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This Week in SGA DTK -

by Barbara Boswell

The SGA had a rather long meeting Monday night. Here are a few of the highlights of that meeting:

Dr. Grimm, Dean of Students, was present as a guest. He answered questions concerning the Student Affairs Office, concerning such things as Kathy King's resignation the student directory, and the rock festival.

Dr. Grimm stated that Miss King's resignation was due to a "private decision" on her part and that there was no pressure put on her to do so. She will be at Moravian College, Bethlehem. (For more on this question, please see my editorial comments in "Combat Zone.")

Concerning a student directory, Dr. Grimm stated that he sees no reason why this problem cannot be ironed out. He will be meeting with Mike Dini and other senate members to cover the details. They will decide such things as the number of copies needed, who is going to pay for the printing, who gets copies, etc.

In answer to the question about a rock festival, Dr. Grimm said that a festival like last year's

festival is an impossibility due mainly to the lack of space (we have a trailor park on campus this year) and the problem which arose last year because of the large numbers of junior high and high school students who attended.

Dr. Grimm also answered questions concerning certain changes in organizational structure within the school. These changes may affect the student-body perhaps adversely, in the future. (For more on this matter, please see "Combat Zone.")

Another topic of importance at the meeting was student-to-student advising. This would be similar to that which has been done in the past by such groups as Delta Tau Kappa, except that the student advisors

for every curriculum would be trained to offer advice as to requirements, options, etc. A vote was taken on this matter and passed, 11 for, 5 against, 2 abstaining. The wording of the motion, however, may negate the program's chances with the

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'Back in the Saddle'

Today, another film in the classic Western series "Back in the Saddle" will be presented. "The Outcasts of Poker Flat" will be shown during the second and third periods in the social science course "Westward Movements" in the Auditorium. Course instructors are Dr. Jay Anderson and Prof. Mark Dorfman.

Tonight, the film will be presented by the Cultural Programs Committee at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium.

Prof. Dorfman has offered a brief description of the film:

"Outcasts of Poker Flat" is a film based on a classic short story of the mining frontier by Bret Harte. The film, starring Dale Robertson, Anne Baxter, Miriam Hopkins, and Cameron Mitchell examines mining camp law and morality, and probes the lives of individual outcasts as they are forced to rely and depend on each other.

The original, starkly realistic short story is perverted through the addition of a jazzy new character ("The Gunfighter") and through alteration of Harte's original theme and tragic conclusion.

The result is a largely mythic creation that says as much about the film-makers and popular culture as it says about the mining camps of California's gold-rush days.

Beta Chi Establishes Course Evaluation

On Monday and Tuesday, January 29th and 30th, the Beta Chi society (Business Club) will be distributing questionnaires intended to serve as an evaluation of courses which were offered in the Business Program during the fall term.

A table will be set up in Vendorville and members of Beta Chi will be available to collect the information and answer any questions. Society members would appreciate students enrolled in the Business Program completing a form for each course taken during the fall term.

According to club representative Tony Durante, the purpose of the course evaluation is to "Try to help Business students better plan their schedules. Once this information is compiled, it will be available in the Beta Chi office for future reference. This information will be useful to both incoming as well as returning students in determining the workload for each course."

Durante adds "This is the first time this type of course evaluation will be conducted. Any comments or suggestions will be appreciated."

The Student Government Association normally conducts a teacher/course evaluation survey for all programs, but did not this past fall, due to an unforeseen difficulty as the required information was not prepared in time by the Office of Academic Services.

Fun and Games

by R. W. Bonaker

On January 16 Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society, held its first meeting of the term. The society, which staged many programs last term, is planning many others but they have not been finalized or financed as yet.

Prior to the meeting, members posed for a photograph for the yearbook. Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Deloras Garrison reported on the activities commemorating the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. held the day before. She said possibly 50 people were present at the memorial service for Dr. King. Fred Manas stated that the United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF) had sent the society a note of appreciation for sales of UNICEF Christmas cards which totaled \$153. Fred also purchased a scrapbook for \$3.

Joe Reilly, a society member who graduated last June, commented on his impressions of Ireland, which he had recently visited for a period of four weeks. His grandparents were Irish immigrants and Joe has kept in touch with his foreign relatives. He related some of the horrors he experienced, witnessing the violence that is so much a part of the lives of contemporary Irishmen.

