

Groups ratify USG constitution; propose amendment

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The Undergraduate Student Government constitution has been ratified by two-thirds of the organizations represented in the USG Executive Council, USG President Bill Cluck said at the council meeting last night.

The only step that remains is approval by the USG Supreme Court, which will meet March 20, Cluck said.

However, an Exec Council committee will meet to discuss the wording of a constitutional amendment that would return the council to USG, Cluck said. Under the new constitution, the council would become a separate organization from USG.

"The amendment would be brought to the council for discussion, he said. Late last term, members of the council decided establishment of the independent council should not be forced on next year's officers.

The constitution was ratified by the USG Senate, USG's Academic Assembly, the Association of Residence Hall Students, the Organization for Town Independent Students, Black Caucus and the Hetzel Union Board. The Penn State Veterans Organization rejected the constitution and the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council did not vote on it.

Also, Cluck said that the American Association of University Students, an organization of the 25 largest private schools in the nation, wants to expand to include the 25 largest state universities and has invited the University to join.

The association is concerned primarily with academic issues, he said.

The association has scheduled a national conference for March 31 to April 4 at the University of Pennsylvania and Cluck said he plans to attend with about 10 other University students.

Forty-three of the 50 colleges have confirmed their participation in the conference, he said.

University representatives may conduct three workshops at the conference, Cluck said. If the workshops are selected for the conference, Academic Assembly President Chris Hopwood will discuss student/faculty interaction through the assembly and ARHS President Chris Calkins will discuss student/faculty interaction through the Interest House program.

Also, Cluck will present a program on the University's efforts to fight financial aid reductions and student involvement in University President John W. Oswald's Task Force on Federal Cuts in Higher Education and Student Aid. Representatives from the University of Colorado may also participate in the financial aid program, he said.

During the conference the representatives will discuss what schools nationwide can do to protest financial aid reductions.

The association hopes to compile "a booklet of what each school has done up to this point so we can present it to schools around the country," Cluck said.

Because the conference date conflicts with elections for USG officers, Cluck said he will leave the conference on April 1 to work with the elections and return the next day with the USG president-elect.

Concerning financial aid reductions, Cluck said U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, R-central Pa., sent a letter to Dan Bollag (12th-district) stating, "I could not support such reductions, which I believe to be very short-sighted."

The response from congressmen is encouraging, Cluck said. During his March 3 trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the University's task force, "Everybody we met with mentioned they got letters from Penn State," he said.

Women's Forum discusses how 'Old ideas die hard'

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Cunning, Lender, Extortioner. Heretic. Words of a derogatory nature?

Roget's Thesaurus (1979 Classical Edition) lists them as synonyms to "Jew," said Bernard Bronstein, adviser for the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

A discussion on anti-semitism in society led by Bronstein was one of the topics pursued by members of the Women's Forum yesterday.

The seminar, "Old Ideas Die Hard," confronted the issues of anti-semitism, racism, and sexism.

Bronstein said the word "Jew" also has reached verb status — "to beat down in price."

"That's what people find in every office, every home, and every school," he said.

According to the Anti-Defamation League the number of incidents of anti-semitism has increased for the third consecutive year, Bronstein said. The Northeast reported the highest number of episodes.

In January 1979, several University students distributed brochures released by the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party that created a furor, he said.

The third page of the pamphlet states: "Almost all of

the civil rights and political groups in our community are controlled by Zionists and Jews.

"They use their money, their power, the FBI, CIA, IRS, the courts and prisons; and many other ways to control our movements, leaders, and people."

Bronstein said that racist literature has also been circulated in the State College Area High School. A student dispersed Ku Klux Klan application forms in 1979.

"People can't believe that anti-semitism occurs in this progressive town," he said. "Ignorance is our biggest enemy."

Another college-related racial incident occurred when members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania, among other objectional practices, denied Ku Klux Klan outfits at fraternity parties, Bronstein said.

"One finds it difficult to believe that these kinds of people are among the elite institutions," he said.

People develop a sixth sense that can separate the racists from other individuals, Bronstein said.

"Within a short period of time one can tell the people

Liberal Arts council elects new officers

Karen Thomas (10th-speech communications) and Bill Patalon (8th-Journalism) were elected president and vice president of the Liberal Arts Student Council at the group's meeting last night.

Others elected to offices were: Dawn Detwiler (9th-public service), treasurer; Colleen Young (8th-political science), corresponding secretary; and Sharon Miller (9th-Spanish), recording secretary.

