And so what about the other candidates, you

Only two other teams come close to our choice

- Leni Barch and Lee Facetti, and Emil Par-

vensky and Jim McJunkin. All four candidates

are experienced in student government and

have a great deal of energy. But we think the

presidential candidates, Barch and Parvensky,

suffer from a tendency to ramble. They have an

unrealistic perception of what they can ac-

complish in one year; they are filled with

enthusiasm that may not translate into action.

These four candidates are great as individu-

als working within student government — that's

Andy Leisner and Bob Nolen are running on

two major issues — a task force of students

eager to "do the dirty work of USG" and a

general assembly of all student organizations —

As for Matt Wolford and Bob McGonigle:

Neither have the experience or the knowledge to

guide USG through what promises to be an

where they'd be most effective.

neither of which are realistic.

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opinions

necessary evil. In the past couple of years, it's tilted a lot more toward evil. Line-dwellers, expecting to be let go the moment a threatening cloud appears, lined up earlier this year than last year. Some of the 10 lines already had 500 students by noon Saturday; some early birds were in line Thursday afternoon. Considering applications aren't handed in until 4 p.m. Sunday, the situation is out of hand.

The funny thing is that the evil is by no means necessary nobody is making upperclassmen live in the dorms. So the solution is simple: move into an apartment, or push for an

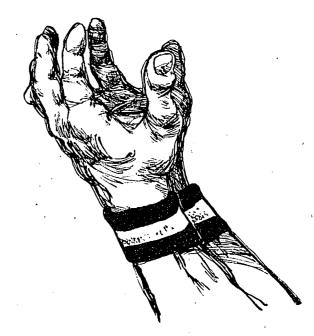
I suggest pushing for an alternative pleasing to the majority. A system that uses some type of competition so students will have their fate in their own hands. One that doesn't waste a weekend and clog your sinuses. One that is sensible and

constructive, not inane and destructive. In the spirit of this ideal, I offer the grade point average system. No more concrete beds, windburnt faces or head colds,

Just a simple "work hard in your courses, get good grades, get

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### reader opinion

editorial opinion

For the 1982-83 Undergraduate Student Gov-

ernment presidential elections, The Daily Colle-

gian endorses the team of Jim Krauss and Steve

Krauss and Lunger have displayed a realistic,

mature — and above all, intelligent — view

toward student government. They are not full of

overly ambitious ideas or vague philosophies

about, gee-whiz, what student government

They see USG as, first, a service organization

that must be run efficiently and, second, as a

political organization that reacts to problems

concerning students. The second priority is not

necessarily subordinated to the first; rather,

without the credibility of USG as a worthwhile

Krauss and Lunger both have a considerable

Krauss has been involved with USG since his

first term and has served in USG's department

of political affairs, USG's Supreme Court and

the USG Senate. As a USG fraternity senator, he

sat on the senate Appointments and Review

Board and chaired the constitution revision

committee. He knows the inner workings of

organization, its political effectiveness is nil.

amount of experience in student government.

Lunger for president and vice president.

### Keep those terms

USG well.

could really be.

I have been considering writing a letter to The Daily Collegian about the calendar conversion for a week now and after I read the letter by James B. Bartoo and James R. Dungan, I felt the time has come for me to put pen in hand and

When the rumors first arose about a calendar switch seve years ago, I was totally against the idea — not because of the lisadvantages of the semester system, but because of the advantages of the term calendar. Before I begin with the advantages, as I see them, I have to state that I have been in

I went to the University of Pittsburgh (which although there are some differences, is close to the calendar President John W. Oswald wants) where I took a full term of engineering courses. I must say that I definitely preferred Penn State's

The "term" calendar allows a student to study a few subjects (usually four), compared to six or more at Pitt. This means the student can concentrate more on each subject and this would (hopefully) enable him to learn the material more thoroughly. I realize that this means a faster-paced class, but I prefer it that way. The fast pace is actually beneficial, as it teaches us to handle high-pressure, high-stress situations. I also prefer to learn the material in as short a period of time as possible and start learning new subjects.

