opinions

USEC's . . . growing pains?

After one full week for the "new" Univer- against the person who holds the purse sity Student Executive Council, it is time to strings for their organizations. look back on what's been accomplished. Perhaps worst of all, though, the new Looking back so soon, in most instances, USEC laid some dangerous groundwork. It would be premature. But in USEC's case, it voted to keep confidential the results of the ahead.

editorial opinion

the group.

At last Thursday's meeting, members of USEC unanimously agreed to allow the seat of the Associated Student Activities Budget Committee chairman to vote. The question of voter eligibility on USEC for this position — which was originally an ex officio post was brought before USEC by Greg Cable,

who currently holds the position. Interfraternity Council President John Rooney said in support of Cable. But former ASA oversees budget needs of organizations to the University. on USEC. Also, voting power had only been USEC members were right about one given to USEC members elected by student thing: solidarity is necessary to successorganizations, with the exception of the fully convey students' viewpoints. Howevstudent trustee who is appointed by the er, that solidarity cannot be used as an governor.

still seated in the room, none of the mem- is essentially every Penn State student bers — even if there were some who op- without an accepted channel for their conposed the idea — were willing to speak out cerns.

is simply less frightening than looking USEC chair elections between Panhel president and newly-appointed USEC chairwo-USEC has failed to grasp its role as the man Laurie Maser and Mary Weaver, vice channel for student input to the University president of the Undergraduate Student administration and thus has the potential to Government. The reasoning? Some USEC. fail in that role. What it has done is to members said a split decision would signal undermine this same role by putting it aside a rift among members of the organization to satisfy individual USEC members and which would undermine the unity the council should maintain.

But USEC's mission as the representative of students to the administration contradicts its decision to keep voting results confidential. And while it may be true that the results of that particular ballot are not vital knowledge to University students, the idea and the ease with which the council "It's not fair to have input but no vote," unanimously decided on secrecy could set a the future.

USEC Chairman Adam Levinson said last After only one week, USEC members year's council decided a vote would give have made it obvious that they have a lot to ASA's position too much power because learn about representing student concerns

excuse to stamp everything "confidential" The Council discussed it, but with Cable and to leave USEC's constituency — which

reader opinion

Get with it. USG

be paid for the time they put in. I, being one of those merchants offer the students and local residents? where from one week to two weeks thereafter.

It is now almost four weeks since the time of the asset instead of a liability? time I go to the Associated Student Activities office to see if the check has arrived, I get the two same replies: "We (ASA) are still waiting for the treasurer (of USG) to sign Important accomplishment the checks" and "You'll have to check with USG to see what is holding up the process." I then went over to the USG office to find out what the holdup was about, and on four separate occassions I got the same two replies: "We (USG) are still waiting for the treasurer's signature" and "It should be in by the end of the week."

I would like to know why the treasurer is taking so long. It is not just the people who sat at the election tables that are waiting *patiently* to pick up their checks. There are others also. For instance, my roommate has been waiting for a check of a substantial amount for work he did on a magazine for USG since Spring Break, almost two months ago.

If USG can't solve a simple problem like getting their treasurer's signature, how do they intend to solve larger problems that might arise over the course of the next school year. Come on USG, get on the ball! Thenson Dialectos, junior-business management

April 25

Asset, not liability

taking advantage of students. Rent in the downtown area than are the programs at colleges and universities with is outrageous. Prices downtown are high. Our activities narrower missions. For example, the state's public reare restricted because of ordinances. And now, the search universities collectively offer undergraduate and borough of State College is pushing for a noise ordinance. graduate programs that include engineering, medicine, Unite against prejudice Penn State University has stimulated the economy of advanced science and agriculture. Our costs in these the downtown businesses. In addition to the everyday areas are increasing dramatically, largely driven by our business generated by the students' needs, there is the need to keep pace with new technologies and by burgeon- several articles in The Daily Collegian pertaining to the patronage of the alumni, friends and relatives of the ing student enrollments in high-demand areas like engi- subject of racism. I myself do not have a degree in any students. This is in addition to the considerable revenue neering, business, and computer science.

generated from University-related tourist attractions and sporting events.

