Saylor won't seek USG presidency

By MARK DIANTONIO Collegian Staff Writer

Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Beth Saylor last night announced she would not be seeking the USG presidency in the upcoming election.

Saylor, whose candidacy was expected by many USG senators and representatives, said she decided not to run because "it is time to let someone else have a chance in the leadership role" and said she would like to use her talents in "an unpublicized position with administration.

"I haven't regretted anything I've done this year," Saylor said. "I just feel that I've given as much as I can give to this organization and it's time to move on.'

Saylor said she had planned on running for the presidency and had picked a running mate whom she did not name. She said she did not know whether he would run for

North Halls senator Kate Cooney said she felt Saylor "could have done the job, but it was a personal decision not to run.

"It took a lot for her to decide not to run, but it's a better decision than just running...and not being totally dedicated to the job," Cooney said.

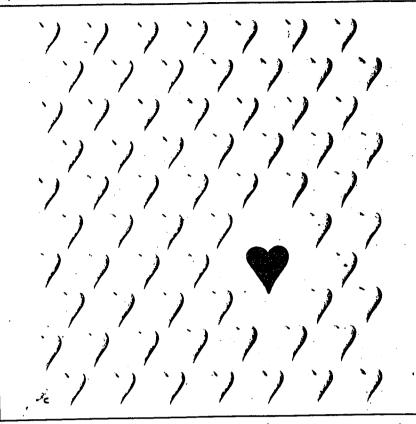
East Halls senator Danielle Mowery said she was not surprised by the decision "because it takes a lot to keep up the energy level required when holding an office, and Beth has been doing it for a while now.'

Cooney, who said she will be running for the presidency with Pollock Halls senator Lawrence Niland as her running mate, said she thought Saylor's decision not to run has "changed the presidential picture" and "makes (her

chances) look a lot brighter." Mowery, who also said she will run for the presidency with North Halls senator Kirk McNeil as her running mate, said the decision also improved her position.

Niland added "it is usually the USG teams (candidates) that win" the USG presidential elec-

In other action, the Senate decided to sponsor USG Senate President Laura Morrison and USG business manager Leonard Piotrowski as USG representatives in the Interfraternity Council Dance Marathon.



St. Valentine:

Lovers' holiday contrary to saint's plight

By JOHN WINN MILLER **Associated Press Writer**

VATICAN CITY — "Be my Valentine" makes sense to a lot of people, but it's a mystery to the Vatican. In the Holy See, the legend of St. Valentine, or rather Saints Valentine, is associated more with headless bodies than with lovers.

Valentine is as much a mixture of myth, religion and tradition as Easter bunnies or St. Nicholas, who somehow through time became a jolly red-suited Santa

And, as with any good legend, there's lots of confu-

"The first thing I have to tell you is that no one has any idea of why people adopted him as the patron saint for lovers," said Monsignor Giuseppe D'Ascola of the Vatican's Congregation for the Cause of Saints. "We get the same question every year."

"But the (Roman Catholic) church does not consider him as the patron saint for lovers," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I suspect it is an

invention of some chocolate company."

In fact, St. Valentine is listed third on the liturgical calendar of saints for Feb. 14 behind St. Cirillo and St.

When asked who St. Valentine was, D'Ascola threw up his hands and laughed. Then he pulled out the Vatican's official encyclopedia of saints, "Bibliotheca Sanctorum.

Inside are listed 16 men named Valentine from Italy, France, Germany and Spain who have been canonized. Two, both third century Italians, have feast days on Feb. 14. Little is known about them.

The Bibliotheca says one was said to be a priest in Rome who was condemned to death by the Emperor Cladius the Goth. He was beheaded and originally was believed buried on Via Flaminia. A church was later

built on the site outside Rome. But the Bibliotheca Sanctorum also says this Valen-

tine probably did not exist. It says the confusion arose because of a mistranslation involving that church, which was built by a man named Valentine.

Push for more lights inches along

By MICHAEL J. VAND Collegian Staff Writer

Improved street lighting in the downtown area moved a step closer to reality last night when the State College Municipal Council voted to accept bids on the East College Avenue section of the project.

The upcoming phase of the project includes new lights on East College. Avenue between Pugh and Garner streets. Also, new lights will go up on Pugh Street and Locust Lane between College and Beaver avenues. Work may get underway as early as March.

The low bid of \$167,700 for the project was submitted by the Haranin Construction Company of Bellefonte. The council had previously appropriated \$167,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds for the lighting. The additional \$7,700 will come from contingency funds.

Council member John Dombroski voted against accepting the bids. He said he believes the downtown lighting project is unnecessary and may cost as much as \$1 million by the time all phases of the project are completed.

