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Task force for USG overhaul discussed

The creation of a task force which would look into the possible reorganization of the Undergraduate Student Government into a more centralized government was discussed at last night's meeting of USG Executive Council.

Emil Parvinsky, USG president-elect, said he has publicly supported the creation of the task force. However, he said it was premature of the 1982-83 council members to formulate specifics concerning the task force.

Most of the 1983-84 council members were not present at last night's meeting to supply their input and they have only informally discussed the task force, he said.

Paul Bell, student member of the University Board of Trustees, said because USG's Academic Assembly has considered the formation of the task force the council should discuss it.

USG President Leni Barch said a discussion by present council members is helpful because they have worked within the University's system and, therefore, understand the system better than the incoming council members.

A more centralized student government compared to the present "umbrella organization" of USG would serve the students more effectively, said Steve Hupp, USG Senate president.

A more central and unified organization would give more exposure to the administration, Barch said.

The task force must represent a broad spectrum of University interests, Bell said. Thus, task force members must represent the administration, student organizations, faculty and the student population, he added.

The task force should not be composed of just one Office of Student Affairs representative, he said. A member of the University Faculty Senate and a high-level administrator should be

included, he said.

Student members should be chosen for their "all-University perspective" and should not represent one particular student organization, Barch said.

A central committee must be established to select the students on the task force and strict voting procedures and methods to go about the possible reorganization must be set, Bell said.

USG adviser Craig Millar said the council members should ask themselves if a more centralized student government would allow their particular organizations to maintain their integrity and also continue to serve the "common student good."

The present problem of the administration not viewing USG as "students appropriately organized" that is, as the representative student body, would also be a problem under a centralized student government, said USG Vice President Lee Facetti.

Millar said there is no guarantee that the administration would react differently to a centralized government but a strong one could deal more effectively with the administration.

Council members should carefully read previous reorganization proposals before they decide to undertake this "very, very difficult task," he said.

The reorganization proposal of 1977-78 is an appropriate model to follow, Millar said. That proposal began with four to five months of meetings, interviewing and surveys of student opinion followed by three months of deliberation before it was presented to the student population, he said.

A similar plan was put up to a student vote in 1981, but the referendum was not approved. The twenty percent turnout was less than the 25 percent required for validation of the vote; however, 38.6 percent of the voting students opposed the plan.

Taste testers give approval to new residence hall meals

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Before residence hall students ever sink their teeth into new menu items served in the dining halls, such as the recent gyro sandwich, taco salad, barbecue sandwich or shrimp scampi, the foods are carefully tested by students and supervisors.

Each term, students and representatives of the Residence Hall Advisory Board taste the new foods in areas such as food choice, appearance, taste and selection.

The tests are conducted by Linda Ebert, manager of the experimental kitchen of the Office of Food Service and Housing Operations. Each test session may include items currently on the dining hall menu but needing re-evaluation, or new items that need to be sampled and approved before becoming a regular menu dish.

New ideas for items are generated through student and supervisor input and the annual RHAB recipe contest, which was held during Winter Term.

Once the dishes begin going through the

test groups, suggestions for changes often come from recipes or flavorings the samplers use in their own cooking, Ebert said. Items that appear on the menu now such as the five-cup salad and chicken Kiev originated from student recipes.

When participating in the taste tests, students receive portions comparable to those served in the dining halls. They test four or five servings of the same dish which may vary in basic ingredients or spices used. Each tester is then asked to evaluate the food on a five-point scale.

Lenna Laskaris, an RHAB member in a taste test, said she only remembered tasting one terrible item — a jello salad mixed with cola. The dish never appeared on the dining hall menu, she said.

"Usually, out of four or five types, you come up with one you like," Laskaris said.

However, before students sample the dishes, a core group of University administrators, including the Office of Student Affairs, William Curley, director of food services; Erik Sanders, assistant director of

GSL renewal applications will be mailed to students

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Students who work under the College Work-Study Program will not have to report their earnings as income on the needs test for next year, Denison said. This is the only major change in the form, she said.

The Office of Student Aid will also be assigning an academic level (1, 2, 3 or 4) to the student's application, Denison said.

Student's term standing had previously been used for the GSL application, but under the Federal Student Assistance Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard, the academic level will be assigned, she said.

Students must meet a minimum credit level expectation in order to qualify for a GSL, she said.

The minimum acceptable total credits earned is as follows:

- 0-24 credits for Academic Level 1.
- 25-32 credits for Academic Level 2.
- 33-44 credits for Academic Level 3.
- 45 or more credits for Academic Level 4.

The staff cannot process loans until students have completed Spring Term because the total number of credits earned will be used to determine the student's academic level, she said.