On Wed. March 27 and Thur. March 28, students gave Penn State also offers State College residents cultural their time to sit at tables for the Undergraduate Student experiences, plays, concerts, museums, etc. Besides the Government elections. Supposedly these students were to bars and movie theaters, what do downtown State College students, was told that I could pick up my check any- Where would State College be without the University? and supported, in part with increased state appropria- I come from a small town about 120 miles east of State

elections and I still have not received the check. Every- Jim Coder, freshman-Division of Undergraduate Studies differentiated missions require differentiated support paid much mind to this subject and treated everybody

The completion of the final report of the Governor's Commission on the Financing of Higher Education is an looking thinking that is in the commission's final report to opinion is instead of stereotyping and grouping blacks, important accomplishment for Pennsylvania. It reflects Gov. Thornburgh is incorportated into the upcoming whites, and other races as separate, I think the situation the hard work and dedication of its Chairman, Robert E. Master Plan for Higher Education in Pennsylvania, that would be more readily solved if human beings against Kirby, immediate past chairman of Westinghouse Elec-is currently under revision by the State Board of Educa- prejudism united against prejudice. tric Corporation, and the 24 other persons Governor tion. Thornburgh appointed to this important group in December of 1983. We were optimistic that the governor's commitment to the exploration of new ways to finance higher education in Pennsylvania would be productive, Dr. Jordan, as immediate past Chairman of the Commis- Who's Who-vian and we have not been disappointed. Pennsylvania's public research universities — Penn

the report advocates the concept of differential funding Education based on differential missions within the higher education community.

number of occasions, based on our belief that the high level and complex educational opportunities we provide for the people of this state - in accordance with the mission outlined for us in the current Master Plan for State College businesses and local residents: stop Higher Education in Pennsylvania - are more costly

We supported that concept before the commission on a

I go to his wake out of respect. He's in a flip-flops. Tonight, I'm a young man.

box surrounded by flowers and well-dressed people with white faces. I look at his face. I joked with me in the back of homeroom. Someone says he looks almost as if he's sleeping. I don't believe him. This is my last • • •

The sky is dark tonight. The clouds are purple ships sailing a black sea. The town's confessed my sins like a patient giving a kneejerk reaction.

The first warm night of spring brings Uncle Bill went out for a swim. He swims door shut. He was drunk. He was sad. Which fireflies. We'd grasp them in our hands and mine. I saw those fireflies drifting up into blossoms. My grandmother would laugh as day. we chased after them in our pajamas and

> There was a thump in the bathroom two days before my seventeenth birthday.I knew it was her. She'd been ill the past few weeks, worse than usual. It was June 16th. and a heat wave had just begun. My sister

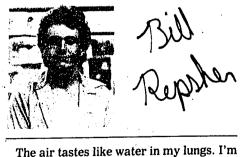
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called downstairs to get an ambulance for her. She was still alive. The ambulance came, and the neighbors

watched, because this was much more interesting than "All in the Family". They were taking a long time getting her down the stairs. I waited in the kitchen, trying to

The last time I saw her was as they wheeled her across the back porch. I stood William S. Repsher is a junior majoring in

happiness, the kind you feel when an optipirates up around Asbury Park who last he took his life or his life took him. We won't mist dies. Memories won't let vou be sad.



heaven of summer nights. I hope I'll always haze of my drunkeness I see the faces of outlines the mountain's horizon; it looks like feel this alive on the first warm night. I'll be those who weren't the one. Those who never a stained-glass window. I used to stare at twenty-one in two months. I'll walk into even believed they were the one. Those with the glass on Sunday mornings. My grand- down. bars without the adrenalin flowing. Tonight, their names written in stone. Tonight, I'm a mother made us sit in the front row. I I'm a child.

. . . I'm sitting on the beach at Point Pleasant. They found him in the garage. He'd When we were younger, we'd go out in our the side, and she was pale. Through it all, I Collegian. His column appears every Fri-The sea scares me, but I like it anyway. My worked on the car's engine with the garage backyard on the first warm night and chase looked right into her eyes, and she into day.

week attacked an 80-foot squid with nothing be shaking hands at high school reunions. but their sabres and peg legs. I believe him. I wait in my Hawaiian shirt and Bermuda

shorts. All the money in the world couldn't bribe see death wearing lipstick and powder. I the first warm night. All I hear is the wind, don't know this thing in a box. I decide that the swing's chains and Ralph faintly yelling God must exist, because this thing never "Bang-zoom" from my neighbors' flickering blue-light living room. This feels like home for the first time. Tonight, I'm the one. Billions of people are in the world -I'm wake out of respect for the living. the one. Only one out of ten thousand writers is published — I'm the one. Drop a 16-ton weight on me, because tonight I'm the one. slipping under the waves and seeing the I've been drinking too much pride. In the lights are the only stars. A light blue haze

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teenager.

