

Blue and white spirit spread by students

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A blue and white jacket, a blue sweater and a tie — this is the uniform of a new campus organization created to inform students and alumni that support of the University should not end after graduation.

Lion Ambassadors will be an organization of 50 enthusiastic, dependable students who want to help the alumni remain "Penn State proud" throughout life, said Larry Atwell, student/alumni Relations coordinator.

Project ideas for the Lion Ambassadors include a publicity committee to work on a new student handbook and the Ambassadors Speakers Bureau, a group of student speakers informing other students about the Alumni Association and the Office of Gifts and Endowments, Atwell said.

"If they understood the functions of the office, they would be more willing to give support," he said.

John W. Black, associate executive director of the Alumni Association, said,

"The more a student knows about the Alumni Association, the more likely he is to continue to support the University after graduation.

"The terms student and alumni are not mutually exclusive," Black said. "They are just two different time segments in the life of a Penn Stater."

The need for student/alumni relations organizations has been growing at the University for the past 10 years because of increased enrollment, he said.

The official purpose of the organization is "to inculcate within the students the idea that their involvement with and support of Penn State should begin while they are students and not end with their graduation, but continue the rest of their lives," according to a pamphlet distributed by the Alumni Association.

The ambassadors will also assist the University's admissions office in giving tours of the University Park Campus, Atwell said.

Lion Ambassadors will accept applications until 5 p.m. today in 105 Old Main.

Abortion bill to go to Senate this week

House-approved bill faces Round 2 in long adoption battle

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In the aftermath of a two-day legislative fight to make abortions harder to get in Pennsylvania, both sides are preparing for the next round: the Senate vote.

The bill, which passed in the House 131-62 last week, faces a Senate concurrence vote — possibly this week. If the Senate passes the measure, then the anti-abortion forces will have cause to rejoice.

"We never expected to get it all," said Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, co-sponsor of the bill. "Quite candidly, we got much more than I imagined we would get and we're quite pleased with that."

The other prime sponsor of the bill, Rep. Stephen Freind, R-Delaware County, said he was pleased with the final vote. He described the two days of debate as "horrendous" and the most exhausting days he had ever spent, during which each of the over 100 proposed changes were decided.

"People ask me if I am happy, and the answer is 'No,' as long as it is possible to kill babies," Freind said. "But I am extremely satisfied."

Of the nine amendments that were added, three were opposed by the bill's sponsors, Freind said. The

bill was softened by:

- Providing that the permission of one parent, instead of both, be required before a minor could obtain an abortion.

- Omitting a requirement that the remains of aborted fetuses be examined by a pathologist to determine if the fetuses had been viable — capable of surviving outside of the womb — before the abortion was performed.

- Omitting the right of private parties to take court action to prevent an abortion from being performed if it appeared the law was about to be broken.

The bill still requires a 24-hour waiting period after a woman is counseled about her decision. If the fetus is determined to be viable, then the presence of a second doctor is required and the abortion technique most likely to result in a live birth must be used.

Abortions may not be performed in public hospitals or clinics unless the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest or the woman's life is endangered. Also, unless the woman's life is endangered, special insurance would be required to pay for abortions.

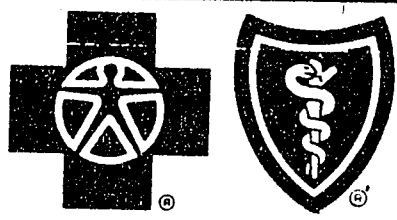
One amendment that was narrowly defeated called for a referendum which would enable the voters to decide the fate of the legislation.

However, Cunningham said the length and technical aspects of the bill made that option unrealistic. Also, he said a referendum would not be possible until the state constitution is amended to permit such a vote. Under current law, referendums are permitted only on local issues or on constitutional amendments.

"The people who are pushing this referendum thing know full well that there's no constitutional provision for it, they know full well the courts have voted against it. They're trying to delay the bill," he said. Cunningham said he favors such a change in the constitution so voters can decide whether they would favor abortion on demand, for example.

Rep. Joseph Hoeffel, D-Montgomery County, who opposed the bill, said the constitution does not state that a referendum on a statewide issue would be illegal because the constitution makes no mention of referendums of that type. Until a referendum is attempted no one knows for certain whether it will be declared illegal, he said.

"It was quite hypocritical of the pro-life people," Hoeffel said. "They were running around like crazy trying to find a way they could get around it. If there is any issue that should be decided by the people, this is it."



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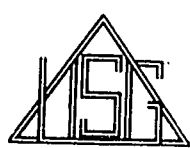
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