

## Wachob urges 'bold solutions' for arms race

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State Rep. William Wachob, D-Elk and Clearfield, last night called for "bold and innovative solutions, and courage and foresight from government leaders" to help solve the nation's military and economic problems.

Wachob, a candidate for U.S. Congressional representative for the 23rd legislative district, identified himself as a strong proponent of a quick military freeze and stressed the need to trim a \$30 billion excess in the nation's defense budget.

He said, speaking to the State College Interfaith Peace Committee, that the defense department must encourage competitive bidding for military spending because 80 percent of all national defense spending is currently done on a non-competitive basis. Savings from weapon spending cutbacks should be used for job development programs, human services and revitalization of industries, he stated.

Noting a "totally unacceptable unemployment rate in the (state's) 23rd district of 14 percent," as well as high unemployment in the nation's Northeast, Wachob stressed the need for state and national economic recovery assistance.

"I propose a National Development Corporation to provide loans for industries and businesses to retool and revitalize old industries, develop new and competitive technologies and



Rep. William Wachob  
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create long-term job opportunities," he said in a prepared statement released before the conference.

Wachob also said he supports fair trade with foreign markets and added that American industries, with protective trade policies, should be able to match foreign competitor's prices dollar for dollar.

In an effort to decrease the national debt, Wachob said he supports making the state tax system simpler and fairer.

"In the past, Fortune 500 companies have had to pay less taxes because of credits and loopholes in the tax system," he said. "I believe taxes should be distributed more equally across income levels and the wealthy should pay their share."

Wachob stated that funding lost through educational budget cuts in 1980 should be reconstituted "so middle class citizens will have the ability to send their children to school."

## Black Caucus to promote buddy system

Bringing more black entertainment to the University and promoting participation in the buddy system are among the Black Caucus' goals this year, the president of the organization said last night.

Gina Louissaint said the buddy system is a project in which an incoming black student is teamed with a faculty or staff "buddy."

At the year's first meeting of the Black Caucus, Louissaint outlined the goals of the caucus for 1984-85, saying that she hoped to make the caucus a "more efficient, more active group."

"We'd like to encourage faculty to play a more

active role in the lives of students," she said. Other goals include promoting an open forum between faculty and students, starting a black drama group, and "starting a philanthropic project to make us more active in the community," she said.

Selma Sinclair, vice president of the organization, spoke out against student apathy, which she said was a problem for the Black Caucus in the past.

"If people want things to happen, they have to participate," Sinclair said.

Wendy Pierce, treasurer of the organization,

kicked off the caucus' membership drive, which began at the meeting last night and will continue during office hours through Sept. 21, she said.

The organization is primarily looking for "active members"—full-time students willing to pay dues, volunteer for at least one of the caucus' six committees, and attend all of the general assembly meetings, Pierce said.

Caucus members are entitled to free or half-price admission to caucus events and have the opportunity to meet University trustees and faculty members, she said.

—by Pat Collier

## Grad students encouraged to get involved

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"We're here to expand our horizons," the president of the Graduate Student Association told 120 delegates to the first monthly GSA Assembly meeting.

"As graduate students we've been immersed in our academic endeavors," Jeff Doering said. "Tonight we're asking you to look outside your field of study and look at the things you can do as grads."

Doering said GSA is not only a way for graduate students to meet each other, but an opportunity for them to have a voice in decisions that are made at the University.

Doering and the other GSA officers used the assembly meeting to introduce themselves to the delegates and to take care of some opening business, such as the confirmation of appointments to the various association divisions and committees.

Among the matters considered: • Doering said GSA registered 74

voters yesterday at its table in the lobby of Kern.

It was the first day of the association's participation in the University Student Executive Council voter registration drive, aimed at putting pressure on state legislators to increase funding for the University, he said.

In addition to the registration drive, Doering said GSA is putting together information packets about the eroding state support for the University and will publicize the voting records of incumbent legislators. GSA also plans to bring candidates to speak in late October and early November.

Vice President Lee Carpenter discussed the graduate student council GSA plans to establish in each of the colleges.

Carpenter said the idea of college councils originated last year. The councils will consist of graduate student representatives from each department in the colleges and will deal with intracollege issues and problems.

Such councils have already been set up in the colleges of Liberal Arts and Engineering, she said.

Graduate Council Representative Luke Taietel said the council is considering several plans for dealing with the Graduate School's two-tiered faculty system.