YOU MAY FIRE WHEN READY, GRIDLEY...

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We have argued that these costs must be recognized opinion about this problem. Isn't it time that you begin to look at the University as an tions to the state's public research universities. We College and I was never really exposed to prejudism or believe differential funding based on the concept that racism. The reason for this I believe is that no one ever April 12 from the state is critical to the future of Pennsylvania's quite equally. There is a mixed population present in my public research universities and key to the contributions community and even with this, prejudice did not occur. they collectively will make to economic development and Since my arrival two years ago at Penn State, I have revitalization in the Commonwealth.

Bryce Jordan, president The Pennsylvania State University

April 17 sion for Commonwealth Universities, was the spokesman on behalf of Penn State, Pitt, and Temple before the State, Pitt, and Temple — are particularly pleased that Governor's Commission on the Financing of Higher

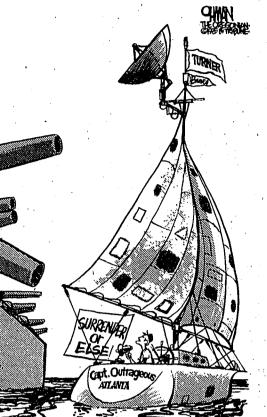
Danger, decibels at work! Hey, what in the devil are decibels?

They're the ratios of the logs of sound levels. Did you say radios? Or was that stereos?

No, it's their noise the ordinance quells. (Also, shouting and barking and ringing of bells.) David M. Silverman, State College All we were asking for is equal time.

social science or sociology fields, but I do have my own

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learned through various articles that prejudism is defi-The task before us now is to ensure that the forward- nitely a problem, if not in my community, in others. My George Lehan, senior-microbiology

So, Gay Students Services elected new officers on April 15. Why is this group being publicized so well? I was elected President of the Whovians of Penn State on the night of April 17 for Fall Semester. But was there an article on our elections and meeting? No! If The Daily Collegian is going to have articles on small student organizations, especially newly-formed ones,

they should do a story on all of them. Soon after forming, there was a story written on us and Doctor Who (the British science fiction series which we follow) in general, by a Collegian staff writer. What happened to it? It was rejected for not being newsworthy April 19 Just to make sure the results of our elections get into

the paper, here are the results: vice-president - Tim Wugofski, treasurer - Craig Ruch, secretary - Paul You may have noticed lately that there have been Callahan. Michael Leahy, senior-meterology president-elect Whovians of Penn State

April 19

The many thoughts collected on the first warm night of spring

sadness on its winds. I'm sitting on a porch like a dolphin. He said he had to pull the should I believe? I prefer both. He wasn't drop them into Mason jars. Stars in jars. the apple blossoms. If eyes could talk, her's swing in State College feeling the wind plug on the Atlantic Ocean. I believe him. dumb, so why didn't he open the door? We'd let them flicker for a while, then open would have said, "Keep chasing." I believe against my face. The wind also brings Once he returns, he's going to tell me of the Because he was drunk. It doesn't matter if the lid and let them fly away into the apple them. They didn't see my seventeenth birth-

> • • • No matter how many friends I have, part of me is alone. When I have a wife and children, part of me will be alone. That part sits on a porch swing the first warm night of spring. It laughs and cries in a single sound. it hears the "National Anthem" at two o'clock in the morning. It feels the wind and sees the stained-glass horizon. It believes ife is too sad to be taken seriously. Something greater than me is in the air tonight: the opium of the poor and the write-

off of the rich. Dogs bark in the distance, and the communion is broken. I fall asleep and dream of infinite seas and apple trees in summer. One day I shall be released from remember her last words to me. They came my Mason jar on the first warm night of spring.

at the screen door. Her head was leaning to English and is a columnist for The Daily.

opinions

Being greek is more than a chariot ride Glue, glue, who's got the glue?

blowing off some work to celebrate float during homecoming. the end of the winter blues, and As I look back on these days, I in other areas. taking part in the myriad activities realize that the hectic pace forced me that have suddenly popped up all over to budget my time well, and although campus.



