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## McGovern Comes To Middletown

On April 24, Sen. George McGovern (Dem. South Dakota) appeared at the Harrisburg International Airport.

A candidate for the presidential nomination, McGovern utilized a "whistle stop" campaign technique in arriving at the airfield, making a few remarks, going around "pressing flesh" and quickly taking off. The entire affair lasted but 30 minutes.

But the Senator made the most of those few minutes. His concise remarks and sensible answers to questions posed by the press demonstrated an ability to think on his feet. He took the time to mill among the crowd, shaking hundreds of hands as well as signing dozens of autographs.

A high percentage of the group at the airport included Capitol Campus students, faculty, and administrators. At least 600 people gathered to hear and see McGovern, including a busload of school children from the Cumberland Valley District.

The jetcraft carrying the McGovern entourage was 45 minutes late in arriving, but the throng did not seem to mind. The press corps passed the time by talking presidential politics. Most of the media men were of the opinion that Sen. Hubert Humphrey would swamp the remainder of the Democratic contenders in the Pennsylvania Primary the next day.

As it turns out, they were right, but McGovern made an honorable showing in the voting. In Dauphin County, two delegates were to be elected in the Democratic Primary. Pete Wambach, who ran uncommitted, and Bill Minnich, who was pledged to McGovern, were elected, a testimony to the appeal McGovern projects where he is able to make a public appearance.

Just before the McGovern jet arrived, his delegate candidates were introduced. Delegates from four surrounding state senatorial



districts portrayed the liberal youth backing given McGovern. They were college students, women, and blacks.

The Senator disembarked from his Northeast Airlines plane into the cold, wet weather of Middletown. His first remark was that he did not "see Gov. Shapp in the crowd," referring to the Pennsylvania Governor's stolid support of Sen. Edmund Muskie. But McGovern hoped that such a political mistake could be rectified when "we come back after November and hold a confessional."

He regretted that he could not spend more time campaigning in the state and he acknowledged the work of McGovern volunteers and advance men whom he termed "the best personnel in the country," compensating admirably in the campaign.

He talked about a ringing victory because his "candidacy has the best grass-roots organization," and that he can "carry the issues to the people."

McGovern, sporting a maroon tie and a blue and white striped shirt, was accompanied by 20-year-old Kathleen Kennedy, daughter of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Miss Kennedy was supporting McGovern in return for the endorsement he gave her

father during the 1968 presidential campaign, she said. "He is the man who best meets the positions which my father took," she stated heartfully.

The Senator believes the war in Indochina to still be the primary issue, although he emphasized he is not a one-issue candidate. "The War has meant a heavy throb in the pit of my stomach for every day the past seven years. If elected President, my first order would be to put an immediate end to the war," McGovern stressed.

He pointed out that his whirlwind tour of Pennsylvania, "was not a last minute decision in campaign strategy. We planned long ago to limit our campaign here."

He said he was disgusted with the conditions of life and the environment of many of our citizens. He stated that he had many solutions in the planning stage; ready for implementation upon election. "What are we to do about these problems?" he asked. "Let's stop crying and do something about them."

He continually stressed the fact that he was opposed to the War years ago even when it was politically unfeasible, in response to a question from a newsman. With that statement, the throng again chanted "McGovern - right from the start."

The South Dakotan emphasized that the environment is probably the most important long-term problem the people of the United States face. Tax reform legislation and the care of all disadvantaged peoples are also his top priorities.

As of this writing, based on his strong showing in Pennsylvania and a victory in the Massachusetts primary, Sen. George McGovern is the Democratic leader in the number of delegates pledged on the first ballot at the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach in July.

## Rock Festival Is On The Way

Harrisburg Rock Festival II, sponsored by Good People Productions, will happen on Mother's Day, May 14. The raindate is May 21.

It is a FREE concert, with free parking, and it will be held in front of the Classroom Building here at Penn State Capitol. The Rock Festival will run from noon until midnight of that Sunday.

The concert will feature renowned bands from Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Among the Groups are: Big City Music Band, High Gate, High Tension Acres, Mark, Eden, the Elvis Davis Band, Legends, Shanghi, Willow Mill Park, and Beloved.

Don Lewis, Mike Bauer, Mike Beckner and the other members of GPP would appreciate any assistance that is offered in the final planning stages for the concert. Student marshalls and stage personnel are desperately needed.

The Light Show, which is part of the proposed program, is by World Control Studios under the auspices of the Social Committee of Capitol Campus.