Students who receive GSLs will receive a renewal application with the new needs analysis form at the end of May, said Diane Denison, GSL coordinator in the University Office of Student Aid. The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will mail the applications on May 25, she said.

Pennsylvania residents who receive GSLs because the processing of loans for fall will not begin until June 1, Denison said. Loans for Summer Term are now being processed, she said.

Non-Pennsylvania residents can get a needs analysis from their lending institution or from the Office of Student Aid by the middle of May.

The needs analysis will only be changed slightly, Denison said.

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Bookstore plans reception

A reception for University faculty and staff members who have written books will be held from 1 to 4 Sunday afternoon in the Penn State Bookstore on campus.

The event is being held to publicize the faculty and staff authors' work, said Elizabeth Wilson, merchandise supervisor for the bookstore. The event is necessary because it is difficult to keep an account of University personnel who have books currently in print, she said.

The bookstore likes to have a good representation of local talents, and in its new location, more space can be devoted to faculty books.

More than 100 invitations to the reception were mailed to University employees who are also authors of textbooks and non-textbooks.

The reception will take place during regular store hours, and the public is invited to attend.

—By Anita Yesho

Social science program set

"Social Science, Social Policy and Social Justice," a conference featuring a panel of distinguished social scientists, will be held at the University this weekend.

Coordinated by Mel Marks and Robert Shotland of the psychology department, the conference will serve as a memorial to Carolyn Wood Sheriff, a University social psychologist who died in July, Shotland said.

Sheriff was well-known and widely respected for her work in the areas of attitudes and attitude change, cooperation and competition within groups and the psychology of women, he said.

One of her most famous studies was the "Robbers' Cave Experiment" in which she and her husband Muzzer Sheriff studied the effects of competition on relationships among people in a group, Shotland said.

Shotland, professor of psychology, said the panelists will discuss the role of social sciences in such areas as school desegregation, affirmative action programs, criminal deterrence, evaluation of the changes in laws dealing with rape, and the controversial issue of guns and violent crimes.

The list of distinguished speakers will include Robert Crain of John Hopkins University speaking about school desegregation at 2:10 this afternoon; Henry Levin of Stanford University speaking about employment policy at 10:50 a.m. tomorrow; and Jeanne Marsh of the University of Chicago speaking about the evaluation of current rape laws at 2:40 tomorrow afternoon.

The conference is free to the public. Registration will begin at 12:30 this afternoon and lectures will continue through Sunday in the Keller Conference Center.

—By Anita Colyer

Woman's body identified

The body of a woman found March 18 along Interstate 30 near Snow Shoe has been identified as that of Annette Steward, 18, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Sgt. James H. Jeffries of the State Police at Philipsburg said it took about one month to establish identity, but records from Steward's dentist allowed for a positive identification.

"We're waiting for tests to come back from the FBI in Harrisburg as to the cause of death," Jeffries said.

Steward was last seen on Nov. 4, 1982, he said. Her body was found in March by a hitchhiker over an embankment on Interstate 30 three miles west of the Snow Shoe interchange.

Police said the woman had been dead for months when her body was found.

State Police at Philipsburg and the Cleveland Police Department are continuing the investigation, Jeffries said.

—By Rebecca Albert

American Indian scholar honored

By REGINA DEGENARDO
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The Indian Association at the University will celebrate American Indian Day tomorrow honoring Patrick Lynch, a professor of the College of Education.

Lloyd Elm, president of the association and a decorated candidate of education administration, said Lynch has been a major force in the association.

"He shows a great deal of love and compassion for the American Indian," Elm said.

The association began to recruit American Indians to the University in 1970. The group has about 40 members, which include wives and children, Elm said.

Marian Dressler, secretary of the Indian Program of Education, said 131 American Indians now attend at University; 131 American Indian students representing 51 tribes have attended the University since 1970.

Lynch will be honored at a luncheon at the Nittany Lion Inn, at noon tomorrow.

Lynch said that although he will be honored, the celebration should honor the graduates themselves.

"It is what the graduates of this program have done for the Indian education is what is exciting," Lynch said.

Lynch said the program is well-known and the word "Penn State" in American Indian education connotes things such as the Indian's effectiveness.

A number of people have helped the program become what it is today Lynch said.

"The faculty is impressed with the backing we have gotten from (University President John W. Oswald)," Lynch said.

"Oswald is personally interested and has helped us a great deal," Grayson Noley, director of the American Indian Program at the University, is also highly respected, Lynch said.

Members from the American Indian Association in Washington, D.C., will also attend the event on Saturday. The 25 members from Washington will participate with graduate students from the University in a ceremony of dancing and singing following the luncheon.

The ceremony, at which Elm will present Lynch with an Indian name, will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Fisher Plaza, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in 101 Kern.

