

JOHN SHERIDAN NEW SGA VP

The Student Government Association has a new vice-president. He is John Sheridan, who was formerly co-chairman of the Social Affairs Committee and finished second to the current president, Mike Dini, in the SGA elections last May.

Sheridan was recommended to the Senate for approval to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Max Brady. However, it was no small task in gaining the two-thirds majority required for Senate confirmation. Because of the important ramifications involved in the decision, the other parts of Monday's meeting will be included in next week's report.

Dini's nomination of Sheridan came before the Senate under the part of the meeting reserved for new business. The initial vote was 8 for, 11 against and two abstentions, so it looked as if Sheridan was defeated. After a lengthy discussion, it was discovered that many people were confused as to the nature of the motion on which they had just voted. A motion calling for recomittal passed by 17-1-3. Again the Senate voted on the motion to approve Sheridan as recommended by Dini. And again the motion was defeated by 8-11-2.

Dini seemed perplexed. Many senators explained they voted against Sheridan on procedural grounds. They argued that Dini did not go through the proper channels of formal screening by the Election Committee, thus exercising powers not granted to him by the SGA Constitution. Others defended Dini's actions, pointing to passages in the Constitution that the president had the power to appoint people to vacant positions "with the assistance of the Election Committee" and not necessarily a formal stated approval of the candidate. It could then be interpreted that the president has a "Carte blanche" power in this respect, which apparently is the way Dini interpreted the passage.

After the two voted failed to show Senate approval for Sheridan, Dini turned to his number two nominee, junior senator at-large Bill Mathews. A motion to confirm Mathews was defeated, 1-5 with 15 abstentions.

After that, the meeting was thrown into a tizzy. Extensive discussion on procedural matters and points of order, turned the meeting into a mass of confusion. The debate raged until the next meeting was defeated 4-17-1. At one point, it was discussed as to whether the non-voting members of SGA would be asked to leave the room to enable the debate to continue in private. Such a point was defeated by a consensus vote.

Several students at the meeting called upon the Senate to take more affirmative action while displaying their disgust with the Senate's conduct of the matter and its attitude in representing the student body in general. Yet others acknowledged the Senate's handling of the manner, stating that individuals were exerting

their independence and reacting from their own set of values and viewpoints.

Sheridan displayed his displeasure with the Senate by arguing that as long as it continued to be bogged down by constitutional structuralists and passive senators, SGA would no longer serve as a tool for student sentiment. After nearly two hours of debate, a motion which would allow Dini to again submit a name of recommendation before the senate passed by 20-0-1.

Dini, for the third time during the meeting, specified that he wanted John Sheridan as his vice-president. The vote for approval was again taken, this time Sheridan getting an 11-3 with 5 abstention margin, one vote short of the required two-thirds needed. It was discovered there was again confusion over the nature of the motion and that one senator had temporarily left the room. When the senator returned, and the vote was taken and this time Sheridan reached the long time in coming two-thirds on a 13-3-4 vote.

Sheridan took the oath of office from Chief Justice of the Student Standards Board Harry Franzreb at the end of the meeting, thus assuming the duties of vice-president. The next SGA Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, in room W-309.

Struggle Against Global Malnutrition

An estimated 108 million children between the ages of one and three suffer from serious protein malnutrition in the developing countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. At this age, the deficiency can be irreversibly damaging to mental and physical development.

The United Nations Children's Fund is currently allocating more than \$5,000,000, 11 percent of its annual budget, to helping the governments and people of these countries increase the production, distribution, and consumption of high protein foods derived from local vegetable sources.

In the 1950's UNICEF's Trick or Treat pennies helped equip Indonesian plants to produce a soybean-based food as an experimental supplement for children's unbalanced diets; today the Fund is aiding the development of protein-rich foods containing wheat, chickpea, and lentil flours in several Mediterranean and North African countries. New high protein mixtures of processed grains with powdered milk derivatives have already helped millions of children to recover from severe malnutrition in Nigeria and Bangladesh.

As always, UNICEF's emphasis is on aid that will help partner countries find their own low cost solutions to the problems of their children.

Do Nothing Club

Last week, the Do-Nothing Club held its first open meeting. Approximately 42 club memberships, at one dollar each, were sold.

Activities discussed include a possible kegger-dance, club-sponsored movies, and a type of ALL-U Day here at Capitol Campus.

The organization is currently in the process of changing the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer into an executive council. Kathy Barret has become the fifth member of the board along with other officers Bob Getz, Bill Harris, Harry Franzreb and Joe Thomas. The club has hopes that Twyla Brown, secretary in the Office of Student Affairs, will become its adviser.

