

Ackerman wins, unions defeated

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Things started off quickly at University Park in April as Grant Ackerman and "no representation" won important elections on campus.

Ackerman was elected Undergraduate Student Government President, and many years of discussion and work came to a head when "no representation" triumphed in the faculty unionization election.

"No representation, advocated by the Penn State Independent Faculty, won almost 80 per cent of the vote in the two-day election supervised by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

The Penn State University Professional Association received 22 per cent of the vote and the American Association of University Professors got 17 per cent, yet both insist that they're not dead yet.

Both union groups have indicated that they will again attempt to organize the faculty into a bargaining unit, but no specific plans or dates have been set yet by either group.

"State Labor laws require the union

groups to wait at least one year before they begin to collect new consent cards from the faculty — the first step towards holding new elections.

The combined turnout of the faculty from University Park and the branch campuses was about 80 per cent.

Ackerman and his running mate, Dennis Rupert, polled about 35 per cent of the vote in the unusually crowded field of 10 candidates.

Ted Anderko finished second and Tom Heitzner was third out of a field of eight candidates.

Omega Psi Phi fraternity was also in the news during April, when they were placed on a 24-week disciplinary probation by the Interfraternity Council.

Omega Psi Phi's problems began when the only remaining member of an original pledge class of six was found unconscious on the street and taken to Ritenour Health Center for four days.

The fraternity was told to pay hospital costs and damages to Anthony Jones (3rd-community development) and was also given an administrative warning by the IFC, placing them under close council scrutiny for one year.

About 450 students who got their dorm contracts in ahead of the March 25 deadline got an unpleasant surprise recently — rejected slips.

According to the Office of Residential Life, there were more than 13,500 dorm requests handed in ahead of deadline. But with only 12,808 available spaces, about 450 students were left out in the cold.

Residential Life said there will be no additional converted doubles and triples this year, but there will be about 700 temporary housing assignments Fall Term. They also said that no additional forced cancellations will be made.

Not all the news out of Residential Life was bad, however. A new co-ed dorm house has been set up in East Halls.

Brumbaugh and Tener Halls have been designated as interperational and Academic Interl houses in a move that demonstrated the fine art of compromise between students and administrators.

If you did get a dorm room, you'll still need an antenna for your TV set.

East Halls students pulled the plug on a cable-TV proposal in a referendum

election with a surprisingly light turnout. The proposal to install cable-TV in every room in East and West Halls would pay the cost of installation amortized over a ten-year period lost by \$73 to 223. The plan would have cost each student a little over \$300 a year for installation and rental, but only about a third of East's total student population of 3,800 bothered to come out and vote, which surprised student government leaders who were expecting about 2,000 voters.

Finally, the alumni association mailed out ballots this month for elections to the association's three seats on the board of trustees.

The three incumbents running for reelection are Walter J. Conti, 52, Doylestown; Ralph D. Heitzel, Jr., 35, Valencia, Calif.; and Charles W. Schaeffer, 33, Ballimore, Md.

The four candidates are Gregg Lee Cunningham, 72, State College; George T. Henning, 63, Pittsburgh; Benson Lichtig, 73, State College; Phoebe Forrest Link, 47, Solisbury; and Mary Kay Planters, 73, Washington, D.C.

All dues-paying members of the association are eligible to vote.

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Students not satisfied with Farr solution, still hoping to change renewal decision

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Will Jo-Ann Farr ever teach again at Penn State?

That question has been asked, argued

she declared this past week, despite the fact that she has made plans to open a clinic on S. Allen Street on June 1 which would offer a broad range of comprehensive psychological services.

However, the psychology department has already made what it termed its final offer, which she rejected.

Right now, that's where things stand. The outlook for Farr teaching at the University again is dim but not definite.

One thing is for sure, Jo-Ann Farr's students have not given up on her.

The outpouring of support for Farr in the form of letter-writing and petitioning is something this campus has not seen in quite some time.

Farr said the interest and enthusiasm of the students working for her rehire has made her feel "humble and proud" that students are that interested in their education.

She said she approved of their interest but could not be actively involved in their efforts.

She said she did not think she had the right to encourage them to support her or to discourage them from doing something they consider important.

The students' efforts were consumer reactions. She said students are showing concern about the quality of their education.

Whether Jo-Ann Farr is rehired is not the only issue here. There is also the question of her capacity.

None of the offers made to Farr have made any mention of Psychology 498B, her experimental psychology of sex course, possibly being taught for the last time this Spring Term.

It has proved to be as popular as its instructor. Farr is the only member of the faculty qualified to teach the course, according to Martini E. Noble, psychology department head.

If a course is valid and valuable and both the course and its instructor are popular. Why is the course being dropped?

It seems the psychology department's reason for dropping 498B and offering Farr a lower-paying part-time job is largely economic.

Farr said she could not believe that it is "just an economic move," and added, "I'm sure everybody doesn't approve of me."

However, she said, "I don't believe anyone has it in for me."

