

USG sponsors visit from Soviet official

By ANNE McDONOUGH
Collegian Staff Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government Senate unanimously passed a bill Monday night to pay the round-trip plane fare from New York to State College for the Soviet Undersecretary to the United Nations.

Nikita Smidovich will speak about U.S.-Soviet trade relations on Jan. 20 as part of the USG Department of Student Programs for International Awareness week of programs focusing on the Soviet Union. The awareness week begins Monday.

USG President Leni Barch said that Janice Fine, president of the United States Student Association, will speak to the senate January 24 on pending educational legislation.

Also, Robert Leet, USG representative to the University Concert Committee, said the committee is trying to get nationally known bands and comedians for future concerts.

Some problems exist with having

concerts in Rec Hall, Leet said. The heavy backdrop curtain restricts the hanging of sound equipment that some bands need. Removing the curtain would cost \$10,000. Also, sound levels in Rec Hall cannot go above 90 decibels, thus limiting which bands can appear.

In other business, the senate voted against a bill that would require the USG business department to get majority senate approval for contracts exceeding \$500. The exception would be existing or recurring programs such as buses, calendars and movies.

The Board of Directors now has the authority to implement new projects without Senate approval.

USG Senator Darrell Daisey, sponsor of the bill, objected to a department that represents USG being allowed to sign contracts without Senate approval.

Senator Chuck Sedlitz objected because of the long time it could take to approve a project.

Top Collegian posts to be filled

By CHRIS KAY
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Two executive student positions of The Daily Collegian — editor and business manager — will be selected by the Board of Directors of Collegian Inc. tonight.

Three candidates have applied for the editorship, which will run from Spring Term 1983 through Fall Semester 1983. Brian Bowers (8th-journalism), campus editor; Suzanne Cassidy (8th-journalism), town editor; and Jacqueline Martino (8th-journalism), news editor, have applied to succeed this year's Editor Phil Gutis.

To be considered for the post, the candidates were required to submit proposals on how they would improve The Daily Collegian.

Bowers' main goal as editor would be to build a good training ground for future reporters and editors so they can provide their community with a high-quality product.

He suggests that reporting and writing seminars be strongly encouraged to help reporters solve their problems. Bowers also said good communication between departments of the paper should be stressed in order to understand how

each side operates and the problems they encounter.

One main point stressed by Cassidy is the need for a more motivated and disciplined attitude in the newsroom. She thinks many staff members treat their responsibilities to the paper in a routine fashion.

She wants the Collegian staff to start working together to make sure a quality newspaper is produced. To establish this, she suggests a regular personnel evaluation, a management and journalistic skills workshop, and a switch back to a more traditional staff structure. She also suggests more of a long-term focus for the readers' representative.

Martino said she would like to see a tighter organizational structure in the Collegian staff. As editor, she would divide the campus and town sections of the paper into smaller beats with one editor in charge of each.

She would also like the Board of Opinion to be restructured by having the head of each major department sit on the board. In addition, some reporters with seniority would also become members. The Board of Opinion, which determines editorial policies, is now composed of the two editorial editors and other staff members se-

lected by the editor.

Martino also said establishing a good rapport with the incoming University President Bryce Jordan is very important. She wants to develop a working relationship with him, and have access to information that "has often passed (the Collegian) by."

The only applicant for business manager, Judith Smith (8th-advertising), assistant business manager, is scheduled to be approved by the board to succeed Business Manager Paul Rudy.

Smith proposes that the two district managers she would substitute one assistant sales manager.

She recommends putting a term-standing requirement on all applicants for assistant manager positions — no older than sixth or seventh term. She believes this would eliminate the chances of both the manager and the assistant graduating at the same time.

Motivation of staff members is also an important point raised by Smith. She states that keeping morale up and having sales people alert, participating, and feeling needed by The Daily Collegian is a way to increase revenue by more efficient functioning.

Dorm fee increase discussed by ARHS

By LAURIE JONES
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The Association of Residence Hall Students last night discussed a possible increase in the advance payment for dorm contract applications from \$45 to \$75.

William H. McKinnon, assistant vice president of Housing and Food Service, attended the meeting to explain his proposal which would apply to Fall Term 1984 if approved.

McKinnon said about 250 students with dorm contracts do not return each fall and fail to notify the University ahead of time. If these students were offered an incentive to inform housing that they would not be returning, McKinnon believes that more would do so.