Ms. Brown has suggested that the club hold a rummage sale in Harrisburg to raise funds. The sale would double as a service to the community.

Many people have misunderstood the meaning of the name of the organization. The Do-Nothing club is not restricted to those who are tired of doing nothing. It is open to anyone who wishes to improve our dull social life here and for those who want to have fun in addition to being a service organization.

Look for coming activities as publicized in the CAPITOLIST, HOT LION and on WZAP.

Today, the club will hold another membership drive in Vendorville. We guarantee that all members and those non-members who attend our activities will get their money's worth.

Harry Franzreb

Penn State Gets Gifts

University Park, Pa. -- A record number of 17,211 gifts to the Pennsylvania State University from non-public sources-- including 14,029 from alumni---have exceeded \$3,000,000 for the fifth time in the 20-year existence of the Penn State Foundation.

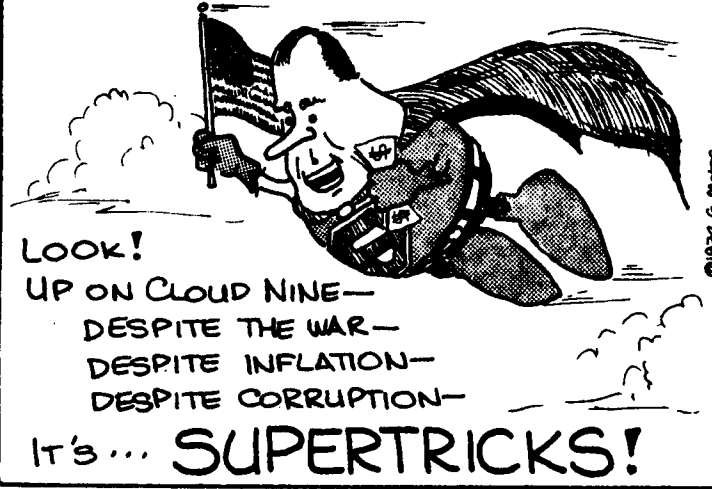
Total private giving from alumni, corporations, foundations, organizations, and friends to the University for the 1971-72 fiscal year amounted to \$3,293,083, according to Charles Lupton, executive director of the Foundation. The new high of recorded gifts surpassed the 1968-69 total by about \$1200.

Dr. John W. Oswald, president of the University, has expressed his gratitude for the financial support and described it as "truly a partnership between public and private support."

Once again alumni contributed a significant share of the total with \$581,881 coming from 14,029 gifts to the 1971 Alumni Fund. This surpassed last year's total dollars by 40.5 per cent as a result of 600 more gifts.

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The Future of Black Politics

by Boz

The Black Student Union of Capitol Campus was host to guest speakers representing their respective political parties in the gallery lounge last Tuesday. The topic for discussion was "The Future of Blacks in American Politics."

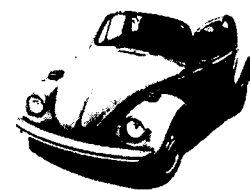
A large turnout of students, both black and white, listened to the presentations of Gordon B. Hickes, special assistant to the chairman for minorities of the National Republican Congressional Committee, and Anthony Montiero, Communist Party candidate to represent the third Congressional District in Philadelphia. The Democratic guest speaker, name and qualifications unknown, did not appear at all.

Mr. Hickes displayed a few pieces of selected literature which included a four-page newspaper spread picturing blacks who have been placed in governmental positions under the present administration. (This writer cannot help but wonder if she has missed a sizable shrinkage in the bureaucracy, or something. It seemed as though, if I would have concentrated enough, I would have been able

to really see a neon sign flashing "tokenism...tokenism..." above his head at that time.) Mr. Hickes also spoke of the funds available to small businessmen, however, here he did not mention race at all.

Mr. Montiero was by far the better speaker. He was not only well prepared, he also covered a great deal more ground than simply "vote my way." The underlying theme of his presentation: "The future of blacks in American politics is woven into the future of American politics." He said that due to the problems facing blacks in housing, taxes, jobs, etc., he foresees radical revolutions rather than concessions. ("Radical" revolutions not necessarily meaning "violent" revolutions.)

After both presentations, the speakers answered questions posed by members of the audience. It was a very interesting scene...and most informative. Mr. Montiero seemed to welcome the challenges. Mr. Hickes grossly underestimated them. If you missed this one, you missed alot,



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