Another advantage of Penn State's current calendar is that there are four terms all the same length. Mr. Bartoo and Mr. Dungan say that the original intention was that people could use the Summer Term as a regular term, but that "institutions were not successful in changing the attendance pattern of significant numbers of students."

Well, Mr. Bartoo and Mr. Dungan, I say to you: BULL! If the University had really wanted to change attendance patterns, they would offer courses that students can take to satisfy their degree requirements and I don't mean just basics like mathematics, economics and speech. I was going to enroll for Summer Term 1982 until I looked at the schedule of classes, There is not one course I can take! I have about 1½ years left of school, and the University doesn't even offer Mechanical Engineering 31, 33 or 50, to name a few basic courses. The only undergraduate courses offered this summer are Mechanical Engineering 99, 411 and 496. As for Commonwealth campuses, don't look for anything except Mechanical Engineering 22. The University is not helping matters by offering only the essential

This is my standard, light-hearted response to

the question of what I do for spare (and essen-

tial) money — and it seems to shock a lot of

people. My forthrightness surprises even some

For, unlike so many other means of acquiring

income, going to Sera-Tec to donate plasma for

tion. It's a last resort when you can't afford a

tube of toothpaste . . . not something to be proud

Most of the donors at Sera-Tec (primarily

college students) are eager to assure everyone

that they wouldn't be "doing this" if they

weren't really screwed to the wall for necessary

Perhaps I have an abnormal streak of merce-

nary in my system, but there seems to be no

Human plasma is required by medical sci-

reason that a person should be ashamed of

ence for both therapy and research. For exam-

ple, plasma and its various products are used in

the treatment of burn victims, hemophiliacs

Plasma is used for blood-typing, as well as

diagnostic testing for such diseases as mononu-

cleosis, syphilis and hepatitis. Plasmapheresis

- the scientific procedure of collecting and

processing human plasma — serves the needs

Plasma donors aren't being paid for their

and newborns with Rh-factor disease.

donating plasma at Sera-Tec.

of medical science

a fee is commonly viewed as an act of despera-

people who have gone to Sera-Tec.

freshman/sophomore courses, and this does have an affect on the people who do want to enroll Summer Term. So, even though the Summer Term was designed to be the same as the other three, it isn't.

Lunger, USG Centre Halls senator for two

terms, has spent time working in other campus

organizations — most notably the Liberal Arts

Student Council, where, as president, he made

the organization a credible group with liberal

He was also the council's Liberal Arts rep-

resentative to USG's Academic Assembly and

the Residence Halls Advisory Board represen-

tative from East Halls. As a USG senator,

Lunger was the senate liaison with the Associa-

He and Krauss have earned reputations as

Of all the candidates, Krauss and Lunger

appear to be the best representatives of stu-

dents to the University administration — and to

the rest of the world. They are calm and well-

spoken; they act like intelligent college stu-

dents. They do not come off like the hyperactive

"student politicians" administrators loathe —

and, of course, don't respect. Yet, Krauss and

Lunger don't seem like goody-goodies who will

be mere puppets in the hands of the administra-

Where do Krauss and Lunger stand on The

two of the hardest workers in the senate.

tion of Residence Hall Students.

The USG endorsement

They emphasize minority retention over re-

cruitment, and have suggested creating a task

force similar to the one formed in 1975 to

examine the problem as well as studying how

They're against the proposed financial aid

cuts and want to continue efforts such as SO-

FAR. They want to keep students aware of the

calendar conversion and keep pressure on the

administration to justify its actions. They want students to be involved in the selection of the

But the difference with Krauss and Lunger is

their realistic attitude toward The Issues. They

understand that they can't do everything. They

appear to be executives who will competently

guide USG in the right direction, rather than

standing dramatically on the helm of the ship,

Which would be a bit different than the

current USG administration, led by Bill Cluck

and Ken Reeves. Students shouldn't be looking

for someone to replace Bill Cluck, they should

be looking for a team to maintain and build on

his accomplishments. The Collegian thinks Jim

Krauss and Steve Lunger can do that the best.

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new University president.

drinking in the glory . . .

other schools deal with minority retention.