Dombroski cited a study by University students saying that the affected pedestrians, drivers and merchants do not think the new lighting is needed. "Before we spend up to one million bucks, I feel we should investigate the need further," he said.

But council member Daniel Chaffee said that the Planning Commission was aware of the study and did not find any problem. He also noted there was no opposition to the project at public hearings. Regional Planning Director Dennis Elpern said that West Penn Power was

concerned with the condition of the existing street lights and might discontinue servicing them if they were not replaced. Dombroski said after the meeting that the existing lights could be repaired cheaply to satisfy West Penn Power's concerns. He noted that the lights on the

University's side of College Avenue are in similar condition. Dombroski said that the University expects to get 30 or 40 more years of service from them. The council also rejected proposed amendments to the sign ordinance that would have allowed the use of price board signs at businesses along major

The amendments would have allowed a second sign up to 12 square feet to provide information on prices of products sold on the premises. Businesses are already permitted to use one 26 square foot sign. Gas stations are the primary users of such signs to display prices.

State College Planning Commission Chairman Roger Downs said a moratorium on the enforcement of the ordinance has been in effect for two years. He said the amendments would allow what has already been going on.

Chaffee said it should be possible for businesses to be creative and use their existing signs to display prices.

IFC president describes his victory over cancer

By KRISTINE SORCHILLA Collegian Staff Writer

Interfraternity Council President Adam Levinson described his battle with cancer and subsequent victory during last night's 1984 Dance Marathon Kickoff Dinner.

Matt Rzucidlo, Kickoff Dinner chairman, said about 220 people attended the dinner at Gatsby's, 100 W. College Ave., which marked the beginning of the week of final preparations for the marathon.

University President Bryce Jordan, who also spoke at the dinner, praised the cooperation between the IFC Dance Marathon and the Four Diamonds Fund of the Hershey Medical Center, which the marathon bene-

Levinson described how he discovered a protusion in his abdomen while competing in a regional diving meet his sophomore year in Carlmount High School, Belmont, California. Further tests revealed that Levinson had a benign tumor about the size of a small football which had completely wrapped around his spine.

This rare form of cancer, known as fibromatosis, was only the sixteenth case diagnosed in California. In the fifteen previous cases, the tumor had been surgically removed but had grown back. Also, there was a 95 percent chance of paralysis from the waist down as a result of an opera-

tion, Levinson said.

The doctors at Stanford Hospital decided to try a new method in his case, Levinson said. He would undergo two months of photon radiation treatments, and an operation would only be performed if the treatments

However, the doctors were unsure about the method and responded with uncertainty to Levinson's questions, including his question about his survi-

His treatments consisted of daily visits to Stanford hospital for two months, and during these visits he was subjected to 5000 rads of radiation. Levinson said he was fine through the first half of the treatments, but was nauseated and in severe pain during the second part.

the pain and be strong to overcome the cancer. In spite of many unanswered questions, most of his time was spent on positive thinking, he "I imagined taking every muscle I had in my body trying to take the

He said he realized he must accept

tumor and shrink it down to nothing,' Levinson said. "They say there is some kind of a power of mind over matter, and I was trying to do that."

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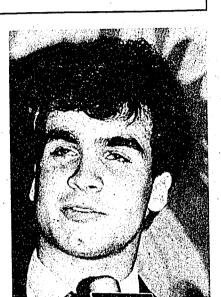
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About six months after the end of the radiation treatments, Levinson went to his first post-treatment check-up. A CAT scan revealed that

hesitation.



Adam Levinson

the tumor had shrunk to about half its

original size. Six months later, the tumor had shrunk even further, and after another six months, x-rays showed that Levinson no longer had a tumor in his abdomen. Levinson now receives check-ups only once a year, and there

is no sign of the cancer recurring. He said that although he considers the cancer to be a closed his life, his entire outlook on life has changed as a result of the ordeal, and he believes anything can be accomplished with determination and no

"It was the doctor's hesitation before he answered whether I was going to live or not which taught me to enjoy every day of my life to its fullest extent. This attitude has never left me," Levinson said.

I overslept and missed my appointment. Who cares, I don't have a dector, I feel fine. I missed the bus. The canary got out so I chased it around for hours. I forgot. I had to get a hair ut. The kids wanted ice cream first. The traffic was terrible. The weather was great so I played golf instead. I'm not sick, ever. I don't have the money tion. I'm the leed to lee a few pounds first, busy right to me a few pounds first, odd fall apart without father it was 90. I don't like at the sand he lived know why. If I haven't got cancer by now I'll never get it I just don't want to know. No one in my family ever had ancer anyway. My husband told me not to wory. I was going to go but I remembered the goldfish needed feeding. It was mining out, and I was afraid I'd get sick on the way.

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