

## Liberal Arts committee disappointed with English proposal

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After unanimously approving the English department's proposal for basic English composition courses under the semester system, the Liberal Arts Curricular Affairs Committee released a memo Tuesday expressing disappointment with the proposal.

According to the memo, sent to Stanley F. Paulson, dean of the College of The Liberal Arts, "the current proposal appears to be a matter of expediency rather than pedagogical excellence."

"The committee, though unanimously approving the English proposal, also unanimously voted to make known their disappointment with the proposal," the memo said.

Theodore E. Kiffer, committee chairman, said committee

members told him what they wanted in the memo, and he drafted it.

The committee is disappointed because it hoped the calendar conversion would be an opportunity to strengthen the University's composition program, Kiffer said.

The English department's proposal suggests offering English 15, structured to take advantage of the 14-week semester, to replace English 10. The proposal would also require one of four 200-level courses: English 201, with a social science emphasis; English 211, with an emphasis in humanities; English 218, technical writing; or English 219, business writing.

Although it was not satisfied with the proposal, Kiffer said, the committee approved the plan because it wanted to forward it to the University Faculty Senate's Curricular Affairs Committee so "other departments can get on with

their business."

Many departments were waiting to see what the English department proposed before submitting their curricular and program revisions to the faculty senate's Curricular Affairs Committee.

All departments are required to submit curricular and program revisions to the senate committee by April 23. After the changes are compiled, a tentative schedule of classes for the 1983-84 academic year will be published.

Although the English department's proposal is not an ideal writing program, Paulson said, it meets the needs of the University.

Also, Paulson said he did not think the committee approved the proposal just to get it to the faculty senate. "I don't believe they'd do that because they sent it back several times before," he said.

Wendell V. Harris, English department head, said the Liberal Arts Curricular Affairs Committee recognized, from the length of time the English department has taken in preparing different proposals, that there were no easy alternatives.

Specifically, Kiffer said the major problem with the proposal is the reduction in the number of composition courses for some students.

There is a "reduction of actual writing practice," he said. "Many, many students took (English) 10 and 20 and then another writing course for a total of nine credits" under the term system, Kiffer said.

Under the department's proposal, students will take English 15 as freshmen and one of the four 200-level composition courses during or after the second half of their sophomore year.

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## Barch, Facetti elected new USG executives

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Leni Barch (10th-prelaw) and Lee Facetti (8th-accounting) were declared winners of the race for Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president early this morning.

"We're going to make our dreams become a reality," Barch said after the announcement.

Barch and Facetti won with 2,195 votes. Jim Krauss and Steve Lunger finished second with 1,192 votes, and Emil Parvensky and Jim McJunkin finished third with 1,138 votes. Matt Wolford and Bob McGonigle received 838 votes, and Andy Leisner and Bob Nolen received 546 votes.

USG Elections Commissioner Kevin Joyce said about 1,000 more students voted this year than did last year. This year's turnout was 6,140 — 22.7 percent of the undergraduate student population.

Joyce said last year's percentage, which had been reported as 24 percent, was only about 18 percent. The discrepancy may have resulted from last year's election commission not including part-time students when determining the percentage, Joyce said.

Centre Halls produced the largest voter turnout with 796 students. South Halls had 758 voters and East Halls District II had 609 voters.

After the announcement, Barch said, "We're not going to let you down."

Referring to the coming year, Barch said the team's immediate goal is to fulfill campaign promises.

Barch's platform included a mentorship program to match students with alumni in their major field, a year-round jobs file and an expanded book co-op in conjunction with the Association of Residence Halls Students.

Krauss said he was not sure what his plans are, but he will be able to choose from "a number of other opportunities."

"The elections came out the way the students wanted it," he said.

Leisner plans to continue working with the Organization for Town Independent Students, he said. He wanted to "congratulate the winners, wish them the best of luck and urge people to get involved."



Undergraduate Student Government President-elect Leni Barch and Vice President-elect Lee Facetti prepare for an interview with radio station WDFM early this morning after the two were declared winners in the USG election.

- Wolford said he does not know what his plans are. Concerning the election results, "I feel really stupid and that's that," he said.
- Students elected USG senators are:
- Centre Halls: Brad Desch and Elizabeth Saylor.
  - East Halls District I: Keith Burris and Gregory Towhill.
  - East Halls District II: Darryl Daisey and Beth Reisman.
  - East Halls District III: Darnell Daisey and Kelli Chestnut.
  - Nittany Halls: Charles Blackwell.
  - North Halls: Rita Chuang and Karen Moore.
  - Pollock Halls: Jill Jachera and Joan Wassil.
  - South Halls: David Brandschain and Sandra Williams.
  - West Halls: Anita Domolik and Charles Sedlacko.
  - Fraternities: Joe Clouse and Mark Naidoff.
  - Town: Richard Garcia, Duane Horton, Scott Kelley, Ross Ketchman and Bill Kraftsov.
  - Also, Daniel Kweeler, Kathy Logan, John Lomanno, Bill McNally and Laura Morrison.
  - Also, Marty Norcini, Deb Riebmman, Raymond Schafer and Laura Shector.
  - Steve Ripp and Eric Schnalterly, who are now senators for dorm areas, were also elected to represent town independent students.

## Democrats plan nationwide college registration drive

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WASHINGTON — Capitalizing on growing student opposition to federal cuts in student financial aid, the Democratic National Committee announced its plans at a news conference here Wednesday to start a voter registration drive aimed at registering 1 million college students by Oct. 1.