Although budget not final, outlook dim for increase

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As the state government's bureaucracy slowly grinds out the 1977-78 fiscal year budget, Penn State's hope for more money — and a smaller tuition hike — grows dim.

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The state Senate is currently working on its version of the budget which does not include the tax rates incorporated in Gov. Shapp's budget. Without the tax increases, areas that can get by with less money, such as higher education, could be cut.

However, the budget still must be approved by the Senate, altered and approved by the House, then approved by both branches of the state Congress.

"Sure we've been speculating, but we don't have any good idea one way or another what will happen," said Richard Oswald, manager of budget planning and development at Penn State.

"I suppose it would be possible that we might get less than the appropriation in the governor's budget," Althouse said. "We're not panicking over that possibility yet."

"We have to think about what the effect would be on the University, but that doesn't necessarily mean we believe agencies' Althouse said.

The state legislature has been talking about a slight increase for the Department of Education even without a tax increase and without cuts for other state agencies, Althouse said.

"You could probably speculate that most of that increase might go to public school subsidies, but we really don't know what they're talking about and how it would affect higher education."

"If we know what was going on it would make our planning a lot of a lot easier," Althouse said.

The University has already instituted a job freeze for next year because of the uncertainty of the final amount of the state appropriation.

The chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Henry Cianfrani, told Penn State during the committee's higher education hearings not to be "optimistic about raising Penn State's appropriation."

University President John W. Oswald has said that the governor's budget recommendation and \$109.781 million (request) falls far short of meeting the basic needs.

Stretching Penn State's financial resources cannot continue without serious damage to University programs, Oswald said in this year's budget request, "cutbacks in programs to keep tuition down have reached their limit."

"By not trying to increase Penn State's appropriation, the state legislature has, in effect, told the University to raise tuition, perhaps as much as \$80 per term, or to cut back on programs and lower Penn State's status."

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over, avoided, everything but answered recently, ever since Farr's students rose in anger when they learned that her contract was not going to be renewed.

"I have not given up on Penn State,"

Including sex therapy and biofeedback. Farr said she would return to the University to teach in addition to operating the clinic if she got an acceptable offer.

McCrossin given slight edge in State Senate race

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Democrat G.M. McCrossin appears to have a slight edge over Republican J. Doyle Corman in the upcoming May 17 special election for the 34th District State Senate seat, sources in both parties indicate.

The age difference, a primary issue in the Corman campaign, would not have any effect on McCrossin's campaign or the election, according to a Democratic source who cited his own advanced age and political success as an example.

Voter registration rolls in Centre County and the district as a whole give the Democratic party a slight edge which favor McCrossin, one Democratic source indicated. He also said that Corman was weak in Mifflin County, where the Democrats outnumber the Republicans 4 to 1.

He added, however, that the GOP dominance in Cameron County could offset McCrossin's party edge in Mifflin.

The source also said that both candidates were fairly strong in Centre County, each pulling their party's support.

With strict party voting throughout the district, McCrossin would have the edge on May 17.

The Democratic source said he felt the Fulmer incident is forgotten by the voters by now, and indicated it would not hurt Corman. He said he felt there were several issues of the election which have not appeared yet that could hurt Corman, including:

— his apparent lack of concern with problems concerning the elderly.

— his previous opposition to the student vote in the county.

— his attempt to establish a land fill dump for Philadelphia in Snoo Sho.

Corman's recent media blitz, however,

could turn things toward Corman's favor. His well-produced television commercials "make him look good," another Democratic source said.

The state vote in this State Senate election could affect both candidates.

"It could very well make the difference

for Mr. McCrossin," said State College Democratic Chairman Marie Garner.

She said students will need to be encouraged to vote and it would be left to the media and the candidates to remind them.

The date for the primary and special election, May 17, is bad for the student vote, according to Allen D. Patterson, municipal council member.

He said the student turnout would be low because the election is near the end of school when students usually are studying for finals.

Patterson said it will be "a real test of maturity and seriousness" for the student candidates if they work to get the town vote.

Three Democratic candidates, Charles E. Sites and Paul D. Borish, both students, and Dorothy J. Lennig appear to be appealing for the student vote more than the other three candidates.

Patterson pointed out that the Republicans have only two candidates on the primary ballot, Franklin H. Cook and Joseph Wackely Jr., and are automatically candidates for the general election. Three candidates are needed to oppose three Democrats.

According to Patterson, ten write-in

votes can choose the third Republican.

In the judicious race, all the candidates are cross-fied, and if one candidate takes both nominations, he will be the next judge.

Centre County District Attorney Charles C. Brown Jr., has a good chance of winning the judgeship over Thomas J. Sterling and Richard M. Sharp in the primary, according to a highly placed Democratic source.

The source said Brown "has a good name," and "has not stepped on too many toes during his career." She indicated Brown would pull support from both Democrats and Republicans, especially in the rural districts.

Benjamin Novak appears to be showing strength over David E. Grine in the Democratic race for district attorney.

One highly reliable source said Novak had the nomination because he has full party support and has party people organized to work for him. He also said Grine's campaign "has been pretty low gear."

