

Budget process

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SGA budget hearings began yesterday morning with the intent of gaining in-depth information regarding clubs and organizations and their budget requests.

This process has been initiated to allow members of the budget committee as well as members of various clubs and organizations to ask questions and explain budget requests.

This committee is chaired by the Vice-President of SGA, Betsy Sauer, and involves eleven of the members in the voting process, while the remaining five are non-voting members.

People involved in the budgeting process include Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Student Activities Chris Rizzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities Teryl Anderson, Faculty Advisor Dr. Robert Speel, Assistant Manager of the Rub Desk Linda Kaleta, President of SGA Sam Epps, Vice-President of SGA Betsy Sauer, and the presidents of the Multi-culture Council, Commuter Council, IFC, Panhellenic Council, JRC, and SPC, plus two appointed students-at-large.

According to eighth semester student and President of SGA Sam Epps, the budget hearings don't normally begin until March. "The proceedings have

been bumped ahead one month as a result of misunderstandings in the past."

Epps said, "So far students have been positive. The information from the first meeting will help our committee to make the best recommendations we possible can."

Epps said, "This is a win-win situation for clubs/organizations and the committee. We gain background information and clear up a lot of confusion regarding reasons for budget requests."

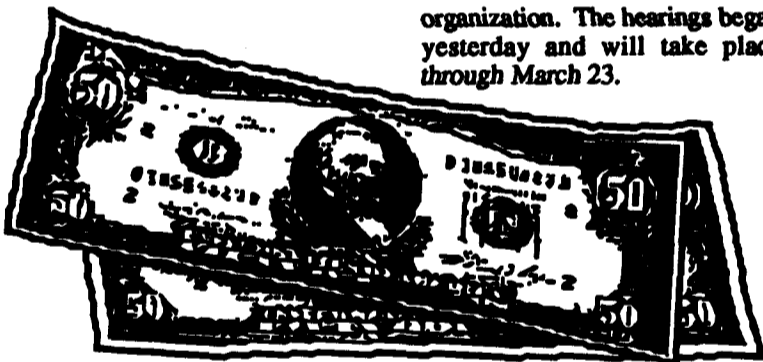
He continued to say, "We receive money from things like parking fines from Police and Safety, an allotment from University Park and money from Student Activities."

Commuter Senator and Vice President of IFC, Tim Allen, said, "I think that with these hearings, organizations will have a better opportunity to explain their budget. The hearings also allow the budget committee to better understand what the organizations want to do with the money."

Allen added, "Put simply, it really makes the entire budget process easier for everyone."

The estimated figure for allocation is 40% of \$60,000 for each club/organization.

The meetings are held twice a week for one hour at a time with fifteen minutes set aside for interviews for each club and organization. The hearings began yesterday and will take place through March 23.



Pressure drives some to academic dishonesty

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The pressure to do well in college drives some students to bend the rules by pursuing their academic endeavors dishonestly. When students engage in cheating or plagiarism they are breaking policy 49-20 regarding Academic Integrity, as listed in Penn State's Policies and Rules handbook.

Academic integrity is defined as "the pursuit of scholarly activity free from fraud and deception." Academic dishonesty, "includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, fabricating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students."

The policy makes references to major and minor infractions but does not explain them. Dr. John Burke, assistant dean, explains, "The biggest problem with it (the

policy) is that it doesn't differentiate between major and minor infractions."

Dr. Burke continued by discussing how he felt the the infractions should be defined. "What I have always requested of the faculty is that they tell students ahead of time, by including it in the syllabus, what is considered a minor infraction. It should also include what the penalties are for different kinds of acts whether it be cheating on a quiz or test; then deciding if it is major or minor."

He stated that "almost 100% of the problems (involving academic dishonesty) are dealt with at the faculty-student level."

When asked about cheating on campus, some students have confirmed this notion. A full-time student, who wished to remain anonymous, stated, "In two of my classes last semester all of my papers contained false sources. I made up existing sources and non-existing sources to make it look as though I had

actually done research. So basically, I wrote 6-7 papers without going to the library once. I got away with it and made good grades. I was surprised that you could get away with this in college. But as long as I can get away with it I'll keep doing it."

Jessica Lloyd, 02 Political Science, shared her knowledge of cheating on campus. "I haven't seen much. I saw it once last semester."

When asked what she knew about Behrend's policy regarding Academic Integrity, Sonya Salazar 02 Medicine replied, "I know a little about it. I know you can get kicked out of class."

Dr. Burke revealed his plan to increase the awareness of what the University's policy is. "I hope that maybe next year we can come up with a brochure so people can understand what the policy is and what cheating is because many people don't understand what plagiarism and cheating are."

Marks the Spot

Who is your hero and why?

Eric Hannold 06 MARK

Don Mattingly, because of his work ethic and characteristics that he displays. They can be used and applied to life.

Lara Hermann 02 DUS

April Heinrich. She is a women's soccer player for the U.S. team. She played awesome in the Women's World Cup.

Jen Taylor 04 BIO

Dave Letterman, because he's the best thing that has ever happened to television.

Paul Gruseck 02 BIO

My father, because of the values he has taught me. Honesty, pride, and perseverance. These things have helped me to develop into the man I am and will be.

Dana Delaney 02 NUTR

My father, because of the morals and values he has taught me have helped me make some important decisions throughout my life. He has been a good role model for me and by watching his actions I have learned the correct way to handle certain situations.

D'mara Jeffeies 04 POLYSCI

The artist formerly known as Prince. He is very creative and isn't afraid to take chances. He does what comes to his heart.

Luke Nissel 06 MET

James Hetfield from Metallica. Anyone who can look like that and make a million bucks is my hero.

Kim Bowser 02 DUS

Eddie Vedder because he has passion for both life and his music.

SGA Report

At the Wednesday, February 15 Student Government Association (SGA) forum, the 1995-96 Faculty Senate position was filled. Candidates were Ericha Hagenbuch and Michael Maginn. The position was granted to Maginn who will begin his term in the Fall of 1995.

Dr. Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs, was scheduled to talk about the renovations to the Reed Union Building. Due to time restrictions the talk has been rescheduled for the February 22 SGA Community Forum.

This summer, Erie will be celebrating its bicentennial year with a parade. Penn State Behrend has been offered a grant by the Harborcreek Chamber of Commerce to make a float for this event.

A committee of people to organize and design the construction of the float is needed. The parade will take place over the summer so the construction will be done during this semester.

Orientation for students interested in running for SGA senate, president, and vice president positions will be held on February 28 from 7:00-9 p.m. on the North side of the Wintergreen Cafe.

Refreshments will be served and all of the SGA officers will be present and available to answer questions.

March 13, students who want to get involved in SGA can pick up their petitions in the SGA office. Signed petitions are due March 22 at 5 p.m. in the SGA office, then on March 24 the petitions will be approved and campaigns will begin.

The elections will be held on April 12 and 13. More information and updates about the elections will appear in future SGA reports.

There are many upcoming programs sponsored by Student Activities that will be taking place this week. Refer to the Behrend Briefs for more information.