Officials of the national committee and two congressmen, including Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, called on college students to vote in November against the Republican party, which they say is largely responsible for the reductions in student aid.

O'Neill said the reason so many cuts have already been made is because student turnout for elections is notoriously low.

"When your voice is heard, this Congress responds," he said. "It's time for (students) to speak through the ballot box."

Current policy makers, particularly President Reagan and many Republican congressmen, have not been responsive to the needs of students, said Bernie Friedman, president of College Democrats.

On the other hand, Democrats will work for students interests, provided that students show their strength

through votes, he said.

"The only way to change policy is to change the policy makers," Friedman said.

O'Neill said that because students failed to learn about and lobby against Reagan's fiscal year 1982 budget, student aid was cut drastically.

According to Democratic National Committee figures, more than 700,000 lost their eligibility for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, 300,000 for Pell Grants and 200,000 for work study programs.

Also according to committee figures, Reagan's proposed 1983 budget will cut student aid even deeper — wiping out the GSL program for graduate students and making 1 million undergraduates ineligible for these low-interest loans. In addition, 700,000 students will lose their Pell grants. Overall, Reagan's proposal will cut student aid by 56 percent for the academic year of 1983-84, the committee said.

Rep. Peter Peyser, D-N.Y., said he fears the administration's policies will reduce the quality of higher education to the level of secondary education.

"If there were ever a time to register protest by registering to vote, it's now," he said.

Friedman said Democratic committee support for this

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## No special activities planned by local College Democrats

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The University's chapter of College Democrats is not planning any special activities in conjunction with their national organization's campaign, Tony Conti, president of the University chapter, said yesterday.

However, their current efforts are similar to the proposed nationwide campaign. College Democrats — formerly College Young Democrats — is in the process of drafting its first letter to make the students aware of the primary election in May, Conti said. The letters will be mailed to all University students who are

registered Democrats or Independents next week.

Conti said he has not yet heard anything about the Democratic National Committee's promise to fund the letter-writing campaign, although the University's chapter is constantly in contact with the national chapter.

The University chapter will probably participate in the activities that the national chapter has planned, such as a student rally this summer and National Student Voter Registration Week next September, Conti said.

The chapter is also tentatively planning a debate with College

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## Leaders list requisites for new PSU president

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The University's Presidential Search and Screen Committee is looking for a candidate who has a strong academic background, administrative skills and who understands the operations of a large university.

But some University student leaders have other qualifications they would like to add to the list.

Additional requisites suggested by University leaders include understanding the problems of minorities at the University, supporting coed housing and encouraging student input in University operations.

But many student leaders said the most important qualification is the willingness to communicate.

Dan Bollag, student member of the search and screen committee, said the prime quality of the new president should be outstanding communication talents — not only with students, but with anyone who comes in contact with the University.

And Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Cluck said the president should make decisions after "wide consultation."

"Students should be accepted as adults and should partake of the discussion," he said.

The president should be willing to go out and meet the students — not just the student leaders — the way University President John W. Oswald did his first few years, Cluck said.

And Bill Fracalossi, president of the Organization for Town Independent Students, said, "A president should be visible to the students."

The president should also be aware of the students' needs and weigh them when making a decision, Fracalossi said.

Chris Hopwood, president of USG's Academic Assembly, agreed, but said the president should also be more accessible to parents and understand their problems, too.

Many assembly members are afraid the next president will be less receptive to student input than Oswald was, Hopwood said. "The next president has to involve students more than present. The president should advocate student input throughout the University. It seems like we're giving input after the fact."

Bollag also said the president should be aware of student concerns.

"If the president is not in tune with the students,

an antagonism builds up and the University suffers," he said.

He should also be in touch with modern society and new directions in higher education and be aware of new technologies and applications used around the University — especially the increasing emphasis on computers, Bollag said.

Chris Calkins, president of the Association of Residence Hall Students, said the new president should be flexible.

"I would like to see a person who can grow and change with the times," he said.

Hopwood said the president should be less sensitive to criticism, while Cluck said the president should understand constructive conflict and dissent and also the problems faced by students.

In addition, the new president must understand that the University will be going through a transition — the calendar conversion — when he comes into office, Cluck said.

And Hopwood said, "He should understand the unique problems of Penn State."

Those problems include overenrollment, retention of faculty and concern for the quality of instruction, he said.

Cluck said the president will have to deal with

many "scary" trends like tuition increases combined with financial aid reductions.

Overenrollment and reduced funding also worry Phill Gross, president of the Graduate Student Association.

Gross said two goals of the next president should be to increase private funding and increase the graduate/undergraduate ratio.

Increasing undergraduate enrollment forces more graduate students to teach, reducing the emphasis on research. If the University turns into a teaching university, the information being taught would not be on the "cutting edge" of new research, he said.

Research helps the University's reputation and brings in more private funding, Gross said.

Corporations are not contributing as much as they could, he said. Funding could be increased by emphasizing research and seeking more private contributions.

"I think that it is tremendously important in the future to keep an eye out for private funding," Gross said.

Although Gross is concerned about the undergraduate to graduate ratio at the University, other student leaders are concerned about the

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Sunshine fading behind high clouds today, high near 68. Increasing clouds and breezy tonight, lows around 48. Variable clouds and windy tomorrow with showers and thunderstorms, heavy at times. High in the low to mid 60s. Evening showers tomorrow night giving way to partial clearing by morning, low around 44.

—by Mark Stunder

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