

USG launches lobbying effort on Washington, D.C.

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In an attempt to prevent further cutbacks in financial aid, the Undergraduate Student Government is launching a lobbying blitz on congressmen, senators and student lobbying organizations in Washington D.C.

At last night's meeting of the USG Senate, USG President Bill Cluck said students would be hurt if financial aid was cut any further and that students could be a powerful force in affecting the budget results.

"Students have already been hurt this academic year; people will be hurt next year and in two years students will be slaughtered," he said.

Cluck said Pell Grants, work study programs, Supplemental Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans and Guaranteed Student Loans are all in danger of receiving significant cutbacks.

To try and influence six senators and two congressmen, Cluck and Kim Hammond, USG's federal liaison in the department of political affairs, will be in Washington, D.C., on Thursday and Friday.

"I don't know if we can change anyone's mind," he said. "Eight congressmen haven't made up their minds and one of them is (U.S. Rep. William Clinger, R-central Pa.)."

Hammond and Cluck will be meeting with congressmen and senators' staff workers who research appropriations to higher education.

In a job at David Stockman, Reagan's Office of Management and Budget director, Cluck said: "Kim and I are going to mount our Trojan white horse and take a trip to Washington."

While in Washington, Cluck and Hammond will also meet with two student lobbying organizations — the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and the United States

Student Association.

So students can let their congressmen know what they think about financial aid cuts, USG will have two WATS lines and a listing of Pennsylvania congressmen available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow in the USG office, 203 HUB.

Hammond encouraged students to call their congressmen.

"We want to go down there because we have an obligation to students," she said. "It would be nice if they'd (students) reciprocate."

Congress passed a 25-day bill with funding at last year's level after President Reagan vetoed Congress' budget shortly before Thanksgiving recess. The budget battle resumes Dec. 15.

Cluck said even though the house adopted a higher figure for aid to higher education, projections indicate that the Congress will vote on a lower senate version plus a four percent skimmed off the top.

The congressmen Cluck and Hammond will speak to are: Rep. William F. Goodling, R-19th district; Rep. Joseph M. McDade, R-10th district; Rep. James L. Nelligan, R-11th district; Rep. Marc L. Marks, R-24th district; Rep. Don Ritter, R-15th district. Senators include Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa. and Sen. Arlin Specter, R-Pa.

Cluck said he hopes to set up a meeting with Clinger.

To enable the student leaders to make the trip, the senate approved \$177 in travel expenses.

In other business, the senate had a lengthy battle before they approved Town Senator Leni Barch as president of the senate.

Incumbent Senate President John Bravacos was defeated by Barch. However, in an initial vote, Barch was defeated for the position, creating a tie between Bravacos and Fraternity Senator Jim Krauss.

But when that vote was a tie, the senate voted

again and Krauss had the most number of votes — but not a majority. The next step was reopening nominations — this time with another candidate Town Senator Emil Parvensky.

After all the votes were counted, there was another tie between Barch and Krauss and, finally, Barch won.

"The senate has a lot of potential — a lot of energy that's not being tapped," she said.

The senate also appointed:

- Lisa DeMarco as chairman of the Senate Appointments and Review Board.

- Chris Yancello as chairman of the Senate Rules Committee.

- Lee Facetti as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- Henry Min as chairman of the Police Service Committee.

- Jim Krauss as chairman of the Constitution Review Committee.

Businessmen oppose pinball machine tax

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Several State College businessmen complained last night about a proposed 100 percent increase in the tax on pinball machines during Municipal Council's public hearing on the proposed 1982 budget.

Attorney Joseph E. Favuzza, representing Royer Amusement and Vending Co., Playland Arcade, rear 352 E. College Ave., and Campus Casino, 320 E. College Ave., said the increase from \$25 to \$50 was "definitely discriminatory and unconstitutional."

The council cannot tax pinball machines for income purposes; it can tax them for administrative purposes only, he said.

Favuzza threatened the municipality with court action if the increase is passed.

"It will be costly and long-drawn out," he said. "It's better to take half a loaf than none at all."

Council member Daniel Chaffee disputed Favuzza's claim that the arcades are "a family-oriented business that should not be taxed any more than Roy Rogers or HiWay Pizza."

"These businesses are not as 'family-oriented' as you have testified," he said. "I've ridden with the police; there are definite policing problems with these places."

Favuzza said "chipping in for police service would be more fair than taxing our businesses."

Tom Drew, owner of Armenara Lanes, 127 Sowers St., said businessmen who have pinball machines as an auxiliary to their major business will be "yanking them out" if the council approves the increase.

"We can only afford to pay you so much," he said.

Gene Steele, manager of Playland, said the tax is not fair, the arcades are unable to pass the tax onto the customers — the price of a pinball game will remain at 25 cents.

"It (Playland) isn't going close down or anything," he said, "I just want a fair shake."

However, council President Mary Ann Haas said the tax has not been increased since it was instituted in 1948-49 while the price of a pinball game has risen 500 percent from 5 cents to 25 cents.

In other action, the council authorized Municipal Manager Carl B. Fairbanks to look for an architectural and engineering firm to draw up preliminary plans and cost estimates for the proposed parking garage.

Fairbanks was also authorized to look into the possible creation of a business district tax to finance the proposed garage.

Haas said parking in State College has always been supported by user fees and the help of the business district. She wants that method of financing to be continued, she said.

The council also authorized the planning commission to look into the size and location of the proposed garage. South Fraser Street and McAllister Street have been suggested as possible locations for the garage.

In addition, the council approved an almost 20 percent sewer rate increase. The increase will be about \$11.92 a year for the average homeowner.



Tom Drew, owner of Armenara Lanes, 127 Sowers St., speaks out at last night's meeting of State College Municipal Council about a proposed doubling of the tax on billiard tables, pinball machines and video games. Several other community members spoke out against the tax.

Photo by Paul Morris

Business students to throw party

The College of Business Administration's Student Council decided at an informal meeting last night to promote its upcoming Christmas party in an effort to attract more students as well as faculty members.

Tom Erickson, council president, said that students should come to the party and socialize with the faculty and administrators of the college. He said flyers will be posted to help publicize the party, which will be held Monday night in 201 Business Administration Building.

Erickson said he hopes more people will attend this year's party.

"Everything should be better," he said. "This year it's a lot more organized."

In other business, Erickson said that members wanting to run for office, should talk with officers as soon as possible.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11.

—by Dennis Snyder

Reagan: Khadafy lying about murder threat

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Jackson and Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Walter D. Huddleston, D-Ky., gave no details but all said the evidence is strong enough to warrant the extra security for Reagan and other officials.

"It is a potential threat," Moynihan said.

Moynihan said in response to a question that widespread publicity may have already forced Libyan assassination teams to pull back.

"It would be reasonable to suppose that any professional effort of this kind would have involved fallback positions," Moynihan said.

Asked if any senators or House members are on the hit list, Jackson had no comment and Moynihan said "none." Later, however, Moynihan asked report-

ers through an aide to change his statement to no comment.

A congressional source who asked not to be identified said that security has been increased around a few key hill Republicans — "those who are closely identified with the president and his policies."

The Senate Intelligence Committee was briefed by a CIA official the senators would not name. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was briefed on the evidence by FBI officials.

In an interview Sunday with ABC News, Khadafy said: "We are sure we haven't sent any people to kill Reagan or any other people in the world."

Khadafy called Reagan "silly" and "ignorant" to believe the assassination reports and "a liar" to spread them.

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