On the Republican side, the source said Robert S. Mittinger had "an edge" over opponent James M. Bryant for the GOP nomination in the D.A. race.



Town News

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The warm weather has arrived and, it seems, so has the time for prison escapes. Five prisoners have escaped from the state correctional institution at Rockview in April.

"Escapes tend to occur more during the summer months," said Gerald Wilson, deputy superintendent at Rockview. He added that the number of escapes this month is not unusually high.

Wilson said there were three escapes from Rockview last April and two escapes in May of last year. The total number of escapes in 1976 was 24.

"We got into the 40's one year," Wilson said. "When the number gets high, the pressure increases and everybody gets nervous."

"Whenever you have people under a security situation, you're going to have escapes," Wilson said.

The staff at Rockview decides what security classification an inmate receives. These classifications range from 24-hour lockup to unpunished release for inmates taking University

courses or for those on furlough. The five prisoners that escaped this month were all classified to work outside of the compound.

"Out of 800 people in the institution, 600 are classified to work outside of the compound. Sometimes a foreman on a work detail has to supervise up to 25 men. You turn your back on one of them and suddenly he's missing," Wilson said.

"A high percentage of the escapes are captured before they get out of the institution."

According to Wilson, no correlation between sentences and escapes has been observed.

"We've had prisoners with one day left escape," he said. "Prisoners with long terms tend not to try to escape. Of course there is always an exception to the rule."

After an escaped prisoner is captured, he is put in administrative or 24-hour lock-up. An inmate can get five to ten additional years for breaking out, according to Wilson.

"After a man escapes from here, he is sent to another institution in the state that is walled in," Wilson said. Prisoners

that are surrounded by a wall usually indicate a higher security level. Rockview is surrounded by a barbed wire fence.

"If a man wants to escape, he'll get over the fence," Wilson said. "We're not as isolated as some institutions. The men can see traffic on the highway from the compound."

Rockview has different programs to keep prisoners occupied, Wilson said. Educational programs from special education, for prisoners who do not know how to read, to college education at the University are available, as well as Industrial Instruction programs.

"Along with these programs, everyone is required to work," Wilson said.

Escaped prisoners who were captured this month were:

- Allen Ammel, 31. Ammel escaped April 5 when he pulled a gun on the guard who came to pick him up at the state police barracks at Rockview where he was working. He was captured April 6.
- Ammel was serving two and a half to six years for kidnaping and driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Dean Robert Moyer, 21, and Randy Charles Owens, 23. Owens and Moyer escaped from the prison farm April 20 while on a work detail. Both were serving two-and-a-half to five-year terms for theft and burglary.
- William F. Jones, 22. Jones escaped April 23 from a work detail on the prison sewer plants. Jones was serving 10 to 20 years for second degree murder. He was captured later the same day.
- One inmate that escaped this month is still at large. Robert J. Williams, 43, escaped April 15 from a work detail on the prison farm. Williams was serving 10 to 20 years for two counts of in-

voluntary deviant sexual intercourse. There are no leads as to Williams' whereabouts, Wilson said.

The local government communities were also busy this month.

On April 11 the State College Municipal Council approved the plan for future alterations in the elderly housing project. Council also authorized the excavation of the site.

The approval of the preliminary plan allows for future alterations in the specifics of the project. Some council members were concerned that they would have no say in future changes if deemed necessary.

The council also approved an agreement with Centre Homes, Inc. for the construction of the project. Centre Homes is to construct the project using job training crews financed by a federal manpower act.

Work on the project has since been delayed because of contract problems between Centre Homes and the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The Department of Labor is the agency that would supply funding for the project.

It is believed that the contract problems might have arisen because the Employment and Training Administration did not receive enough information to prove the project.

Council also discussed the possibility of changing the municipality's transient retail dealers ordinance this month.

The discussion was prompted by an April 4 statement by Mayor Jo Hays requesting an investigation into an amendment to the ordinance. Hays requested the investigation because of recent problems concerning the soliciting of local citizens by members

of the Unification Church.

Some council members expressed concern that the solicitors would violate through citizens' right to privacy through door-to-door canvassing and "pressure tactics" in solicitation.

Council member Dean Phillips suggested that the solicitors also be required to wear identification badges while soliciting in order to prevent misrepresentation. He said citizens have a right to know to whom they are giving money.

Under the current municipal ordinance, solicitors must apply for a permit to solicit and can only solicit between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Charitable organizations, however, need only apply for the permit — the permit does not need to be granted.

Since the state attorney general's office has declared that the Unification Church is a charitable organization, the "moonies" need only apply to solicit in the borough. The church members can legally solicit whether the permit is granted or not.

The "moonies" must adhere to other aspects of the solicitation ordinance, however. Hays said a number of the church members have been arrested for soliciting after hours.

Council will continue to investigate the possibility of changing the ordinance in order to protect citizens from invasion of privacy.

The controversy over West Penn's decision to run a power line through the region continued in April. The Centre Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) asked, at their regular monthly meeting, that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) demand more information on the power line from West Penn.

