

Education to be examined

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Collegian Staff Writer

Student leaders and faculty laid the groundwork Wednesday night for a committee that will emphasize the University's teaching, learning, and the structure of education.

"I think a lot of people would say that Penn State has become a good schooling university, but it hasn't become a good learning university," said Andy Mozer, Undergraduate Student Government adviser.

Matt Baker, USG President, said he and USG Vice President Sue Sturgis have emphasized the importance of education during their term.

"This is the one thing Sue and I want to concentrate on," Baker said.

The primary purpose of Wednesday's meeting, initiated by Baker and Sturgis, was to discuss ideas the group will focus on when the committee is organized at 6 p.m. next Wednesday in 203 HUB, Baker said.

Membership on the committee is open to any student or faculty member interested in improving education at the University, Baker said. He has invited the heads of each college council to sit on the committee.

The USG president also would like to include members of academic honor societies, University Scholars Program, Academic Assembly and teaching award winners.

To emphasize teaching, the committee will identify the best University professors, both tenured and untenured, Baker said.

"We would like to (identify) the best 10 to 15 percent of professors in each department," he said.

One possible target of the committee is to compile a listing of the best professors and the classes they teach, he said. This recognition could be implemented into the University's program of tenure and promotion.

"If we single out professors, they can serve as models for other professors," Baker said.

Jerry Covert, associate dean for undergraduate programs, who did not attend the meeting, said he agreed with listing the best professors and the classes they teach. He warned, however, that the committee should be careful with steps used to achieve this goal.

"I'm more in favor of identifying excellent teachers rather than simply evaluating every teacher," he said. "How the evaluation is done and how the data is published is very critical to teachers."

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The committee will also attempt to decrease student apathy toward education and place a greater importance on learning.

"What I want to change is how students deal with teachers," Sturgis said. Last spring, as part of their platform, Baker and Sturgis stressed the importance of student action in bettering the quality of education at the University.

"My feeling is you have to reach the students first," Sturgis said.

Baker said the committee will investigate things students can do to better their education. For example, if students want to recognize a good teacher, they may be encouraged to write letters to the dean. The committee will also investigate steps a student can take to deal with a bad teacher.

Some steps discussed include: talking to the professor and/or the dean, and in extreme cases, class walkouts and class picketing. Baker said the committee may work on criteria students can use to identify a desperate situation.

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Jail is prof's classroom

By ALYSSA OISTER
Collegian Staff Writer

A University professor has spent three years behind bars, but instead of serving time for a crime he's taught college courses to prisoners.

Ted Alleman, sociology professor, has taught part time at the University's Altona Campus for 10 years. During that time he has also instructed prisoners at Huntingdon State Correctional Institution and at Rockview who are interested in receiving an associate degree in sociology.

Alleman also publishes books written by inmates about jail life so people can get a clear and descriptive picture of prison life.

He started in the prison systems after earning his master's degree in 1979.

"I was naive when I went in there and apprehensive about teaching inmates," Alleman said. "But I was amazed with the number of people who were excellent students. They had intense interests and good attitudes."

Alleman found inmate Aubran "Buddy" Martin to be an exceptional artist and an interested learner. Martin is serving three life sentences for the murders of the Joseph Yablonski family in 1969. After many discussions, he presented Alleman with a manuscript comparing prison life to a gladiator's pit.

Prisoners are individuals with rights, Alleman said, adding that

he wanted Martin's book and other prisoners' writings to be published and read by the public.

So he started his own publishing company, Tower Press of Hollidaysburg.

Tower Press published Caesar's Gladiator Pit by Martin and similar works depicting life behind bars. Alleman said the material his company publishes is designed for

prisoners to commit more crimes when released. This theory is supported by statistics provided by Joseph Long, executive assistant to

the chairman of the state Board of Probation and Parole.

"The most critical time for our clients is the time up to one year of release," Long said. "After one year, 11.7 percent of those released were recommitted to jail."

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institutions were not doing their job. Prisoners are locked up only to face more violence, he said.

"They become bitter and angry. Eventually, they stop caring and begin to hate the system."