Thomas, former vice president and treasurer of the council, said she would like to work with the other officers to increase council publicity and to increase the budget.

A larger budget would enable the council to plan a lot more programs, Thomas said.

Former President Steve Lunger said he believes the council has made a lot of progress this year.

"We've taken a real step forward in building council membership and getting involved in campus activities," Lunger said.

The council also discussed plans for an Introduction to Career Planning Day. The program, a four-part series for Liberal Arts students, will be held in the HUB main lounge on March 16 and 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

—by Caroline Churchill

Upward Bound climbs educational mountains

By ROB STEUTEVILLE
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Unlike the survival training program with a similar name, Upward Bound does not have anything to do with climbing mountains — unless one is talking about mountains obstructing the way to higher education.

Its participants do not find themselves dangling over white water canyons by a rope. Although to many low income high school students nationwide who seek higher education, Upward Bound may indeed be a lifeline.

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program that provides basic academic training, career counseling and other educational opportunities to high school students in 415 locations nationwide, said Henry W. McCoullum, the project director at the University.

The local program, administered through the College of Human Development's continuing education division, serves 90 participants from Centre, Clearfield and Millifin counties, he said.

McCoullum said the program has two main components: an academic year program in which the students attend classes at the University on Saturdays, and a six-week summer session, in which the students "receive exposure to those courses and skills that ready them for post-secondary education."

In the summer session, students are faced with a structured educational program, he said.

"They go to class from 8 (a.m.) to 4 (p.m.)," he said. "In the morning they have such classes as math, science and career counseling, and in the afternoon they have things like swimming, photography and arts and crafts."

McCoullum said the students do not have much free time.

"The main purpose is academics," he said. "This is not a summer camp. The students get exposure to University life through academics."

He said the most difficult tasks the students are faced with are developing career plans and deciding what major they want to take when they enter college.

Marybeth Hunter, administrative assistant to the program, said the students also go on field trips — to Philadelphia or Pittsburgh to see a baseball game or to New York to see a play.

The program also involves meeting college students "from different regions of Pennsylvania — Philadelphia and Pittsburgh — as well as foreign students," she said. The participants are thus exposed to people from different backgrounds.

They also have to get used to living on their own, Hunter said.

"Managing their money is a big thing, especially with the pinball places and the pizza parlors in town," she said.

The program also performs such diverse tasks, she said, as helping the students prepare for

college entrance exams and acquainting them with Penn State's campus.

"We believe the key to mobility in our society is higher education," Hunter said, summing up the main idea behind Upward Bound.

Hunter said the program directors work with high school guidance counselors and principals who recommend students for selection into the program.

"We seek students with the ability to compete successfully in post secondary education," Hunter said.

"Ninety percent of our students enter some form of post-secondary education, as compared to 60 percent for students of similar backgrounds," she said. "Seventy-two percent finish college within a four-year period from when they leave the program."

McCoullum said the faculty of the program is composed of University professors and area high school students. University students are also employed as tutor-counselors to provide the students with academic and residential assistance during the summer.

He said that although students are not obligated to attend the University upon completion of the program, a majority of them do.

Budget would cut Upward Bound by 60%

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If the present cutback proposals in the Reagan budget are passed, it could mean "the end of the Upward Bound program as we know it," local project director Henry W. McCoullum said.

"Reagan is talking about reducing the program by almost two-thirds," he said. "We would see the elimination of a majority of the Upward Bound programs, from 415 to 175."

McCoullum said, however, that all these cutbacks probably will not go through Congress, because bipartisan support for the program does exist.

"We are right now attempting to get the present revisions restored and trying to bring the proposed 1983 levels to where we are right now," he said.

If these proposals do go through it would probably mean an eventual phasing out of the Upward Bound program, McCoullum added.

Mark Heuer, press secretary for U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, said the present budget for Upward Bound is \$29.6 million, and that the proposed budget for 1983 is \$24.9 million.

He said he does not think the program will be cut as much as other educational programs.

"It escaped deep cuts last year and we believe that it will escape deep cuts again," he said.

Heuer said that Clinger is against further cuts in higher education, and that he supports this program.

Asked if Clinger felt there was strong congressional support for the Upward Bound program, Heuer said, "One of the reasons this has survived is that it has spread widely. That means that there is support for it, because it is everywhere. It puts people in college, which is one reason it is highly visible. It has a special allure to it."

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