"Since they get nothing back, students don't tell us (when they aren't coming back) because there is no incentive," McKinnon said.

The space reserved for these students could then be given to other students who would otherwise be placed in temporary housing for a few weeks. McKinnon said about 200 more students could be placed directly into permanent housing this way.

The incentive McKinnon wants to offer these students is a partial refund of their advance payments. The policy now in effect does not offer any refund — the student loses the whole \$45. McKinnon wants to refund the student \$25 out of a \$75 payment if the student notifies housing before June 15 that he is not returning. After this date, the student would forfeit the whole amount.

ARHS President Laura Cerar disagreed.

"I don't see how you can charge 1200 students an additional \$30 at this time of the year (advance payments are due in February) to benefit 200 students," she said.

Soviets accuse Reagan of insincerity

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin leadership said yesterday that if U.S.-Soviet relations are to improve, President Reagan must follow his own advice about matching words with deeds.

The statement was made in an editorial for today's edition of the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, of which the official news agency Tass carried excerpts last night.

The editorial recounted previous Soviet arguments that the United States is to blame for problems in Afghanistan, Poland and the Middle East, then noted that Reagan recently said in a radio address that the Soviets must match moderate words with moderate behavior to improve relations with the United States.

Reagan said he hoped for an "era of genuine stability" and added that the United States does not insist that the Soviets abandon their standing as a superpower or their "legitimate national interests."

The Pravda commentary said: "No denying it, these are reasonable views. Were American policy based on such concepts, it would be possible to speak with confidence about positive prospects of talks between the U.S.S.R. and the United States on any level."

"But the hitch is exactly that almost all the statements and practical deeds of the American administration are far from these reasonable thoughts."

The commentary said American policy goes



West German opposition leader Hans-Jochen Vogel, left, talks with Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov during their meeting yesterday morning at the Kremlin.

"round and round the notorious zero option" at the Geneva arms talks, that it is "high time" Washington stopped trying to influence Polish affairs, and in the Middle East, "Israel, the United States" complicit, not only staged an act of aggression in Lebanon but continues brigandage now."

Pravda said Reagan's expression of readiness to discuss practical measures to help improve East-West relations "can only be welcomed" if it is

sincere, adding, "The U.S.S.R. holds that the road for Soviet-American talks is open, and that our two countries could make an important contribution to removing the threat of nuclear war, to creating in the world a climate of mutual trust, mutual understanding and cooperation."

Andropov also held a cordial meeting yesterday morning at the Kremlin with German opposition leader Hans-Jochen Vogel.

Loop to run late on weekends

The Campus Loop will continue to run until 2:30 a.m. on weekends unless Fleet Operations loses money on two consecutive weekends, said USG Senator Darrell Daisey, one of the signers of the extension agreement.

The agreement states that students can ride the Loop for free after 11 p.m., instead of after the current 9 p.m. on Friday and

Saturday nights.

The agreement was signed last week by Daisey and the Vice President for Business Ralph E. Zilly.

A communications failure between Daisey and Zilly's office created confusion as to the deadline for the trial extension. The two met yesterday and cleared up the confusion.

—by Anne McDonough

Hearing will be held to set bail in Vedam case

Centre County Judge Charles C. Brown Jr. yesterday reversed his September decision and ruled that Subramanyam Vedam, 21, a State College man charged with first degree murder, is entitled to bail.

Centre County Court Administrator Larry Bickford said yesterday he would schedule a hearing as soon as possible at which Brown will determine the amount of bail.

Vedam, who has lived in State College for most of his life, is charged with the December 1980 shooting of Thomas E.P. Kinser. Kinser's body was found by

two hikers on Sept. 27, 1981, in Harris Township near Tussey Mountain Ski Resort. His trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 31 in Centre County Court.

Brown had denied Vedam bail last fall because he was satisfied that the prosecution had presented a sufficient case in proving the existence of an aggravating factor in bringing the charge of first degree murder.

Aggravating factors include, but are not limited to, killing by means of torture, killing by contract and homicides committed in the course of a felony.

Defense attorney Amos Goodall contested the no bail ruling in September, arguing that under the state constitution his client is entitled to bail because an aggravating factor had not been shown in Vedam's preliminary hearing.

Last month, state Superior Court Judge Edmund Spaeth reviewed the transcript of Vedam's preliminary hearing and ruled that Brown must reconsider bail, unless the prosecution proved the existence of an aggravating factor.

—by George Mattar

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