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PENN STATE PARENTS WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - FALL 1986

Saturday, October 11

- 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast - Findlay, Pollock,
- 9:30 a.m. - Redifer, Simmons, Waring, Warnock Dining Halls \$4.15/325 pts (cents)*
- 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Penn State Bookstore Special Hours
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - PENN STATE PARENTS RECEPTION Intramural Building, Gym 3
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Museum of Art
- 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch - Findlay, Pollock, Redifer, Simmons, Waring, Warnock Dining Halls \$4.15/325 pts (cents)*
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum and Art Gallery
- 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Balloon Launch, Beaver Stadium
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - PSU vs. Cincinnati Football, Beaver Stadium (Reserved Seats) Dinner - Findlay, Pollock, Redifer, Simmons, Waring, Warnock Dining Halls \$6.10/475 pts (cents)*
- 8:00 p.m. - Concerts "Regency," five-man acapella musical group, McTown, to Hoe-Down 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium Tickets at the door, \$6, \$5 "Centre Dimensions" - Penn State Jazz Ensemble, Big Band Sound 8 p.m., Eisenhower Auditorium Free Admission

Sunday, October 12

- 10:30 a.m. - PARENTS WEEKEND INFORMATION CENTER Charlotte Ray Memorial Lounge, HUB
- 3:00 p.m. - Biomechanics Laboratory Tour (research on running shoes, cross-country ski equipment and biomechanics of Olympic events)
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00, 12:00, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. - Career Development and Placement Service and Interview Center Tours (Meet at HUB Information Center)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Learning Assistance Center and Minority Counseling Office Open House, 2nd floor, Boucke Building
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Football Hall of Fame, Greenberg Indoor Sports Complex
- 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sunday Brunch - Findlay, Pollock, Redifer, Simmons, Waring, Warnock Dining Halls \$6.10/475 pts (cents)*
- noon - 4:00 p.m. - Museum of Art Special Parents Guided Tour - 12-1 p.m. Penn State Bookstore on campus
- noon & 1:00 p.m. - University Health Services Tour, Lobby, Ritenour
- noon - 2:00 p.m. - 45-minute Bus Tours of Agriculture Facilities (deer pens, flower gardens, dairy barns, etc.) Meet Creamery Courtyard
- 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. - Tour of Pattee Library with focus on automation development Main lobby, Pattee
- 1:00 p.m. - Women's Field Hockey, PSU vs. Rutgers
- 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - Lady Lion Field (near flower garden) Brezale Nuclear Reactor, 30-minute Tour. Preregister at Saturday Parents Reception or at HUB Information Center on Sunday.
- 1:00 p.m. & 2:15 p.m. - General Bus Tour of Campus including stop at the Nittany Lion Inn Ice Cream Social. Tours depart from front of HUB
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Nittany Lion Inn Relax with other parents in the charming Early-American style Inn.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Public Ice Skating, Indoor Sports Complex. Adults, \$2.25; Youth (18 and under), \$1.75; Student with current I.D., \$1.50. Skate rental, \$1.00
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - College of Business Administration Open House. Tour of Behavioral Learning Center, computer lab, and major field information.
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 201 Business Administration Building Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum, Steidle Building
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Tour of Eisenhower Auditorium, the largest multi-purpose performing arts facility between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Religious Services

- Saturday, October 11
- B'Nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, 9:30 a.m., 224 Locust Lane, State College
- Penn State Catholic Center 4:15 p.m. Forum Building
- Sunday, October 12
- Alliance Christian Fellowship, 10:45 a.m. HUB Ballroom
- Byzantine Catholic Student Organization, 3:45 p.m. Eisenhower Chapel
- Episcopal Campus Ministry, 6:15 p.m. Eisenhower Chapel
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. Frizzell Room, Eisenhower Chapel
- Penn State Catholic Center, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Eisenhower Auditorium, 4:15 p.m., Forum Building
- University Lutheran Parish, 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Eisenhower Chapel
- United Ministry at Penn State, 11:00 a.m. Eisenhower Chapel

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