"sorority bitch" — but, like it or not, guys or 80 girls in your organization. members.

reader opinion

When we think of college, most of us have foremost in student councils. Many times, one joins a fraternity, mind a place of learning. We are all here to learn, no sorority or clubs for who he knows and the people that The student makes up a tray-load of cal science and acid rain. doubt. We go to classes, attend lectures along with make up that particular organization, not so much for parts (sorry, courses) in the cafeteria What then is the glue which could primarily discipline-oriented prohundreds of others. College is too a place of socialization. what the organization stands for. One only has to look (sorry, registration) line and gets link the parts into an articulated grams." — Northeastern Association We do not merely sit in class, take notes, listen to lectures around to see that there is much more than mere class- her/his check-out slip (diploma) at whole? In the past the glue of any of Graduate School's policy - we all interact with each other, with friends, profes- learning that goes on in college. We learn values that can the end of the line. Go back to the society was its culture and its heart statement. sors, fellow students and school administrators. We often only be learned through being with others, and acquire Atimestore kit analogy. Read the fine was its religion. And in many cultures sit next to friends in classes. We would all rather have new insights on things from seeing how differently each print carefully and you find on the from Iran to China, the deeply-held Rustum Roy is an Evan Pugh Professomeone to walk along with when we have to go from one individual views the world. We also assure ourselves of side of the box, "Glue not provided." religious (in the broadest sense) or sor of the Solid State Chair in the side of campus to another.

We tend to form cliques among ourselves. Outside

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6:00 -

7:45 -

the activities were sometimes mundane, I learned a lot about Penn State from the participation and the people volved with the University, but from

my experience and observation, I think it opens doors for other kinds of involvement in campus activities. Being greek encompasses more than collecting as many sweatshirts, formal glasses and lavalieres as you bringing most of the fun about. a lot more than a chariot ride.

thought about how carefree life would attitude of someone in your group. for us. have been if you didn't have to spend After four years in a sorority, I have probably have had visions of a cal- written them off permanently at the endar full of semi-formals and theme end of the year. But, because I knew parties. No matter which side of the that they'd be there again, I was fence you are on, greek life is an forced to re-evaluate the situations important part of Penn State, and and to respect them for who they are. doesn't deserve the reputation a lot of not dislike them for who they were. I have learned a lot of worthwhile

people try to give it. I have learned a lot of worthwhile When I was a freshman, I went lessons in the greek system. The Judy Jansen is a senior majoring in I figured out what "philanthropy" grade, was counting on it has been every Friday.

To most people at Penn State, the meant, I was out selling raffle tickets impressed upon me. As the years By RUSTUM ROY week starting with the Phi Psi 500 and for Derby Days. By the time that was have gone by, I have spent less time week starting with the Beta Sigma Beta Sy finished, I was full of gluey tissue in sorority-related activities, but the Thirty thousand students are buy- engineering and sociology together. Well, one glue which has emerged Barish Regatta means fun in the sun, paper as I learned how to "pomp" the experience I've gained from them ing an education from Penn State; for And indeed there are the very few in the last decade is a field called has often helped me to follow through the same price they could get a Volvo, who really learn more by doing this Science, Technology and Society. STS

> Of course, there are many things I would like to change about the greek buy a car in bits and pieces: fenders, bled car. system. Rush, in both sororities and The process of picking and choosing ternities makes this process even worse. As a rush counselor during last fall's sorority rush, I saw more tears than I had seen through all my years at school.

Now, some people may call them Contrary to popular belief, it is one of their most important roles — to and elsewhere are dedicated to doing never heard of glue, either. now, some people may can them contrary to popular bener, it is provide support to their individuals better; to providing an education But there is a group of faculty with "A beginning understanding of the

your personal likes and dislikes aside will all have to deal with these things. Penn State been doing better at it? ting it all together. The University gies with experiences in the sci-Penn State what it really is. your personal likes and dislikes aside will all have to deal with these things. At one time in our college "ca- for the greater good of the cause. Working with the same people day in the same people reers," we all have probably ponder- When everyone has to work together and day out, following rules which we ed what our lives would have been to raise money for an event like the don't necessarily agree with, and world is called, market-pull or de- 15 years that this happens. (Yet, ty-first Century," report of the Na-

