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# World and Nation

## PLO finds unity under Arafat after session of compromise

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The Palestinians' "parliament-in-exile" ended a stormy session Sunday with the PLO reunited under Yasser Arafat, but with a Middle East peace settlement looking more remote than ever.

For the first time since its split four years ago, Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and his leading Marxist rivals, Nayef Hawatmeh and George Habbash, appeared hand-in-hand and smiling at the 18th meeting of the Palestine National Council came to a close amid prolonged applause.

But the bitter dissension between hardliners and Arafat-led moderates that was aired during the five-day session suggested the PLO's new-found unity is fragile and subject to constant upheaval.

Arafat once again survived concerted efforts by Syria's President Hafez Assad and Syrian-led radicals to oust him, but he paid a heavy price, bowing to demands that he abandon his relationship with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

An earlier, informal agreement would have allowed Arafat to maintain his relationship with Mubarak in violation of an Arab boycott imposed after Egypt signed a 1979 peace agreement with Israel.

In exchange, Arafat had agreed to drop all attempts to negotiate future peace settlement under a danian umbrella.

Apparently with strong backing from Syria and the host government of Algeria, Hawatmeh and Habbash on Saturday abruptly upped the ante: to maintain the PLO's new-found unity, Arafat would have to accept a Palestine National Council command to abandon its relationship with Egypt.

The final agreement was endorsed early Sunday by all the rival factions and confirmed Arafat as chairman.

## Student President

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not in the best interest of the school or the student body," Alders said. "And then student input is needed."

"But I was basically the opposite of a reactionary president. I really worked with the administration."

It's this kind of attitude, Cook said, that has brought the student body presidency to the position of being able only to weakly influence instead of control.

"If they had the influence they should, they could have stopped senior finals," Cook said. "They could have put a student on the Board of Regents, developed a real quiz file for all students, set up tutorial services, more laundry facilities."

"The student body president gets a lot of unearned, undeserved respect from the administration, students and elected officials. What he should be doing is paying back the students for his position. Starting to earn it."

Dr. Murray Milford, former speaker of the Faculty Senate, said when he was speaker he didn't have any actual power either, but his influence was tremendous.

"While I didn't have any power, I felt I had the weight of the Senate behind me on any issue we discussed," Milford said. "And I think the student body president has similar power — though I think he would certainly have more power if he was elected with 25,000 votes instead of 4,000."

"I think he has enough power, though he is handicapped by the lethargy of the students."

The only extra power a student president could legitimately hope for would be more influence, he said, but never more legislative power.

"The fact that the Student Senate doesn't even show up at meetings also handicaps the president," he said. "If students aren't interested, we don't pay a whole lot of attention to the student perspective because there doesn't seem to be one."

Sims claims the student body presidency is a destroyer of idealism and that he has come to grips with the fact that his only political strength is his ability to sweet-talk those truly in power over to his way of thinking.

"As far as coercive power, the power to sway the opinions of those who do make the decisions, the person with the most ability to do that is the student body president," Sims said. "So I have their ear, I suppose there's power in that."

When a student politician becomes an adversary to the administration and gets too pushy, he lessens chances of getting what he wants, said.

"Cook and I have a fundamental disagreement," he said. "I think doing nothing but erode your power when you go into a real power mode."

Milford said that rather than with a student politician trying to claim more power, administration would prefer to ignore him.

But Cook sticks to his guns, insisting that students are reformed when they believe that president can make a difference under the current rules, but a truly determined, forceful student could completely change the office of real and lasting power.

"Nobody's going to give us power," he says. "We're going to go in and take it."

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WOMEN'S DORM (A 250 +)			WOMEN'S DORM (AA 250 +)		
1. Keathley	2016.5 284	= 7.10	1. Clements	4127.5 238	= 17.34
2. Haas	957 270	= 3.54	2. Spence	2568 222	= 11.57
3. Fowler	605 284	= 2.13	3. Briggs	1928.5 222	= 8.69
4. Neeley	538.5 270	= 1.99	4. Leggett	1536 192	= 8.00
5. Underwood	283.5 302	= .94	5. Hobby	1025 240	= 4.27
6. Krueger	319.5 474	= .67	6. Hughes	542 188	= 2.88
7. Mosher 1. Moses	341 674	= .51	7. Gainer	329.5 222	= 1.48
			8. McFadden	40 240	= .17
MEN'S DORM (A 250 +)			MEN'S DORM (AA 250-)		
1. Moses	6929.5 254	= 27.28	1. Puryear	5191.5 196	= 26.49
2. Crocker	2502.5 254	= 9.85	2. Law	2151 206	= 10.44
3. Dunn	4427.5 474	= 9.34	3. McInnis	1366 156	= 8.76
4. Davis-Gary	2265.5 254	= 8.92	4. Schumacher	1384.5 188	= 7.36
5. Walton	2389 336	= 7.11	5. Hotard	436 113	= 3.86
6. Aston	3326 484	= 6.87			
7. Moore	1700.5 254	= 6.70			
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**Homerun and Baseball Hitting**  
Men Jason Huff  
Women Lisa Coley



Softball actions winds down this Sunday. Check out the action!

### Intramural Golf Driving Range Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Driving Range will be Thursday, April 30 at 3 p.m. Driving Range is located at the Intramural Sports Center, west of the Frank G. Anderson Varsity Track. Dr. Frank Vandiver will give the opening remarks followed by Vice President for Student Services, Dr. John Koldus and Health and P.E. Department Head, Dr. Leonard Ponder. President Vandiver will officially open the Driving Range by hitting the first golf ball. Anyone attending the grand opening will have the opportunity to hit a complimentary bucket of balls. There will also be concessions on sale to interested golfers. We hope to see you there!

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### Footnotes

- All-University finals for Volleyball Triples will be on Wednesday, April 29 beginning at 5 p.m. in 303 Read Building.
- All-University finals for Innertube Water Polo will be on Thursday, April 30 beginning at 7 p.m. in the P.L. Downs Natatorium.
- Softball All-University finals will be held Sunday, May 3 at the Penberthy Fields barring rain between now and then. If it does rain, it will affect all games scheduled. Team captains should check the bulletin boards across from racquetball courts 1 & 2 in the Read Building.
- The Intramural Awards Banquet will be held Wednesday, May 6 in 401 Read Building. Dorm Reps, Athletic Corporals and Intramural employees should RSVP by May 1 in the Intramural Office.
- Archery Doubles will be held Tuesday, April 28 in 304 Read Building. There are still times available to shoot at 7 and 9 p.m. Individuals can sign up at the site.