"You can't help but wonder what you've done wrong," she added. "You think you're a failure."

Many HOPS members said their fathers seemed to find it harder to accept that their children were gay.

Hope agreed and said most women with gay children who she talked with have husbands who won't accept it at all.

"I think it's male pride," she said.

Jackie also agreed and told the group how her husband refuses to deal with their son's homosexuality. This makes it hard for the whole family, especially their son, she said.

Sowers said all parents have expectations for their children and anything different could upset everything.

Hope agreed, but said parents must accept the future as it is. She discussed problems she had accepting the fact that she would have no grandchildren from her daughter.

"It's like the death of a dream sometimes — everything changes," she said. "You must overcome it and accept that it will never be like this."

Any parent can call the group for support or just to talk, Hope said.

"After (the parents) get over the hump, there's usually a better relationship between the parent and the child," she said. "That's the important thing."

Jackie, who has a gay son, said although it is difficult, most parents would rather know than to be left in the dark.

"Not all parents want to know," she said, "but if you want to be close to your

kids, you'll want to know."

"Good parents will sense that there is a problem," she said.

Jackie said most parents will know that something is wrong with their child, but will wait for him or her to bring up the subject.

"If (the gay children) initiate it, a lot of times it's a relief," she said.

"I would never have asked my daughter," Hope agreed.

The effects on the family are important considerations for gays. One member of HOPS talked about how he was afraid of influencing his brothers and sisters by being gay.

All the members of PFOG strongly agreed that being gay will not "rub off" on other family members.

"That's one of the biggest fears of society — that homosexuality rubs off," Sowers said. "That's why we don't have homosexual school teachers."

Sowers said although 7 percent of females are gay and 13 percent of males are gay, nobody really knows about the subject.

"All the experts say something different," he said. "There is now research going on to find out what causes homosexuality."

Hope suggested gay people should give their parents literature about homosexuality because most parents know nothing about it.

"In our generation, we were brought up on a lot of myths," she said.

"Things are changing for the better, she added.

"My feeling is that society will become more and more accepting of gays," Sowers said she agreed. "They'll have to."

"The best cure for homophobia is to get to know gay people," he added. "It blows all the stereotypes."

Thai government halts rebels

By JAMES W. HATTON
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BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda crushed a two-day-old coup by rebel generals this morning, sending thousands of troops into Bangkok to seize army and government headquarters, the airport and all radio and television stations. There was no battle and the coup leaders fled.

Prem's troops had complete control less than two hours after they began moving in, first closing the airport and then sweeping toward the center of the city.

A radio announcement by Prem's forces said: "There has been a compromise. All those misguided troops have left their positions. Now some misguided commanders are under protection and are being treated with honor."

Prem's radio also said 59-year-old rebel leader Gen. Sant Chitpatima and his main supporter, First Army Commander Lt. Gen. Vasin Israngkul Na Ayuttaya, had fled the country, but did not say how or where.

The report said four other coup leaders were under government "protection."

Government forces surrounded the last band of about 300 rebels at army headquarters. After an hour-long standoff, the rebels surrendered without a fight. Thousands of civilians who had gathered in the area cheered and waved as the holdouts boarded trucks that were to take them to their barracks, witnesses said.

The radio said the only casualties were four rebel soldiers wounded in a confrontation at the king's palace. It said they fired first.

The power struggle was in the Thai tradition. It cost no lives since its beginning Wednesday, nor did the other five coups and attempts since

1971.

The 60-year-old Prem — who fled the capital with the entire royal family after the pre-dawn coup Wednesday — went to Korat, 150 miles to the northeast — had broadcast by radio a warning for all civilians to move at least half a mile from government house and army headquarters in the center of the city, where the coup leaders had their command post.

As streets quickly emptied and businesses closed their doors, the government soldiers took over all of the city's 30 or more radio and television stations.

Several thousand troops of the 21st infantry, the King's Body Guard, were stationed outside government buildings, setting up bunkers.

A twin-engine air force reconnaissance plane circled lazily over the government buildings.

The U.S. Embassy broadcast an announcement over its radio station warning Americans to stay indoors. But within an hour after the government troops had moved in, Bangkok's streets were coming back to normal and businesses were reopening their doors.

Soldiers in small groups were scattered along some main streets in the capital, but most were apparently concentrated around the central government building complex.

The coup began falling apart during the night. The head of the national police force, Gen. Montchai Punkongchuen, defected from the rebels to the prime minister's side. The naval chief of staff denied he was part of the conspiracy.

Airport officials said the airport was closed at 8 a.m. (8 p.m. EST yesterday) on orders from the adjacent Thai air force base. The air force has been loyal to Prem throughout the coup.

Before going off the air, Radio Thailand, controlled by the coup leaders, reported that Col. Prachuk Sawangchit, a prominent field commander backing the coup, had been arrested by the prime minister's forces.

Late yesterday, forces loyal to Prem had been reported dug in along the main highway at points 55 miles and 80 miles northeast of Bangkok, and two of Prem's jet fighters buzzed the building where Sant's Revolutionary Council met.

Thailand's popular and usually non-political King Bhumipol Adulyadej had fired the rebel officers, whose forces were reported outnumbered 2-1, and they decided not to venture beyond Bangkok.

In addition, a statement was read on the Prem-controlled Korat Radio in the name of Queen Sirikit, criticizing the rebels for raising internal conflicts when Thailand was facing external threats.

Sources had said yesterday that Sant could count on the support of only 55,000 of Thailand's 160,000 soldiers, and the rest were loyal to Prem.

The coup began at 2 a.m. Wednesday and was announced three hours later on Radio Thailand.

Feels so good

Unbelievable weather is in store for the area today. It will be mostly sunny, becoming windy and very warm with the afternoon high reaching 79. Increasing cloudiness and very mild tonight with a low of only 55. Breezy and continue warm tomorrow with a few showers and high near 70. Partly sunny on Sunday and a bit cooler with a high of 63.