

Reactions vary to NAACP charges

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He said it does not matter which regional director handles the initial reorganization of the local NAACP, but ultimately it will be up to him to reorganize if the group is rechartered.

"It is ludicrous that Oswald surrounded himself with black staff members (at Wednesday's conference) — that's a nickel-and-dime trick that's beneath a president of a University," Fields said. "The black staff members present at the meeting do not make major decisions — they were placed in a buffoon position."

Charles Butler, NAACP state chairman, was originally scheduled to attend Wednesday's general membership meeting, but said he could not. Butler said he received a letter from Loyd in regard to the conference with Oswald and still has to speak with Moore about the events that transpired at the conference.

University administrators were surprised by the accusations made by Moore, Loyd and the other supporters.

"It was a very abrasive meeting (with Oswald) from the moment (Moore and supporters) began to present their issues," Donald G. Dickason, dean of the Office of Admissions, said. "I was more disturbed with their manner of presenting their statements than the actual statements themselves."

"They presented a lot of opinions, but not a lot of facts," Dickason said. "They weren't even interested in Oswald's facts, including the fact that applications by black students were up by 80 percent in the last four years, and acceptances by blacks were up by 37 percent."

So far, for 1982, acceptances by blacks are running 50 percent ahead of last year, Dickason said, although that is an unrealistically high rate.

"That is unrealistically high partly because it's part an improvement in processing as well as an increase in admissions," he said.

Moore said that the figures provided by the Office of Admissions are worth nothing: "It's still tokenism. There are still about 800 blacks for 32,000 students."

Loyd added that although the percentages have changed, the number of blacks over the years have remained the same.

"There were about 800 when I arrived in 1974 — now there are 737. If the percentages have gone up, I'd like to know where they are."

As for recruiting black students, Dickason said about 30 professional staff members in the admissions office recruit students. Also, both administrators in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia community centers are black, Ciervo said.

At Wednesday's meeting, Moore said there is a need for more black recruiters because black students could relate to them better.

However, Dickason said, "It's a matter of opinion on whether or not black recruiters are better; we have been criticized for sending only black recruiters to minority schools, so now we send our recruiters where their skills fit best."

Loyd said he was told recently that members of his church could not recruit black students for the University because they would be recruiting the students for his church.

"I think that's ridiculous," he said. David Byrd, vice president of the University Black Caucus, said the admissions office has good intentions, but the results are inadequate.

"Penn State still has a negative image in the eyes of public high school students in cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia," Byrd said. "Penn State is not high on their list of choices because of the atmosphere of so many whites to blacks — this image has hindered admissions and continues to."

Black Caucus will probably attempt to find out more about the local chapter of the NAACP, Byrd said. Black Caucus President Avery Rose was not available for comment yesterday.

Ciervo said everyone — including Oswald — agrees the University needs to bring more blacks here. "We are recruiting aggressively," he said. "We'd like to do it better, but it's not easy."

Oswald presented a list of about 15 programs that the University offers for minority students, Ciervo said.

"Dr. Oswald went through the list of programs we offer for black students, but they apparently weren't listening to him," he said.

The programs Oswald listed included the community centers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, the black scholars program, an educational opportunity program (EOP) for academically and financially disadvantaged students from the state, the Paul Robeson Cultural Center for minority students and a developmental year program for EOP students, according to a news release distributed by the University's Office of Public Information after the news conference Wednesday.

Moore accused Oswald of walking out of the conference in the middle, but Ciervo said Oswald was forced to leave when Moore started bringing up specific employee cases that were still involved in grievance hearings. Oswald makes the final decision in such cases and could not stay, Ciervo said.

Oswald re-entered the meeting less than two minutes later and continued the conference for another 10 to 15 minutes, he said.

Loyd said Oswald did return to the meeting, but what really upset him was that Oswald stubbornly left the room.

"(Oswald) listens to what his committees say, but he doesn't listen to our side," Loyd said. "We feel the people on his committee are trying to cover their tracks. We were outraged because (Oswald) wouldn't talk to us forthright, and he had some pretty smart remarks."