> people behind this Penn State tradition and others like it. Without their planning and responsibility, both the students and the charities would lose

forum

like if we had taken a different social Dance Marathon, you can't refuse to learning about rejection are all parts mand. The students haven't de- more in sadness than in anger, I note tional Science Board Commission on path. If you are greek, you have participate because you don't the of the "real world" that are waiting manded such an education. Shouldn't that any one minor sports event gets Pre-college Education in Mathematit be obvious to a student that a fully more space in the Collegian than the ics, Science and Technology (1983). assembled car is much more useful to entire debate about the future of the So, as "Spring" week goes into its her or him than a crate of parts? Well educational content of ten genera- "Liberal education requirement have been if you didn't have to spend that four years, we have to spend that the spend that hours of your lifetime holding a can out on a street corner. If you are not a fraternity or sorority member, you are gular dorm floor, I could have terrestrial visitor buying a "car." for good men to do nothing." The to subject matter but also to the How would they know an assembled many deeply concerned students development of capacities of analycar from the kit in a crate and which must speak up in every forum open to sis, problem-solving, communication was better for their purpose - if them - Collegian, USG, the Senate. and synthesis, and (2) students and indeed they had a clear purpose for Now throughout the nation, indeed faculty integrate knowledge from vathe purchase? I submit that most the educational world, there is a rious disciplines" (emphasis added) Penn State students are not fully firestorm of suggestions for such - "Involvement in Learning: Realizthrough sorority rush. Everything importance of carrying out responsi- English and is a columnist for The aware of what a good education could integrative education — for putting it ing the Potential of American Higher happened so quickly that by the time bilities because another person, not a Daily Collegian. Her column appears do for them; if they knew, they would together. At the end of this article I Education," Report of the Study and should march on the senate with list a few relevent quotes. It is absolu- Group on the Conditions of Exceltheir demands for a much more inte- tely essential that we, as professors, lence in American Higher Education, grated set of courses, articulated into show the connections between all the National Institution of Education the best curriculum which clearly courses we require of students. How (1984). must be something more than the does Plato's philosophy relate to to-

Betty Choum, freshman-premedicine precedent - no need to provide the tion. But the glory of the United gram.

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glue. Just let students figure out how States is its pluralistic tradition. So to put the physics and philosophy and what can now serve for our glue? if not a Mercedes. The cost of a assembly. But it is surely cheating is neither a panacea, nor the only glue Harvard education would buy you a the majority not to provide the in- around; but it is one that has been Rolls. But such a buyer would never struction and glue, if not an assem- developed and recommended nationally to do some of this integration. We system. Rush, in both sororities and fraternities can be very superficial. The process of nicking and choosing jumbled together in a crate. A few most important of all. Perhaps Amer-any new ideas for other integrative hobbyists do in fact buy model cars ican education has forgotten how to themes, since at this point in history involved. I realize that you don't have to be in a fraternity or sorority to get in-is difficult no matter whether you are the chooser or the chosen. The unoffi-cial "ranking" of sororities and framore. Indeed there is no shortage of State's STS Program, triggered by those who say there is no need to put senate action in 1969, became one of it all together. The world - they say the national pioneers. The adminis-- is clamoring only for parts-makers tration and senate together, aided by and parts specialists - let's make the demands of concerned students, headlight B.S.'s and left-fender spe- could not only make PSU a leader in Rules and regulations are often emphasized over the individual to education kit instead of the assem-emphasized over the individual to education kit instead of the assem-entire the education kit instead of the assem-education kit instead of th work and the culmination of months surface things that stereotypically preserve the organization's laws. In bled car? Mainly, of course, because king's teachers and all the king's next several weeks to vastly improve work and the culmination of months of dull meetings to the people behind the scenes who are responsible for bringing most of the fun about. Strate things that stereotypically the scenes who are responsible for bringing most of the fun about. Strate things that stereotypically the scenes who are responsible for bringing most of the fun about. . . .

which would be integrated into a strong encouragement from the very integration of the natural sciences, Like it or not, however, once we "vehicle" to, literally, carry one highest levels of this University's social sciences and mathematics; up a lot of time to make spring at within a group, sometimes putting step out into the working world we through life. But if so, why hasn't administration struggling with put- familiarity in integrating technolo-• • •

mere sum of course audits. day's social problems; or how do the "... recent national reports on the • The structure of the University findings of modern radio astronomy status of graduate education suggest. is such that we have 101 departments - square with the Biblical insights on - that the graduate curriculum today Learning through interaction classes, friendship is formed through informal organiza-tions such as the interest groups and the various college is such that we have 101 departments square with the Biblical insights on that the graduate curriculum today producing 101 parts but no one is in which this country was founded? Encharge of assembling these parts. gineers and the handicapped; politi- lems that cut across disciplines and that are not usually embraced by

our own performances by keeping in touch with others. So you see, Penn State has excellent cultural values "shape" all educa- Science, Technology and Society Pro-