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Seth Williams receives death threat

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Undergraduate Student Government President Seth Williams remained calm after receiving a phone message yesterday warning that he would be killed.

An unidentified person called the USG office at 203 HUB and asked to speak to Williams at 4:45 p.m. When outgoing USG business director James Marino told the caller Williams was not in and asked if he could take a message, the caller said, "Tell him he's going to die tonight," Marino said.

The caller, who Marino said was male, hung up after making the statement. The caller sounded very upset, Marino noted, adding he did not think it was a prank call.

"It's something that you can't take seriously but you have to take seriously," Marino said, adding, "Although a lot of these people don't act on it, it is a threat against your life."

Assistant Director of University Police Services Tom Harmon said over the years threats of this type have occurred, but noted they cannot be ignored and must be taken seriously.

State College Bureau of Police Services and University Police Services were contacted, and as a result, a University officer attended last night's University Student Executive Council meeting. Williams is a USEC member.

University police officer Robert Bennett, who attended the meeting, said University police do not provide bodyguard services. Bennett said he attended the meeting at USG Vice President Amy Manderino's request.

Williams said: "I hope this was just a hoax but you never know. ... Anything is possible and you have to take all precautions that are necessary. What is to be is to be, but I'm just going to continue to do what I think is right."

He said he received some threatening calls when he was Black Caucus president and also hate mail -- one letter as recent as Wednesday.

In one section of the letter he received Wednesday, the writer, who was identified as a town resident and University graduate, criticized Williams for his actions and said he should resign as USG president. Williams did not speculate if the letter was connected with the phone call but also mentioned fliers that circulated throughout campus Tuesday with his picture stating that WASP-O-PHOBIA Has No Place at Penn State."

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Application for Seth "Whiner" Williams's Staff



Phone: FO FO FI - FI FI FO FI

*NOTE: It is not necessary to attach photo since you all look alike.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: (If living in auto, give make, model and license number)

Yo' Momma's name: _____

Yo' Papa's name: _____

(No more than three guesses)

1. Make of Auto: CADILLAC _____ CONTINENTAL _____ LINCOLN _____ IMPERIAL _____
FINANCED _____ STOLEN _____ OTHER _____
2. Marital Status: COMMON LAW _____ SHACKED UP _____ OTHER _____
3. Source(s) of income: THEFT _____ RELIEF _____ WELFARE _____
UNEMPLOYMENT _____
4. Place of birth: CHARITY WARD _____ COTTON FIELD _____ BACK ALLEY _____
FREE CLINIC _____ ZOO _____ OTHER _____
5. How many words can you JIVE per minute? _____
6. Check machines you can operate: CROWBAR _____ PINBALL _____
STRAIGHT RAZOR _____
7. Favorite Foods: BAR-B-QUE _____ CARP _____ WATERMELON _____
COON _____ CATFISH _____ ALL OF THE ABOVE _____
8. Prior experience: GOVT WORKER _____ BLACK PANTHER _____ PIMP _____
EVANGELIST _____ RAPIST _____ DOPE DEALER _____
9. How many known children do you have? 1st WIFE _____ 2nd WIFE _____
SHACK UP's _____
NEIGHBOR'S WIFE _____
10. In 50 words or less, state your greatest desire in life:
(Other than a white woman.)