I would like to know why should we change our calendar? Because "57 percent of colleges and universities . . . were on a semester calendar?" Is this change because everyone else is

I'm sure President Oswald has a good many reasons, and there are probably even a few good ones that he has, but have YOU, President Oswald, really looked at the second and third order effects? (Maybe you should read Alvin Toffler's "The

Personally, President Oswald, I think the calendar switch will do the University community grievous injury. More faculty/student workload, fewer class offerings, bigger classes, and physical plant problems are very important considerations, and I hope that this isn't another case of the students (and even faculty) getting the "shaft." I feel that Penn State offers an alternative in education. The semester system is not for everyone and I resent being "shoe-horned"

Another thing I resent is President Oswald saying, "The calendar matter is not before the University for decision. That final decision has been made." As was pointed out before, President Oswald is precluding any discussion on the matter, and I feel that this is a mistake. President Oswald, you call yourself a president, and a president is the head of a DEMO-CRATIC society, not a dictatorship. So, let's get this democracy going, and find out just who wants the calendar change.

Paul D. Popovich, 10th-mechanical engineering

### An 'A' for effort

time," said Wayne Rossi, Center Manager of

hours the donor spends at Sera-Tec — not

Few donors, if any, would say that going to

Sera-Tec is a healthy practice, although their

plasma should eventually contribute to the

health and well-being of other human beings.

Donating plasma must entail some risk, or

donors would not be required to sign a consent

form when they undergo their initial physical

The only health hazard that most donors seem

concerned about is the possibility that their

veins may become damaged. I know many

plasma donors who have found that their arms

don't really like being punctured on a continual

In response to such regular abuse, consider-

However, Rossi said that the health risks of

"When you consider that we must do at least

plasma-donating (even on a regular basis, over

50,000 procedures every year, and have maybe

one or two infections occur at the site (of the

nany years) seem to be negligible.

needle) each year, it's pretty incredible.

exam. But how serious is that risk?

The usual \$10 fee is reimbursement for the

Sera-Tec's State College location.

payment for blood.

I'm not bad at athletic activities - just average. I wanted to make that clear before I told you about my gym classes last term and that I tried the best I could in both.

By that I mean that I came to my first period Tuesday Thursday and Saturday classes half and hour before everyone else came — every time — just so that I could drill by myself

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and work on my weak spots before class. I put a lot of effort into those classes and improved tremendously in both - ask

So what did I get for doing some above average trying and improving? It was a "C". Perhaps I could understand if I had done just average work — but I did the best I could in a field I had no real choice in. (Physical education is NOT my major but I'm required to take classes in it.) Perhaps I could understand if I were graded on effort not skill.

Ellen J. Robertson, 3rd-speech communication

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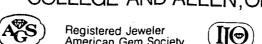
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students with a cumulative grade point average in the top percentage of their college would get a room. That is, if 3,000 males and 3,000 females turn in their \$45 advance payment and only 2,500 male and 2,500 female spaces are available, females in the top five-sixths of the females in their college (like-wise for males) would get a room. Males compete against males for available male space, and vice-versa for females. I have suggested using the individual colleges as a basis,

rather than the University as a whole, because some colleges have higher average GPAs than others. I have suggested using cumulative GPA, rather than, say, the average of the two terms preceding the spring term in which contracts are allocated, because it's a more accurate reflection of course

If demand for space is greater than supply (as it always is),

So we would be using a student's cumulative GPA as of winter term, in whatever college he is enrolled in as of winter

This system would take care of most contract-seekers. As for students transferring from another school - and who therefore have no GPA at Penn State - they could obtain dorm space alternative to this ludicrous method of dorm contract allocausing a lottery system or they could be guaranteed housing.

> And that's all there is to this system. It strikes me as a lot more sensible than lines or lotteries. After all, this is a school, so grades seem the obvious thing to use as a competition. If we were here to learn how to best wait in lines, then the line system would make sense. But we're not, and it doesn't.



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### reader opinion

### Can't forget Norm

Brian Bowers' recent article on the improved condition of former Nittany Lion mascot Norm Constantine has led me to wonder why.