The Indian Association has had previous ceremonies at the University, but this is the first time a professor has been honored, Elm said. Lynch will be known to Indians all over the world by this name, he said.

The American Indian Graduate Program at the University has more master and doctoral programs than any other university, Elm said.

"There are over 100 master degree programs and by August there will be an excess of 30 Ph.D.s," Elm said.

The University has a graduate program for the American Indian but does not have an undergraduate program, Elm said.

"The primary goal of the association is to bring to the University a program to recruit undergraduates," Elm said.

Although federal money will be needed to fund this, the University has made a tremendous contribution to the American Indian, Elm said.

The University has made it possible for the American Indian to administer his own programs, Elm said. For example, Gerald Gipp is president of the Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kan. Gipp is the first Indian president of the junior college and is a graduate of the University, Elm said.

After the celebration, the Penn State lacrosse team will host the All-Star Indian lacrosse team at 7:30 tomorrow night. The Indian lacrosse team will participate in the National Championship in Baltimore in June.

No compromise reached on emissions bill

By BONNIE MORTER
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State House and Senate members have failed to reach a compromise on the auto emissions bill because they cannot agree on who should pay for the installation of clean air control systems in vehicles that fail emissions inspection.

The Senate consensus is based on the fact that the emissions program would affect only 12 counties in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas. Most senators think individual owners should be responsible for repairing vehicles that did not pass inspection, said Charles Bacas, staff director for the House majority leader.

The House consensus supports a reimbursement clause that would refund a maximum of \$50 to individuals requiring emission-related repairs, Bacas said. The refunds would be paid by taxpayers across the state, not just those who live in the 12-county mandatory inspection area.

Gov. Dick Thornburgh, however, strongly disagrees with any reimbursements beyond the \$5 inspection fee.

"Under no circumstances can this administration accept the principle of reimbursing with public tax money the cost of private automobile repairs to meet emission standards," Thornburgh said in a prepared statement last week. "Any such scheme would impose costs on our state treasury that the taxpayers cannot afford. It would be ripe for fraud and abuse and a nightmare to administer."

Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-Centre County, said he agrees with Thornburgh, and said the House state of "crippling amendments" could cost the state up to \$40 million.

Rep. Lynn Herman, R-Centre County, said he

also thinks reimbursements would open the door for fraud.

"Taxpayers will have to pay for many car repairs that are unnecessary," Herman said. "The private garage could abuse the system to make a better profit."

House members offered to eliminate the fraud problem by implementing a state inspection system comparable to the one now used in New Jersey, Bacas said, but the Senate rejected the idea.

"That way an impartial government employee would decide whether repairs were necessary. The only individuals who would have to go to a private garage are those who failed the emissions test," Bacas said. Taxpayers would know their money was being used only where it was needed.

In a conference committee meeting Wednesday, the administration said it wanted about 3,000 emissions testing machines placed in private garages across the 12-county area, Bacas said.

Rep. Jim Mandarino, House majority leader, is concerned with the cost of the machines, Bacas said. Each machine would cost \$8,000, with a \$1,500 annual maintenance fee.

"That's a lot of money," he said. "The state inspection system would be cheaper."

Thornburgh has earmarked \$15 million for the testing program, Bacas said. The Democratic plan would lessen the burden on the individuals required to make repairs.

A study estimated that 22 percent (600,000 cars) of the 3.1 million cars in the 12-county area would have to be repaired, Bacas said.

"We (Democrats) want to use the \$15 million in the most fair way. Under our current amendments, the state would pay for 80 percent of the repairs,

while the individual would only have to pay for 20 percent," Bacas said.

"The administration and those opposing reimbursement are hung up on the morality of means as opposed to the morality of ends," he said. "They don't want reimbursements for the clean air systems coming out of taxpayers' pockets, and in effect, are saying that clean air is not a public good."

However, he said, the governor set aside \$15 million last year and another \$15 million this year to clean up the nuclear facility at Three Mile Island in Middletown, Daughen County. That money comes from the taxpayers, and the justification is that TMI is a public good, even though it is a private company, Bacas said.

The reimbursements to individuals affected in the 12-county area are thought of in a similar fashion.

Although Bacas said opposition to reimbursements comes from Republicans, Rep. Ruth Rudy, D-Centre County, said she did not particularly favor the idea of refunding individuals for car repairs.

However, Rudy said, she voted in favor of the House proposal, including the reimbursement clause, because she thought time rather than money was the issue.

A compromise in the legislature is needed as soon as possible, she said. Federal highway funding will be delayed until the auto emissions bill is passed and air quality improved. Without the funding, summer highway construction and jobs would be reduced drastically.

Rudy also voted in favor of the Senate changes last week, which amounted to the deletion of the reimbursement clause.

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