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## SGA Election Results



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The newly elected SGA Officers and Senators were sworn in last Friday during a outdoor ceremony. Shown here taking the oath of office are [left to right]: David J. Austin, Vice President; Rosanne M. Rosenberger, President; John Clark, Treasurer; William Bertolet, Sr. Ed. Senator; John Reutter, Sr. Hum. Senator; and Eric Jesche, Sr. Bus. Senator.

This year's spring election of officers and senators of the Student Government Association could be considered one of the most intense student elections in the history of Capitol Campus.

Originally, the election for SGA officers was scheduled for Thursday, April 24, but due to various problems the election was postponed until Monday, April 28.

Also, the Student Court overturned a decision by the Election Screening Committee to disqualify eight of the sixteen candidates because they started to campaign before they were approved.

Thus, because of the Student Court's ruling, all candidates who filed a petition had their names placed on the ballot.

Although the student-voter turnout was good at the Monday election, it was discovered Monday night that the ballot box had been stuffed with at least 70 votes. Exact details on the ballot stuffing are not available. However, the officials who counted the ballots were Jonathan Hostler, Sam Bookheimer, and Keith Yundt.

The election was then rescheduled for Thursday, May 1.

Surprisingly, 379 people voted on Thursday - about 40 or 50 more than the previous Monday. In fact, Thursday's turnout was the largest student turnout at an SGA election in seven years. Student-newspaper files indicate that 491 students voted in 1972, and at least 392 students voted in 1973.

Following is the breakdown of the election results; (candidates who were running on the Pro-Keggar Party ticket are labelled PKP)

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT -- Rosanne M. Rosenberger, 134; Dave Kinder (PKP), 124; Jay Redman, 68; Joe Horvath (Write-in), 26.

VICE PRESIDENT -- Dave Austin, 125; Julie Kuhn, 113; Jeff Hague (PKP), 102.

TREASURER -- John Clark (PKP), 178; Susan Kreiser, 145.

SECRETARIES -- Michelle Toole (PKP), 208; Denise Dick, 116.

### SENATORS

BUSINESS -- Eric Jesche (PKP), 102; Meredith Livingston, 67.

ENGINEERING -- Mark Polins, 54; Jon Fencing, 44.

SOCIAL SCIENCE -- Sandra Shirk, 74. HUMANITIES -- John Reutter (PKP), 60.

MATH SCIENCE -- Robert Hesselthaler (Write-in), 9.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION -- William Bertolet (PKP Write-in), 14.

GRADUATE -- Jitsuro Yamamoto (Write-in), 6.

## Next Issue

This issue of the C.C. Reader is a day late from the normal Thursday publication date because of a lack of staff.

In order for the C.C. Reader to maintain consistency (good or bad), a staff is necessary.

Especially needed are Editors for next year, reporters, photographers, and one Business Manager.

The next issue of the C.C. Reader will be published Thursday, May 22, 1980. Deadline for materials for that issue is Monday, May 19, 5 p.m.

## Students To Get A Dean's List

The re-establishment of a Dean's List at Capitol Campus was one of the main topics discussed at the fourth meeting of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Student Welfare, which was held Wednesday, April 30, in the Gallery Lounge.

Dr. Daniel Poore, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Academic and Athletic Standards, Awards and Scholarships, reported on the Fall Term deliberations of his group concerning a Dean's List.

A number of students, notably Michael Cocciardi, Rhonda Wolfe, and David J. Austin, among others, expressed their desire to have the Dean's List re-established.

Two problems concerning the Dean's List were discussed: grade inflation and wide differences among programs.

Dr. Gross noted that his personal willingness to re-establish the Dean's List was subject to the comments made about this question by students, the faculty and his staff.

Since the meeting last week, the provost has decided to go ahead and re-establish a Dean's List at Capitol Campus effective this term.

All full-time undergraduate students (including non-degree and provisional) with a term grade-point average of 3.5 or better will be eligible for the Dean's List.

Students achieving the Dean's List will receive a personal letter signed by their respective program heads. In addition, the student's hometown newspaper will be notified of the honor bestowed.

## Faculty Studies Core Courses

Is there such a thing as "appropriate common knowledge?" Does a university have the right to require such knowledge in its graduates?

These are some of the questions with which the faculty planning committee has had to grapple in considering a core curriculum requirement for Capitol Campus students. Dr. Michael Barton, Assistant Professor of Social Science and American Studies, is the committee's chairman.

While ideas are still being discussed, Barton said, the committee has recommended that entrance and exit courses be offered.

The entrance course might concentrate on "great ideas" or "great thinkers." Its goal would be to help students "think about many things at once clearly." The exit course, with emphasis on interdisciplinary problem-solving, would help students learn "how to do many things at once effectively."

In the 19th century, students had quite a strict curriculum in college. In

the 20th century, they have had more freedom to choose their courses. However, rather than broaden themselves through choices of electives, today's students seem to narrow themselves.

In Barton's view, a 20th century preference for free choices in schooling has created a situation where intellectual pursuits give way to practical concerns.

Presently, Barton said, the university requires mainly a certain number of credits as qualification for graduation.

Should the learning of "common knowledge" be added to that requirement? How can that term be defined? Is it intellectual arrogance to presume to offer such courses?

Many colleges have installed the core concept simply by requiring students to take a little art, a little music, a little science, a little literature, etc., Barton said.

"The fact that 'integrating' courses are fairly rare should be a yellow light for the committee," according to

Barton. "Harvard debated this issue for years and merely came up with some distribution requirements. We have those, more or less, already at Capitol."

"Certainly there are difficulties," Barton said. "For example, can we expect engineering students to handle upper-level courses in the humanities and humanities students to handle advanced science courses? Frankly, the structure of the school works against a core course. We don't have four years. The planning committee hopes it can solve these problems."

Barton, in his report, quoted Alfred North Whitehead, modern philosopher: "The whole point of a university... is to bring the young under the intellectual influence of a band of imaginative scholars." The committee, Barton said, hopes to see that done through the recommended core courses.

If the recommendations are acceptable to all the proper committees, the proposed core courses, may be ready for the 1981 winter term, Barton said.