

# GSB discusses nurse Bates, Amtrak, lobbying

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Removal of Nurse Kathy Bates from the gynecology clinic of the Student Health Service is a concern of the Government of the Student Body (GSB), according to GSB President Jill Wagner.

At the GSB Senate meeting Tuesday night, Wagner told the Senate she has received complaints from about 40 women concerning Bates' removal. Wagner said the women also complained about the treatment they had received from Dr. Manson Fee, the resident

gynecologist.

Wagner noted that according to the Dec. 3 issue of the Daily, Dr. Loren Augustyn, director of the Health Service, said he had talked to students about removing Bates from the gyn clinic. However, Wagner said she knew of no students contacted by Augustyn.

"Kathy Knittle, chairperson of the Student Health Committee, called Augustyn to find out if he had contacted any students and he replied 'it was none of their (Committee members') business,'" Wagner said.

Wagner said she met with Wilbur Layton, vice president for student affairs concerning this issue. Petitions are being circulated to reinstate Bates, now a staff nurse, in the gynecology clinic. "Augustyn said he would be willing to consider placing Kathy Bates back in the gynecology clinic if students indicate they would like to see her reinstated," Wagner said.

Wagner also urges students who would like to see Bates back in the gynecology clinic to write letters to Wagner, Layton, Augustyn and President Robert Parks.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS,** Frank Comito, director of GSB financial affairs, discussed the possibility of an Amtrak railroad line to serve Ames.

Comito said the Amtrak Board of Directors has placed surveys in Iowa newspapers and found there is a great demand for this type of passenger service. Comito said he will meet with a representative from Amtrak to discuss investigation of student demand for an Amtrak line through Ames.

To ride Amtrak on the "coach" basis would be comparable in cost to riding on a bus, Comito said. Riding first class on Amtrak

compares in cost to flying.

"Travel by Amtrak is faster than travel by car," Comito added.

**IN ANOTHER SENATE REPORT,** Inter-Fraternity Council Senator Lynn Smith explained that student lobbyists will be working in Des Moines on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The lobbyists' major concern is obtaining funds for the expansion of the ISU Library.

**IN AN EXECUTIVE REPORT,** Wagner outlined some issues GSB will work on during her administration. Academics is a "key area" she said, adding that she will work toward implementing more four and five credit courses and consider the possibility of ISU changing to the semester system.

Wagner said she is also working to establish a central employment agency on campus and a student board to provide more input to the Student Health Service.

**IN OTHER ACTION,** 11 new senators were seated including Ken Cumpston, Robert Larson and Clarke Bell, at-large; Larry Hanke and David Dohlman, engineering; Debbie Shonka, home economics; John Felton, sciences and humanities; Rodney Ganey, graduate; Anne Marie Brennan, Richardson Court Association (RCA) and Fred Schuster and Joel Geske, Union Drive Association (UDA).