Under the present system, faculty members are divided into the categories of senior and associate professor. Associate professors can teach upper-level courses, but in some departments they have only limited access to graduate student assistants, causing many of them to look elsewhere for their tenure, Taietel said.

Taietel said the council is thinking of either abolishing the distinction between senior and associate professors or making the separation more defined. Under one proposal, only senior professors would be allowed to teach 500-level courses.

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Taietel also discussed Grad Fair, a new GSA program scheduled for Oct. 26, where representatives of 60 graduate schools will speak to

undergraduates who are considering graduate study.

Graduate students interested in doctoral or post-doctoral work might also be interested in the event, Taietel said.

GSA Faculty Senate Representative Cathy Rosinko said the University Faculty Senate discussed the possibility of changing the University grading system at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The plan includes proposals to institute a 12-grade system assigning a number to every grade but F-plus, F and F-minus, she said.

Rosinko said GSA has not yet reported on the issue and perhaps needs to conduct a survey on the matter.

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## Ma bell:

Off-campus residents can now either buy or lease AT&T phones

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American Telephone & Telegraph has changed its equipment leasing policy for off-campus residents, said Roma Schindler, customer sales and service representative.

Schindler explained that residents may now either lease or buy their phones.

If the equipment is leased, the phone company will take care of any repairs for free, Schindler said.

She added that residents wanting to change the color or style or obtain a new phone should go to the Phone Center in the back of G.C. Murphy's, 127 S. Allen St.

If the students wish to buy their own phones, the phone company will not be responsible for any damages that occur. But any new phone bought from AT&T will carry a 90-day warranty, said James Jackson, customer clerk at AT&T in Pittsburgh.

Jackson said he does not recommend buying phone equipment while still in school because the phones are treated roughly.

The cost of leasing a phone from AT&T varies depending on the type of phone wanted, he said. A rotary dial phone can range anywhere from \$1.45 to \$3.45 per month. The push-button phone is more popular and more expensive with prices ranging from \$2.85 to \$4.60 a month.

Prices for buying phones also vary depending upon whether a phone is new or reconditioned, said

Stephanie El, sales associate for AT&T in Pittsburgh.

A new touchtone phone can cost anywhere from \$50 to \$200, while a reconditioned phone costs anywhere from \$29 to \$55.

El said the number of times the phone will need repairs depends on the age of the phone. Older phones are made from stronger materials than newer models that may break more easily when dropped.

She also said that a broken phone must be sent to King of Prussia for repairs, whereas a leased phone can be taken to the nearest Phone Center for replacement.

Customers may also buy their phones from General Telephone and Electronics Corp. or General Electric for about the same price range.

Carl Melick, assistant manager at David Weis, Benner Pike, said the store is currently carrying only GTE and GE phones, but has AT&T phones on order.

He said David Weis receives more requests for touchtone phones, but some areas may not carry touchtone service. State College does have touchtone service.

Phones at David Weis range from \$45 for a GTE wall unit to \$80 for a GE wall unit, and the AT&T phones at the store will range anywhere from \$30 to \$30, he said.

A new program, which began this fall, has been implemented for students who lease their phones at least nine months or throughout the school year.



## GSA to explain uses of University computer

By ROBERT P. KING  
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Students interested in using the University computer system for reports and papers can find out how at a seminar offered by the Graduate Student Association, the research assistant at the Computation Center said.

Tom Minsker said the workshop will be held at 7:30 tonight at Schwab Auditorium and will focus on the use of the text-formatter called Script for thesis production.

The program will consist of a combination of slides and an on-line demonstration of the system, he said.

Minsker said Script is a program that has first been created using an editing program such as Interact and VM/CMS.

Script deals with matters such as margins, paging, and positioning titles and footnotes, leaving users to concentrate on the content of the document, and can produce documents for either proof or final copy, he said.

He said in past years GSA offered the workshop annually in conjunction with the College of Business Administration. When the association did not have the workshop last year, many graduate students expressed their concern and asked when it would be held again.

"In other words, what would normally have to be done manually is now handled automatically," he said.

He said the workshop will teach students the basic Script commands as well as how to use the editors to create a document file.

Kim Zaugg of GSA, who is organizing the workshop, said in the past graduate students have found Script very helpful in writing theses and dissertations.

"It's a word processor. It's not as if you have to be an engineer or a math whiz to use it," Zaugg said. "It's very convenient to use Script, especially for the longer papers when you have to move paragraphs around."

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