Marlowe Blake reported on the progress of the campus literary magazine Tarnhelm. He said the publication will be issued near the end of the current term, and another possibly in the spring term. Paul Mirabile elaborated on a food co-op which is being formed by the XGIs and the University Apartments organization. Paul stated that fresh meats and produce as well as canned goods and staples can be purchased in bulk through a local wholesaler for savings up to 50 percent.

This past Tuesday, DTK entertained prospective members, hoping to increase the society's exclusive membership. DTK President Gaye Miles has scheduled another meeting for this Tuesday, January 30 at 7 p.m. in the T.V. Lounge.

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'COMBAT ZONE'

by Barbara Boswell

At Monday night's SGA meeting, I was told "Let's be realistic!" by Dr. Saylor. I say that "I was told" because regardless of the presence of senators and officers, the comment was directed to me. My answer is an emphatic, yes, let's do! Herein lies the reason for a column such as this one.

Every organization, such as PSU-Harrisburg, has within it an organizational structure, chain-of-command, if you will. Those at the top, the administrators, find themselves trying to answer to a wide variety of "interested parties" such as Pennsylvania - the state, Penn State University - University Park, division heads, faculty and students within the organization itself.

Although my main concern is with the administration's treatment of the undergraduate student, I realize that each piece of this puzzle is relative to those around it. So, that which happens to and within the Student Affairs office will, in some way, effect us as undergraduate students.

Most of you, up to this point, are aware only of the hassles about the student directory and the spring festival. The "vibes" floating around that first floor, west hall, told me that problems were at a deeper level than that. Then I began picking up a few bits and pieces of information, all of which tell me I was right about the depth.

As most of you don't know, Kathy King, who was assistant dean of students, has left us. As stated in "This Week In SGA," Dr. Grimm said, when questioned about the circumstances surrounding her departure, that it was her choice and no pressure was put on her to make that choice. In all respect to Dr. Grimm, I cannot buy that answer. (You may begin to see the reason behind his answer a bit later in this article). The main reason why I doubt the existence of "whole truth" in Dr. Grimm's answer is that Kathy's departure was kept so secretive. I had to see her about other matters and, after looking for and asking about her for 2 days, was told that she resigned. Further investigation into the matter led me to details that pointed to administrative pressures exerted on her to resign.

I must apologize at this point because I feel I should not reveal these details at this time. It is a moral obligation type of thing and I feel that I do not have quite enough solid information to go on right now. I am following up on these details, however, and will issue a statement when certain pertinent information is uncovered. (One could say I'm trying to be realistic.)

Now for the structural changes concerning the Student Affairs Office.

FACT - Kathy King's position will not be filled immediately.

FACT - It has been suggested that the Housing and Food Service office, presently at University Park and controlling those services for all PSU campuses, may be moved to this campus.

FACT - Dr. McDermott and Mr. Dressler, our administrative officer, are studying the possibility of such a relocation of the Housing and Food Service office.

FACT - Our RA's, who previously met with, and were accountable to Kathy King will as of this past Tuesday night, be meeting with and be accountable to Mr. Dressler.

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Poll Results For Spring Music Festival

By Sam Randazzo

At last, the results of the Spring Music Festival poll are in. The poll was designed merely to give organizations some idea of the amount of interest that students have in the festival.

The questions and results are as follows:

(1.) Do you want a Spring Music Festival? Yes 125, No 13.

(2.) Considering the length of last year's Rock Festival (12 hours) should the next Festival be: the Same 81, Longer 21, Shorter 11, No Response 13?

(3.) What kind of music would you enjoy listening to the most? Most students expressed a desire to see a combination of Hard Rock, Folk, and Jazz.

(4.) Would you be willing to participate in staging the festival? Yes 65, No 54.

If you answered yes to the fourth question, what category of the production could you best serve? Student Marshal 28, Stage Crew 13, Clean Up 6, Concessions 7, Music Scout 4, Head Shop 13, No Response 45.

Included with the above responses were students' explanations. In all the responses there were basic and sound positive and negative outlooks for the proposed festival. While one negative response expressed chagrin over the trash left after last year's festival, other positive responses were aware of the same problem, and expressed ideas to overcome the trash problem.