

This Week In The SGA

The SGA does great things, right? Sometimes. The SGA does horrible things, right; Sometimes again. But this year it seems that your student government is doing things. Of course, all the decisions will not be popular but the Senate this year is more interested, more informed and more inclined to the students. We commend them for that.

After hearing the finance committee report (which no one but the Treasurer understands) the Senate tackled the problem of filling a Senate post from the Math-Science program, our newest and smallest option. Final decision will come on that later.

The next order of business was to hear from the Rec./Ath. Council about Varsity Basketball. It seems that over half of the Athletic budget will be spent on a varsity basketball team. Some of the senators wanted to know if the priorities might be changed so that more money could be shifted to the intramural program.

The senate heard from Athletic Director Bob Stanley about the possibilities. Stanley opened his remarks by noting that opening the gym was not at question in this matter. The budget from which basketball draws its life could not be channeled into a wage-payroll budget even if there were no sports on campus. It is wage-payroll money which is at a shortage and keeps the gym closed most of the time.

Stanley added that he would comply with the wishes of the Senate on whether to drop the varsity status of basketball, noting that he was not in favor of such a move.

After some discussion from Len Thompson, Jerry Scalen and others, Mike Ferezanno's motion recommending that basketball be dropped from the varsity list was defeated.

The budget has caused other problems on campus, not the least of which is the library. The Senate again was asked to outline priorities on keeping the library open on Saturdays. The question was whether to keep the present situation—with the library closed but the student center open on Saturday—or to reverse it.

General feeling was to close the center and open the library. However, it was brought out that the library may have an alternative solution. That would be to drop some of the student help during the off hours of library use and to use those wages to pay Saturday workers. The problem was given to the finance committee to research and to make recommendations.

The Senate is still struggling with the parking hassle on campus. When a solution will be reached on this is difficult to imagine, but we'll have more about that in a later issue.

Last order of business was the swearing in of the new Senators. Except for the vacant Math-Science post, we now have a full Senate. We hope they operate with full efficiency. But to do that, they must know how you feel. And this year, they want to know. With your help and interest, the Senate can become the force it deserves to be at Capitol.

LIBRARY— SLIGHTLY ABRIDGED

by Tom Black

There has been much understandable displeasure concerning the Library being closed on Saturdays. Not only undergraduate, but graduate students depend on Saturdays to read reserve books or do research work requiring use of Library facilities. It doesn't seem as though the Library administration is to blame for closing Saturdays. Dr. Jacob explained, "I was forced to close Saturdays because of cuts in funds used to hire student assistants." Also, the Library has had unfortunate and unexpected illness among staff members, which has further reduced their manpower.

The people who are responsible for closing the Library are those few men that allocate the limited funds Capitol receives from UP. There seems to be a general belief that not many students use the Library on Saturday, and it wouldn't be worth the money to keep it open. Priorities are set and the money goes where it will benefit the most people.

If there is a real concern over Saturday hours, NOW is the time to bitch. It will be too late in the 6th or 7th week when Saturday hours are really needed. Student Government members have just been elected. They made a lot of statements about how they would work for the students. Find out if there is a credibility gap, tell them you want Saturday Library hours. Complain to Student Affairs. Dean Grimm will say he can't do anything about it, but bitch anyway. See Mr. Herpel; He's very open, frank and willing to listen.

The important thing is to let the Administration know how we feel. If we would rather have ice cream or library hours is a decision we should make, not the Administration. Let your feelings be known. The University is here to serve our needs, not to dictate them.

Faculty Profile



by Michael Welliver

With the start of every Fall term comes a host of fresh ideas at Capitol Campus. One of the newest and brightest ideas is a Mr. John W. Harman, an instructor in Engineering.

Mr. Harman's particular field is surveying and photogrametry. Before mastering his specialties, Mr. Harman studied for both his undergraduate degree and M. S. at Penn State University. He completed a year of Graduate work at Northwestern and is presently working on his Ph. D. in engineering.

Years of experience in civil engineering have given Mr. Harman the opportunity to travel through a good deal of the United States. He also spent five years in South America where he worked as a consultant for the Chilean Highway Department. This consisted of working in the areas of soil mechanics and engineering materials. Just before coming to Capitol Campus, Mr. Harman acted in the capacity of a teaching

research assistant at University Park.

When asked what he expects to bring to the classroom, Mr. Harman replied, "My main objective is to be objective. To get the subject across." On the other hand, he wants class participation and discussion that are relevant to the class. Mr. Harman admits that in the fields of Aerospace, electrical and some mechanical engineering finding work may be difficult. "I see a rapid change in specialization as a problem for engineering students." Why did Mr. Harman come to Capitol Campus? "I find advantages at Capitol Campus. We may be a smaller setup but if any necessary facilities are needed, Penn State system will provide them." How does he find the students? "I find most of my students are pretty good. They are a little more conservative than at some other campuses. Actually I haven't been here long enough to tell for sure."

BOOK EXCHANGE: Trade, Buy,

Dear People,

Last year, about this time, there was a student initiated book exchange, where one could buy or sell textbooks, funbooks, and/or related nonsense. Now there is one this year. Farwowout

If you're in need, or in excess, of literature of mindboggling import, your wildest pipedreams are now on the threshold of reality.

The exchange will be open from 12:30 to 2:30 daily (excluding Freeday) unless volunteers can staff it on an extended basis. The duration of its existence after 2 weeks will depend on the interest and participation which manifests itself.

The tentative operation (open to suggestions of more efficient methods at all times) shall consist of placing one's name and the cost of the book on a piece of paper and placing it in the book. An envelope should also be prepared with your name and, if possible, a list of titles insomuch as prompt monetary reimbursement is the primary function of this venture. The sad parting with one's beloved and cherished books should rightly be mourned, but seek hope and an uplifting of spirit in the job and KNOWLEDGE they will impart to their new friends. Someone will be there to handle things.

Oh, you may locate the locale of this location by finding the outer office of the (your) SGA headquarters. Do it. You'll at least make bread for lunch and turn someone on to inexpensive books.

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT CAPITOL???

by Don Lewis

Thursday, October 21, 8:00 p.m.

MOVIE: THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI starring: William Holden, Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins, and Sessue Hayakawa. Winner of 7 International Awards. .7 Academy Awards. This much acclaimed flick concerns the inmates of a Japanese prison camp in the early days of World War II and a bridge that must be destroyed. It will be shown in the auditorium.

Saturday, October 23

FOOTBALL: PENN STATE

vs. TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIV. at Beaver Stadium, University Park (HOMECOMING) The Nittany Lions will try to prove even more certainly that they are a national power this year. A large crowd from Capitol will be attending. For those people driving to the game, it would be advisable to leave on your trek up Route 322 by at least 9:00 a.m. Saturday. The game starts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 25, 8:00 p.m.

MUSIC: CHARLIE BYRD JAZZ QUINTET at our Student Center. One of the oldest and

best know jazz groups in the world! Don't miss this educational and entertaining event!

Tuesday, October 26, 9:00 p.m.-1 a.m.

MUSIC AND DANCING: HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE at the Student Center. The group to be featured was not under contract at the time of this writing, but I'm sure if you look around now you can see who it will be! (?) Please come in a crazy costume, it will make the whole thing a lot more fun.

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