Why has Norm been forgotten? During his years at Penn State as our school mascot, Norm devoted 98 percent of his time being involved in both Penn State sporting events and fund-raising activities charity. Beyond this, Norm somehow found the time to teach martial arts to the

Norm gave of himself to the fullest extent, and for what in return? The glamor? No, the smiles. The Saturday afternoon smiles of Penn State years of his rooting on our Lions, Norm now football fans; the faint smiles of the Sunday afternoon dance marathoners; and especially,

the thankful smiles of the handicapped that he He touched over 84,000 of us, students and

alumni alike, as our team mascot out at Beaver Stadium. It is time for us to use our Penn State spirit, the spirit he instilled in us, to root Norm on to recovery. What happened to the talk of a benefit for Norm that was circulating around campus two months ago? Are we satisfied with believing that we truly tried? I think not

We must, as a student body, come together and organize a fund-raising event for our former become active in this drive for Norm. After needs the support that he once gave. It is time for us to give our love and concern to Norm and his

family by truly showing that, "We want the

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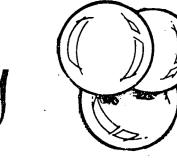
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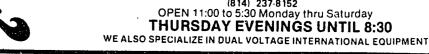
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Rossi added that donors who have regularly able scar tissue may accumulate and/or the vein(s) may collapse, forcing denors to take an given plasma for up to 10 years have shown no voluntary vacation from Sera-Tec until their ill effects — either in the volume of blood in their bodies or the amounts of proteins in their arms heal sufficiently and they can resume

probably got better statistics than most hospi-

remove their bandages immediately after leav-

Dr. J. Robert Wirag, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Education at Ritenour Health Center, also says that Sera-Tec's State College facility rates a clean bill of health. "We (at Ritenour) are convinced that they

have a credible, high-quality operation. They

have introduced controls to protect the health

infection, but that's an unnecessary risk that

ployees are remarkably deft.

facilities at Sera-Tec (which is strictly regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, and the Department of Health) appear to be more scrupulously sterile than those of the Red Cross, if only because Sera-Tec is an immobile opera-

fly-by-night operation. Those people can't afford to mess-up, because their whole business At the risk of being cynical, I doubt that I

ege students who can't find a better job else-

**Editorial Editor** 

Blood money comes easily for a plasma prostitute

length of time that it is in the arm, we've "To my knowledge, we have not had any student complaints about the treatment at Sera-Tec. It is a well-established plasmapheresis Rossi cautioned that plasma donors who center, with strict quality controls that the staff is required to follow," Wirag said. ing Sera-Tec are taking a more serious risk of Wirag also said "Sera-Tec is by no means a

> would be placed in jeopardy." To many people who have never been to Sera-Tec, however, the place sounds not only mercenary and unhealthy, but illicit, shadowy and suspicious, with overtones of drug-dealing and he Mafia. Sera-Tec is known to be in "some basement," in "some alley," and most of the employees there are thought to be klutzy col-

Actually, Sera-Tec is well-lit and the equipment appears quite clean. While there are some phlebotomists at Sera-Tec who don't "give needles" nearly as well as others, many em-I've given blood to the Red Cross, and the

Sera-Tec's advertisements make two major appeals. On humanitarian grounds, Carl Capthat the plasma he "donates" at Sera-Tec "helps save lives all over the world!" More effectively, Sera-Tec's advertisements offer quick money for just a few hours of time. (Those few hours can stretch out a lot longer than you blan, though, if the line of waiting donors is long, or the operations at Sera-Tec get

know anybody who would donate plasma twice a week, for purely altruistic reasons. I certainly wouldn't. But why be ashamed of the truth? As one student said, "I just don't want people to know that I do this to my body." There seem to be a lot of worse things, of proven danger to the body, that many college students feel no qualms about doing and admit-

ting. And usually they pay for the means and

To say that visiting Sera-Tec as a paid donor is a relaxing, healthful, pleasant experience is at the very least a gross euphemism. To say that it is an inhumane and unjustified crime against one's body is even less plausible. Medical science needs human plasma. Many college students need or want the extra income. Sera-Tec is simply a marriage of convenience of benefit to both parties.

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