This year's Rock Festival will

be bigger and better than the one held last year, which attracted as many as 15,000 people throughout the day's activities. GPP is publicizing the event in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

Look for the special Rock Festival and General Election issue of next week's CAPITOLIST.

## ITE Meeting

The Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) has elected its club officers for the 1972-73 academic year. Ed Gzarnecki was elected President, Jim Rollinsow, Vice-President, Gene Benton, Secretary and Chuck Emick is the new Treasurer.

The organization is also planning to attend Transpo '72, the National Transportation Convention to be held at Dulles Airport, Washington, D.C. The scheduled date is May 30. The show is an international exhibit where transportation companies and agencies display modes of transportation and present and future systems.

## This Week in the SGA

This week's Senate meeting began with the committee reports when a quorum was reached.

The SGA was granted \$200 in operating expenses for the remainder of the term. The Business Club was allocated \$100 and the Photo Club received \$75 to fund its exhibit which is now running in the Gallery Lounge.

The Traffic Engineers organization (ITE) was granted \$100 to attend a convention, Transpo '72. The Social Committee received \$120 for lighting equipment which would then become its permanent property.

The XGI's were allocated an additional \$73 for air fare to attend a convention in Duluth, Minnesota next week. The Senate approved the grant in a motion where the only dissenting votes were those of Sen. Jerry Scalen and Tres. Don Ekberg, the ranking members of the Finance Committee.

The Teaching Award, established as the senior class gift in memory of Dr. James Jordan, needed additional funding. It was announced that the cost of the bronze, being developed in Detroit, Mich., will cost \$200. The proposed contract being made with sculptor Oliver LaGrone calls for an additional \$600. Included in the last figure are the artist's travel expenses, work fee, the award medallions, mounting in mahogany, and refinements, bringing the cost total to \$800. The SGA approved an additional \$300 to cover the cost of the project.

The following faculty members have been nominated for the James A. Jordan

Memorial Award: Mr. Ralph Frey, Dr. F. Frederick Newbauer, Dr. Cole, Mr. Wesley Howser, Dr. Jeffrey Hartzler, Dr. William F. Lewis, Dr. John Patterson, Dr. Robert Bresler, and Mr. Ambrose Klain.

Teacher and Course Evaluation forms for the Winter Term are now being distributed. Each faculty member will receive one copy. There was considerable debate about how much influence such evaluations really have. The Election Committee specified, under a Senate motion, that candidates for the General Election on May 18 must be able to serve during all three terms next year. That is, they must be a full-time undergraduate student during the Fall, Winter and Spring Terms.

The SGA voted to endorse the war moratorium activities which are being conducted today. The vote was 8 in favor, one opposed, with 6 abstentions.

A definite main speaker for Commencement has yet to be found. The Dean's Advisory Committee appointed six new members and reappointed one, it was reported. However NONE of the people recommended by the SGA were appointed.

There will be a special meeting of the Student Government Association TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. in Room 216. The session will be utilized to approve proposed constitutional revisions.

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## Open "Free" Period Considered

by Mike Dini

At a recent Faculty Council Meeting, the following recommendation concerning a "free" period at Capitol Campus was submitted. The suggestion called for an open period for lunch/meetings and educational/cultural programs and events.

The recommendation was presented at the Joint Student Affairs Committee Meeting and was deliberated and discussed. The committee voted unanimously to support this recommendation with the intent that "students and faculty alike be given a chance to articulate their impressions and reactions to the concept of an open "free" period at this campus.

A group of concerned, interested and involved students circulated a petition which opposed this suggestion. 480 students and faculty members signed the petition.

The Joint Student Affairs Committee conducted an "Open

Forum" where the question of an open "free" period was discussed. Campus community members exchanged ideas concerning the pros and cons of the recommendation.

The Student Affairs Committee reconsidered the recommendation and discussed some alternatives which might be considered in resolving this important matter. One alternative was to consider the possibility of an open "free"

period and the other alternative was to adhere to present practices of conducting daytime programs and events. The committee also recommended that Capitol Campus Curriculum Program Groups, the Social and Cultural Committees and Student Organizations be encouraged to conduct Educational/Cultural Programs during daytime hours without the consideration of an open "free" period.

The following alternatives are submitted for your consideration:

1. In favor of an open "free" period.
2. Not in favor of an open "free" period.
3. In favor of the recommendation encouraging daytime Education/Cultural Programs. (with the present schedule remaining unchanged)
4. Other suggestions. (submitted on a separate piece of paper)

Submit this survey to the Capitolist Office, Room 104, as soon as possible. Results of the survey will then be published.