

USG candidates propose campus organization meetings

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Andy Leisner (9th-political science) and Bob Nolen (9th-marketing) have joined the ranks of students running for Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president.

Leisner, a member of the Organization for Town Independent Students, said that if elected, he would make USG more responsive to students.

To do this, Leisner proposed holding general assembly meetings of campus organizations once a term. During these meetings, delegates from the organizations would discuss the concerns of their organizations with one another and with student government.

The number of delegates for each organization would be determined by the number of students in the group, but any student would be able to attend the assembly, Leisner said.

"We want to get as wide a slice of Penn State life as possible," he said.

Nolen, former president of the Ogontz Campus student government, said he tried the assembly idea at Ogontz, and it

was successful there. The assembly not only helps the student government, but also aids the organizations, which would be able to solicit membership and express their opinions, he said.

Leisner said he would also set up a task force of student volunteers that would assist with USG projects and serve as public relations board.

If elected, Nolen said, he would direct the task force.

"There's plenty to do at USG. All they need is someone to do it."

Leisner said he already has a list of students interested in working with the task force.

Financial aid reductions are also among student concerns, Leisner said.

Although USG has spent time and money fighting reductions in financial aid for students, it has done nothing to prepare students for reductions that will probably occur, he said.

"We would support the fight (against the proposed cuts to financial aid), but also teach students how to cope with the cuts," he said.

In addition to planning informative programs, Leisner said, he would ask the

USG Senate to set up a scholarship fund for students and would use USG resources to try to convince businesses to establish funds of their own.

Nolen, who was chairman of an Ogontz Campus fund-raiser for the Cancer Society, said he would work to convince the senate to allocate money and manpower for a fund-raiser to benefit Pattee.

"If Pattee goes down the drain, what does Penn State have to offer academically?" Nolen said.

Leisner added, "Pattee is something every (University) student has in common."

On another academic issue, Nolen said, "(USG's) Academic Assembly is a very important part of USG, but its image is wrong."

Students consider the assembly more of a political organization than a service one, Nolen said. Changing the name of the assembly to one that is more service-oriented would "boost the promotional part of Academic Assembly," he said.

Leisner said, "Just a little change can make students more aware of what it does."



Bob Nolen and Andy Leisner

photo by Nathan Lader

Women's seminar focuses on finances

By LAURENE BLACK
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Women own less than 1 percent of the world's property, while they do nearly two-thirds of all the work, according to the American Association of University Women.

Often women's lack of understanding financial matters has inhibited their ability to progress in the world, said Sarah R. Godbey, program consultant and coordinator and former president of the State College branch of the American Association of University Women.

In order to increase the financial awareness of women, the association has designated this year's theme as Money Talks.

In keeping with the national theme, the State College branch is offering a free mini-course, a two-part seminar in personal financial management for female graduate students, Godbey said.

The first session, scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday at 902 S. Allen St., will be a series of short lectures on keeping records, writing wills and making investments.

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—Karen P. Shute, association program consultant

Financial planning, will be presented from the personal and national economic views, she said.

Women can better coordinate their finances if they know how national economics work, Godbey said.

"I see (the program) as a financial planner. More and more women come to me and ask how to plan this and that," said Karen P. Shute, association program consultant.

Although the program — open to 25 participants — focuses primarily on graduate women, it is open to men and undergraduate women, she said. People interested in attending should call Heather Gilbert at 238-5992.

Godbey said the association decided to focus on graduate women because they will be going out to get a job sooner than the undergraduates who will be on campus for a number of years, Godbey said.

"Typically, they are the ones who have neglected the financial skills," she said. For instance, "I've been dealing with a woman whose husband died and she had never written a check."

The group discussed the idea for the seminars last fall when Shute presented an overview of the national 1982 topic of Money Talks. "It was so well received we decided to open up and do it for a larger group and that's how this kind of thing evolved," Shute said.

France's leftist majority slips in provincial elections

By Greg MacArthur
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PARIS (AP) — Squabbling over decimal points and party labels, the French left and right each tried to put the best face Monday on the results of nationwide provincial elections.

No matter who added up the figures, however, it was clear that the new majority claimed by the left after its convincing victories last spring had not survived the winter intact.

Official figures provided by the Socialist government gave the moderate-conservative block 49.92 percent of Sunday's first-round vote for seats in about half of France's department, or county, assemblies. The leftist coalition won 49.59 percent, with the remaining vote going to the non-partisan Ecologist Party.

A runoff will be held Sunday in races where no candidate received 50

percent or more of the vote.

The right accused Socialist Interior Minister Gaston Defferre of inflating the leftist vote by including independent candidates who were not part of the official coalition of Socialists, Communists and the small Radical Movement. Those three parties collected 47.5 percent of the vote.

France's electorate traditionally has been almost evenly divided between right and left, and fractional shifts in the balloting are considered significant. The provincial elections took on added importance because both sides treated it as something of a referendum on the 10-month-old Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand.

The last comparable provincial elections were in 1976, when the leftist coalitions captured 52.5 percent of the vote.

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