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SGA Acknowledges Petition; Moves Graduation to the Campus

The Student Government Association totally reversed a decision it had made merely 72 hours earlier, and voted 17-0-1 to hold the June Commencement ceremonies on campus during a meeting last Thursday night.

On Monday, March 5, the SGA accepted a recommendation from its Campus/Community Service Committee to stage all graduation activities at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg. That recommendation was accepted by the senators in a 9-4-3 vote.

The committee originally planned to stage the ceremonies on campus, utilizing huge tents for protection against the elements. However, further investigation reportedly found the tent concept unfeasible in logistics, cost and convenience. Two of the tents could accommodate only 2,600 people, including the over 600 graduating students. Supporting poles were expected to block the view and the entire project, costing over \$2,000, cut deeply into the allotted budget, according to committee spokesmen. Rental of the Farm Show facilities was estimated at a more acceptable \$500.

Upon hearing of the committee's proposal, Senator Bonnie McSweeney (Sr., Humanities) launched a petition campaign against having graduation in "the cow palace".

HACC Cooperation

The Faculty Organization last week overwhelmingly approved a proposal to cooperate with Harrisburg Area Community College. The vote was 84-8 with one abstention.

Contingent upon final approval from the HACC faculty, now begins the process to effectively implement the formal cooperation mechanisms. The Faculty Council will reportedly establish committees to "firm up" the proposal.

The heart of the faculty resolution called for "joint faculty and administrative committees" of HACC and Capitol to "be created to implement this policy in areas of admissions, curriculum planning, dual enrollment, exchange of students and faculty, as well as joint utilization of facilities and other resources," while continuing a belief in "the separate missions" of the two schools.

Hot Line Shuts Down

The Hotline will temporarily cease operations during the term break.

From March 17-28, those needing someone to talk to may dial the Youth Information Center anytime at 232-0521.

The Hotline will be back in commission on March 29, the first day of classes for the Spring term.

By the time of the meeting on March 5, she and others had gathered over 140 signatures for a petition that called for Commencement exercises to be held on campus, only utilizing the Farm Show Arena as the alternative in case of inclement weather. Yet, as was stated previously, the SGA voted to go to the Farm Show.

During the course of the meeting on March 5, Barbara Biancone, who proxied for Senator McSweeney, formally presented the petitions to President Mike Dini, with an additional 200 signatures of graduating seniors. In the face of such massive support of the petition, Senator Mike Leasher (Jr., Social Science), introduced the motion to hold the ceremonies on campus, but without the tents.

In another motion, the time of the ceremonies was moved to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, to be able to utilize the Farm Show alternative. The vote was 11-6-1. It had been mentioned earlier that Farm Show authorities had to be notified of definite plans the preceding evening, as the activities were originally scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. The SGA apparently thought that one and a half hours will make a difference. In still another resolution, the SGA voted to allow those students who expect to graduate at the end of the summer term to participate in the June Graduation. The motion passed unanimously.

In other news, Dini announced that Karl Salmon (Jr., at-large), had resigned from the Senate, effective immediately. Salmon, who is active in York County politics, felt he could not devote the required time to SGA affairs. Dini presented a report submitted by a student representative on the Faculty Organization Bookstore Activities Committee. The committee reported that the bookstore will remain open until 7:30 p.m. on the last day of the drop-add period next term in order to be of greater service to graduate students. Currently, the store maintains evening hours during the initial weeks of the term, following registration.

Treasurer Tom Dixon announced that the Finance Committee had turned down a request for \$100 from the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He explained that no lump sums for allocation are currently available as money must be reserved to keep the campus yearbook, The Capitolite, "out of the red". Marilyn Levin of the Election/Screening Committee set the date for SGA General Elections in the last week of April.

The Campus/Community Service Committee set the ticket price for the Texas Bar-be-que, an activity commensurate with Commencement, at \$2. Don Snyder of the Social Affairs Committee announced that a benefit concert for the Spring Music-Arts Festival will be held on April 14.

McDermott Goes With SGA

BULLETIN

Provost Robert E. McDermott, in compliance with the SGA decision, has decided to state the June Commencement ceremonies on campus, utilizing the Harrisburg Farm Show Arena only in the case of bad weather.

However, McDermott said, the new plan will provide for an extra cost in the already limited graduation budget as another plan in addition to the Farm Show alternative must be established. Originally, graduation was to take place at the Farm Show, as was approved by the SGA on March 5, but reconsidered on March 8.

D.T.K. Spring Banquet Set

by Victor Pawluk

Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society, held a club meeting on March 6.

President of the club, Brent Lawson, asked for volunteers to serve on the Constitutional Committee which will revise the present DTK Constitution as motioned for at the last meeting. Several DTK members volunteered to serve on this crucial committee.

