

SGA Report

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The Student Government Association meets every Wednesday at 5:30 in Reed conference room 114.

SGA voted unanimously last night to amend its constitution to restrict presidential veto power.

This amendment restricts the president's ability to veto a motion to the SGA meeting at or immediately following the meeting at which it was passed. The motion to amend was made two weeks ago and had been tabled as stipulated by SGA guidelines.

Elections will be held today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Behrend Science building. A motion at last night's meeting restricts the eligibility of write-in candidates to those receiving at least 15 votes. Voting also took place yesterday afternoon in the Reed building.

Senator Michael Zampetti's quest for an SGA stance against prayer at graduation came to fruition, as a motion to recommend to the administration a one semester trial period without prayer was approved. The resolution will request that graduation in Fall of 1996 be without prayer. Zampetti has been asked to work with Protestant campus ministry in selecting a diverse speaker for this Spring's ceremony. According to Zampetti, suggestions of such denominations as Jehovah's Witness, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Greek and Russian Orthodox have met with resistance for fear of being too diverse.

Beginning next semester, the RUB desk will no longer sell snacks, candy, or drinks due to recent trends of decreasing revenue. Senator Steve Landon voiced strong opinion against the move, protesting Wintergreen Cafe's exorbitant prices. According to Director of Student Activities Chris Rizzo, the decision was made in part because of a contract between the University and Housing and Food Services giving HFS exclusive rights to sell food on campus.

Steve Landon moved to reallocate \$300 from a joint Commuter council - Student Programming council computer fund to cover production costs of the Tempus literary magazine. The motion passed.

SGA voted to approve Joint Residence council's new constitution, but tabled a motion to approve the history club's new constitution until next week.

Letter to the editor:

Giving blood saves lives

Dear Editor,
The Community Blood Bank is the only supplier of blood to the FIVE Erie hospitals. Each year, 18,000 donors are needed to meet Erie's hospital demands. Currently, an average of 8,000 individuals donate blood on a regular basis.

A pint of whole blood is divided into different components to meet the medical needs of many individuals. The components are platelets, white cells, red cells, immune globulin, anti-hemophilic factor, and albumin plasma. These components are used to treat accident victims, hemophiliacs, hepatitis, patients in shock, and people receiving cancer treatments.

The Blood Mobile will be arriving at Behrend on Wednesday, April 10. Blood donations will be taken from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Reed Building. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to donate blood. The pint of blood you donate can help save up to four lives.

An individual who donates blood CAN NOT become infected with the HIV virus or any

infectious disease. A new, disposable, sterile, single-use needle is used on every donor.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 and weigh more than 110 pounds. When you arrive to donate blood you must first fill in a questionnaire concerning your health history.

This questionnaire asks some very personal questions. The worst of the questions are about intravenous drug use, if you have taken money or drugs for sex, if you have given money or drugs for sex, if you have had a new sexual partner in the last six months, and if you have ever had sex with a man who has had sex with another man since 1977. Some of these questions are confusing, some of these questions are embarrassing. But, a moment of discomfort to help

save up to four lives is a very small price to pay. Next, you get your blood pressure, pulse and temperature taken. Your iron level is determined with a simple finger-prick test. The actual time sitting on a cot donating blood is about 10 minutes. After donating, you are asked to stay

for 10 to 15 minutes and encouraged to enjoy refreshments that are supplied.

If you have recently had a professionally performed ear or body piercing you can still donate. If you have had a new tattoo in the last 12 months you can not donate blood.

If you miss the Blood Mobile, stop in at the Community Blood Bank on 2646 Peach Street. Hours are

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You can also make appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. If you have any questions about donating blood call The Community Blood Bank at 456-4206 and ask to speak to a nurse.

As a full-time student and single parent, I do not have the time available to do charity and volunteer work. By donating blood I can do something for my community and know that I may be helping to save up to four lives.