"We did not get the opportunity to share our concerns on the specific issues," he added. "Oswald has heard issues before and has taken a stand on them, but we didn't have the opportunity to air ours."

"It's not so much that Dr. Oswald is out to do wrong, but some of his advisers have their fingers in his eyes," Loyd said.

Moore said, "We just wanted a dialogue with (Oswald). We didn't set forth any plans in front of him."

The charges of discrimination in employee lawsuits were carefully examined by the Affirmative Action

office and no evidence of discrimination was found in the three Moore mentioned, Ciervo said. Black staff members in the Affirmative Action office did the study, so there was no reason to believe prejudices existed, he added.

But Moore said the NAACP would not accept the final dismissal given by the University's Affirmative Action office and would challenge them — possibly in court.

Loyd said, "Harold Levy (University Affirmative Action specialist) was aware that one dismissed employee was discriminated against, but he never indicated his suspicions in the report. A lot of people then got upset when I wrote letters to state officials complaining about the discrimination."

Levy could not be reached for comment yesterday. Moore also complained that Oswald was avoiding a meeting with him and his supporters, but Ciervo said it is usually difficult to arrange a meeting with Oswald.

"He has a very busy schedule and can't accommodate everybody at once," Ciervo said.

One official, however, believes Oswald is not the most receptive to ideas concerning blacks and minorities.

Rev. Donald W. McIlvane, a member of the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Council, was at the University during spring break to evaluate Oswald's actions concerning a set of recommendations about black enrollment previously made by the council.

"(The NAACP threat) was long overdue," McIlvane said. "I only wish the NAACP was there when we were. We will give Penn State help, but we're not nearly as strong as the NAACP."

"I am dissatisfied with the amount of work the University does for black enrollment and employment. Oswald's plan to increase the amount of blacks at Penn State is simply not working," he said. "Black enrollment declined this year, far below what it should be."

McIlvane said the statistics from the admissions office are "a statistical snow job." He received figures from William Asbury that were nowhere near the admission office's statistics, he said.

"If we had figures like that, we'd have invited Dr. Oswald out to dinner and given him the 'Humanitarian of the Year' award," McIlvane said. "If there's anything true about those (admissions) figures, NAACP doesn't stand a chance with their lawsuit."

"For a state university, there should be double the amount of blacks there are now," he said. "Even the branch campuses near the major cities — Ogonitz, New Kensington, Capitol — have a negligible number of black students and faculty."

Asbury was also unavailable for comment.

McIlvane said he would like to see Oswald develop a plan of recruitment that would make the Equal Rights Council proud of the University's minority enrollment. The community centers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia should not be closed, he said, but they are also not sufficient.

"Oswald is not insincere, but he should go back to the drawing board — it's like he's admitting his failure, and he's leaving a rough road for his successor to build on," McIlvane said.

Council formulates plan to use block grant funds

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The State College Municipal Council's Community Block Grant Development Committee began last night to formulate policies for spending block grant funds, including an agreement to spend up to 10 percent of the funds for human services.

According to federal rules governing the spending of block grant funds, a maximum of 10 percent of an area's total funds may be spent for human services.

For Centre County, this means \$70,500 of the total funds may be spent for human services.

Centre County was declared a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area because of growth in the area as recorded in the 1980 census. Because of this designation, the county became eligible for \$705,000 in community block grant funds.

Another policy agreed to by the committee is to consider proposals to acquire park land along with other proposals, but

not to consider funding for land adjacent to Sunset Park.

Sunset Park is a piece of land bordering Ferguson Township at the eastern section of College Heights. At its March meeting, the council voted not to pursue buying the land.

Committee member Fred Honsberger said he did not think Sunset Park should be considered for block grant funds because the council already rejected buying the property.

Committee member Felicia Lewis disagreed with the motion because she said no land should be excluded from consideration.

The committee also agreed to form a Housing Technical Advisory Committee to define the nature of the housing problem in State College and to look at federal housing assistant programs.