The banquet welcoming new members and newly elected officers of DTK was discussed. The banquet is to be held on April 10, 1973 at the Creekside Inn near Mechanicsburg. Cost of the banquet is \$6.25 per person with Dr. James G. McAree as the scheduled speaker. The banquet will include a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. McAree speaking after dinner; and a band providing dancing music at 9:00 p.m.

A guest speaker at the meeting, Dr. Richard I. Ammon, spoke about a future pilot study he will be conducting during the spring term. This study is aimed at "ironing out" problems for a future standardized study which will measure four levels of oral language to determine if the ability to read and write are influenced by the linguistics of an individual. Dr. Ammon asked for DTK volunteers to aid in the initial project.

Dr. James L. Knestruck, advisor to DTK, talked about the possibility of DTK getting into more activities of an academic level such as seminars, discussions, and speaker oriented meetings rather than holding meetings of a strictly business-like nature.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be held on April 3, 1973 in the T.V. Lounge.

PROVOST REDUCES PARKING FEE TO ONE BUCK

Faced with the threat of a student boycott of the \$7.50 parking fee next term, Provost Robert E. McDermott has decided to reduce the fee to one dollar.

He said he has agreed for a long time that the fee is too high and is taking the action to call attention of it to the attention of University Park authorities.

When reducing the fee, the Provost declared that no student will be allowed to appeal a citation for failure to possess the mandatory sticker while parking in the lot to the rear of the main building.

Reportedly, stickers restricting parking to the

dormitory, Meade Heights and University Apartments areas will continue to be issued freely.

On March 5, the Student Government Association advocated the boycott when it supported Vice President John Sheridan's motion by a 17-0-1 vote. SGA officials were to reimburse students receiving citations for agreeing with the boycott by not purchasing a sticker. The SGA was to utilize the parking fines, which it receives on a comparatively regular basis, as the reimbursement monies.

Upon hearing McDermott's decree of the fee cut, the SGA voted to stop the boycott.

CAPITOL'S ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR STILL UNDECIDED

The subject of calendar revisions, a "hot" issue since last October, is in the news again.

Provost Robert E. McDermott, who has submitted three such modifications of the 1973-74 University Calendar to main campus authorities, staged a joint student, faculty and administration meeting last Friday. Following a discussion of the three alternatives and finding agreement from those present, he has decided to push for what has been termed "Alternative II."

Following is a detailed description of that proposed revision:

The Fall Term, 1973 will begin on September 26, the arrival date being September 23. Classes will end on December 5, and final exams and seven days later. Thanksgiving vacation is scheduled for November 21-25.

The Winter Term, 1974 begins with registration on January 2, and classes start the following day. Classes end on March 13 and exams finish by March 16.

After a one week break, new students register for the Spring Term, 1974 on March 22 and classes begin on the 25th. Classes end by May 31, and finals are over June 5 and graduation follows a few days later. The Summer Term, 1974 starts with registration on June 17, and classes a day later. The term ends by August 16.

In actuality, the proposed calendar is basically the same as the one currently in operation, with the Winter and Spring terms being "squeezed" to end the academic year by early June. The calendar issued by University President John Oswald, which pertains to Capitol until further notice, even with academic "autonomy", has many disadvantages, according to McDermott. With the University Park calendar, Capitol would probably lose over half of the projected 160 junior college transfer and readmission students for the Winter term. Many students and faculty at the meeting argued that the divided Winter term in the calendar issued by Oswald will "ruin" the

term and that it is the worst of the old semester concept where the fall semester did not come to a close until after the new year.

Following is a brief description of the University Park calendar:

The arrival date for the Fall Term is September 3 (Labor Day) with classes beginning on September 10. The term ends prior to the Thanksgiving holiday on November 21. The divided Winter Term, 1973-74, shows classes beginning on December 6 and the Winter holiday recess begins on December 19. The term resumes on January 3 and ends by March 2. The Spring Term begins March 14 and ends with Commencement on June 1.

McDermott cited the advantages of his previously explained "Alternative II"

calendar modification. Firstly, it would guarantee the enrollment of winter term transfer students that are "badly needed" in the face of declining collegiate enrollment throughout higher education. Secondly, it would eliminate the highly controversial divided winter term. Thirdly, Capitol would start the academic year later but finish "about as early" as University Park and the other Commonwealth Campuses.

Inherent in the Provost's argument for his revision was a belief that the present calendar is highly acceptable as compared to the main campus calendar.

The only disadvantage McDermott saw in "Alternative II" was the probability that it would be "out of phase" with University Park's data processing.

After McDermott said he would fight for "Alternative II", he charged members of the Faculty Council ad-hoc Calendar Committee to continue working on a calendar for 1974-75, remembering a faculty resolution declaring that Capitol be allowed to develop its calendar for that time. Members of that committee apparently favor a semester system, such as HACC has now, while retaining the unit system where each course is worth four credits.