Rhonda M. Pelkowski

College Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Do all the work you want to accomplish this week on Monday and Tuesday. You may start losing interest in it as early as Tuesday night. An attractive diversion could hold your attention clear through Thursday, if you're lucky. Hopefully you won't flunk out of school if that happens. Dig deep for a worthy cause on Friday, with time as well as money. Pay bills and then shop on Saturday. Travel on Sunday back to a familiar location and reenact a ritual that always brings you hope.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're under pressure all week, but Monday and Tuesday shouldn't be too bad. Spend lots of time with your sweetheart, making plans for the future. Get back to work on Wednesday and Thursday — specifically paperwork. Help from a partner gets you past a difficult situation on Friday. Don't let a difference of opinion come between you and an old friend on Saturday. Have fun on Sunday, but don't spend too much.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Stay home as much as possible

Monday and Tuesday. While you're at it, clean your room. If you've done a good job, you can go out Tuesday night. The eclipse Wednesday signals the beginning of a fun phase. If you're not already in love, you will be soon. Get back to work Thursday night and keep yourself busy through Saturday. On Sunday, let a funny friend teach you a new game. Make a secret promise that night.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Study Monday and Tuesday; you'll learn most easily then. A roommate's bizarre request could have you temporarily stymied Tuesday night. Do things you don't like on Wednesday and Thursday, and don't whine about it. Confer with your sweetheart in private on Friday. The two of you can have fun together Saturday, if you avoid a stern taskmaster. Sunday is lots of work, but it will be inspirational.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't spend all your money on school supplies Monday and Tuesday; you may want to go someplace later in the week. Get an attractive tutor to help you with your lessons Wednesday and Thursday. Stay home Friday night and confer with your roommate. Make changes to your

living arrangements on Saturday. Sunday is fabulous. Travel and romance are both favored, and your energy level is high. Go out and get crazy!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're very good with numbers Monday and Tuesday. Help out a friend who can't add two and two without getting nervous. Review your own finances Wednesday, and find a way to get a new outfit by Thursday. Catch up any leftover homework Friday and Saturday. You'll be able to concentrate well then. Plan to have all day Sunday to play with your family. The place will be a madhouse, but lots of fun.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Finish overdue work on Monday and Tuesday. By Tuesday night you'll be antsy to go out. You may have a very attractive offer, too. Wednesday's eclipse signals an adventurous phase. You'll be pushed to try new things. Practice through Thursday, at least. Get serious about money for a while on Friday. Be careful, so you can buy special treats for friends Saturday. Travel and play with your siblings on Sunday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends help you achieve your goals Monday and Tuesday. Work

will dominate your life for a while, starting Wednesday. It'll be good experience. Thursday night you get stronger, a condition that holds through Saturday. Race around and get all your chores done then. You might even be able to make some money on Sunday. Provide something others need, but don't have the time to do for themselves.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Toe the line Monday and Tuesday. An older person is very demanding but probably right. You'll have more time to play with friends on Wednesday and Thursday. You're entering a fun phase. A partner you meet Wednesday may be a keeper. Finish up all the stuff you've been procrastinating about on Friday and Saturday. Learn to work well under pressure. Have a riotous time on Sunday with friends and children.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Check the bankruptcy sales Monday and Tuesday to get something nice for your room, cheap. It may be time to switch majors again. Pick one Wednesday or Thursday that will help you gain the lifestyle you'd like to have. Confer with

teammates Friday and Saturday. Sunday's fun, but may seem partially like an obligation. One conversation with a dear friend makes it all worthwhile.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Financial matters have you grumpy Monday and Tuesday. Go ahead and do the math; you'll feel better afterwards. Education and travel are easier from Wednesday and Thursday on. You're even more brilliant in your studies then! On Friday and Saturday, see if you can figure out what an older person wants without being told. A party on Sunday will be fabulous. You may have trouble deciding whom to take home.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Follow a neat freak's lead on Monday and Tuesday and you'll save yourself a lot of trouble. The temptation to spend could be intense on Wednesday and Thursday. Figure out how to make more money first. That's your ongoing assignment for a while. Travel goes well on Friday and Saturday, especially if you get anywhere near water. You love that and it's good for you. Let an older person direct the show on Sunday.

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