Block Grant Director Harry Lawlor will recommend people for membership to the committee.

Candidates discuss USG impact and input

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500 registered student organizations would be able to receive student input despite the number of students that would be involved. The assembly would be more effective than a town meeting, he said.

Parvensky, when asked how long he expects it will take for a student lobby group like the Pennsylvania State Association of State-Related Universities to begin to work, said, "A student lobby effort is not going to take us any more time than it takes tomorrow."

"Representatives are asking us to let them know how we feel," he said.

When Leisner's lack of previous participation in USG was questioned, Leisner said that he applied to fill a USG town senate seat last fall and was not selected. However, Leisner said he was asked to join the Organization for Town Independent Students and became a member.

Despite being refused a senate seat, Leisner said he is qualified to be USG president because he realizes that USG has not been important to students. Leisner said he has a concern for students.

All the candidates were asked how and if they would continue to be involved in USG if a write-in candidate were elected.

Krauss said he would apply to be director of the communications department and Lunger said he would stay involved, but did not know how.

Parvensky said he would work with Academic Assembly, especially the students' advocates committee and the calendar conversion. Jim McJunkin, Parvensky's running mate, said he would become involved in the department of political affairs and the police services committee.

Barch said she would work with the department of political affairs, the department of minority affairs and possibly the Supreme Court. She said she would also assist with the Student Plan for the '80s. Lee Facetti, Barch's running mate, said he would continue with plans to critique the senate's summer jobs program and assist the business department.


Leisner said he would remain in OTIS and try to become OTIS's representative to executive council. Bob Nolen, Leisner's running mate, said he would work to have his task force idea implemented.

Both Wolford and Bob McGonigle, Wolford's running mate, said they would become involved in the communications department.

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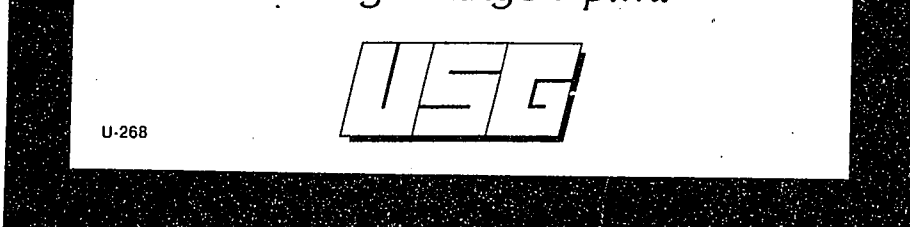
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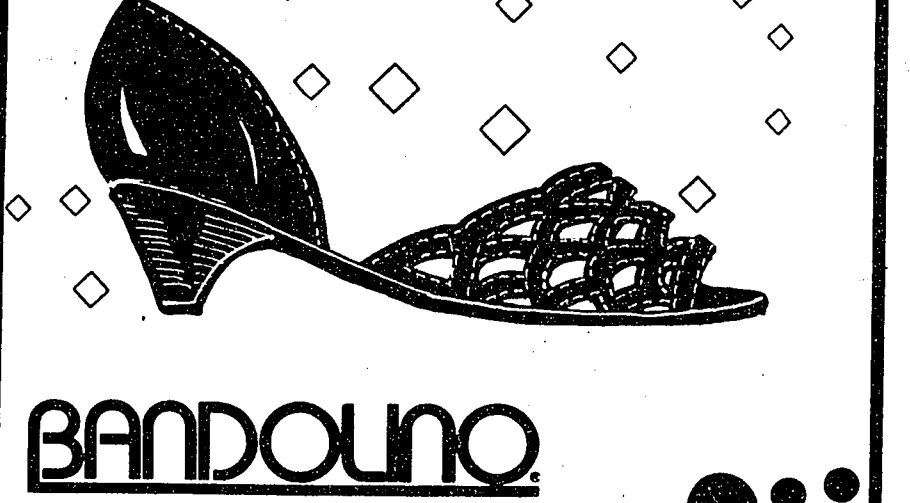
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