Student Power

S.G.A. STATE OF AFFAIRS

by Bob Hetzel

What you are now reading is the first article of a column devoted to informing the student body about the activities of the Student Government Association. It is hoped that this column will appear in every issue of the C.C. READER. But this writer is also a SGA Senator, a part time employee of J.C. Penny's and a full time student and there for might not have time to function as a C.C. READER reporter. In this particular article I would like to answer the two most frequently asked questions about the SGA. What is it and What does it do?

WHAT IS THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION?

The SGA is composed of Sr. and Jr. elected representatives that go by the title of Senator. The officers are: Bill Matthews, President; Mike Leasher, Vice-President; Bob Chappel, Treasurer; and Patty Nevil, Secretary. The Senate is composed of 9 Sr. Senators and 9 Jr. Senators. This group of 22 people looks out for the social, political and material rights and needs of the students. The Senate meets every Monday night at 6:30 in the Gallery Lounge.

WHAT DOES THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION DO?

This question requires two answers: one dealing with past efforts of the SGA and a second dealing with present items. Last year the SGA was active in a large number of activities that were of substantial importance to the student body. The SGA was very influential in protecting the "Round Table" from two administration attempts to have it removed and destroyed. Student representation on a number of faculty and administrative committees was gained. The walkway that is now under construction was the result of action taken by the Committee on Space and Facility Utilization. The SGA was represented on the committee by Gene Brian a Social Science Senator. The SGA was also instrumental in instituting a uniform course "Withdrawal Policy" and in proposing an "Academic Appeals Board." The parking lot fee was lowered last year to $1 for one term, but was raised when the SGA did not receive student support of the parking lot boycott it had asked for. It was in protest to the reinstitution of the $7.50 fee. This short list, which could easily be expanded if this reporter had more time, shows that the SGA has acted with the interests of the students in mind and in an affirmative manner.

Presently the SGA has completed its Jr. Senatorial Elections and has held two Constitutional Referendums. The end result is that the SGA has a full compliment of Senators and a much improved Constitution. At this time the SGA has two main problems confronting it.

First, is the Academic Appeals Board.

Last year attempts were made to have an Academic / Appeals Board instituted, but the proposal was shot down by the administration. The reason given was that due to administrative reshuffling of personnel that it was an inappropriate time to bring up the matter. At the past SGA meeting of Nov. 12, Bill Matthews, formed a committee to take up this matter. If this Board is instituted, the students who receive, in his opinion, an unfair grade can appeal that grade to the Board. And it would appear that chances are good for this proposal to be accepted.

The second area of SGA concern is the issue of a teacher / course evaluation. This evaluation, which is a great improvement over last years, is to be handed out the last week of classes under the eyes of the Dean of Faculty. But it is also reported that the results of this evaluation WILL NOT be given to the students. The Teacher / Course Evaluation Committee has meet with the administration on this matter and presented the following resolution as a statement of their views:

RECOGNIZING - the importance that a teacher / course evaluation will have for the students, the faculty and the administration of this college;

REALIZING - that the worth of an evaluation depends upon the amount of student participation in its compilation;

BELIEVING - that the opinions expressed in an evaluation are the property of the student body;

FURTHER - believing that these opinions cannot be properly sequestered from the student body;

NOTING - that in times past the results of teacher / course evaluations have been made available to the student body;

CALLS - upon the administration to:

1. Make available to the student body, through its representatives in the SGA, the results, of the Fall Term 1973 Teacher / Course Evaluation and all future evaluations and to,
2. Allow for student input in the selection of this evaluation format and/or all future systems.

This reporter hopes that whoever, faculty and/or administration, made the decision to prohibit the students from seeing the results will re-evaluate that decision. Any prohibitive action will be very disappointing to the student body to say the least, and it might require some form of student response. The SGA will be working for a resolution to these two problems that will be to the benefit of the student body.

In ending this article I would like to say that the SGA must be dedicated to acting in the students interests to be a viable governmental body. This it is. But what is also very important is student feedback and participation in student government activities.

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Another Service From Your XGI's

14% DISABLED JOBLESS

VA Launches U.S. Job Hunt

By a Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — A new nationwide effort to find "suitable and rewarding jobs" for Vietnam veterans with service-connected disabilities has been launched by the Veterans Administration, the National Alliance of Businessmen and the Department of Labor.

Unemployment among disabled veterans is estimated at 14 percent.

Veterans Administrator Donald Johnson launched the campaign in late October with a letter to 41,000 of the 368,000 Vietnam veterans on VA compensation rolls.

The letters seek to identify those veterans who want further training to qualify for jobs.

VA officials say similar letters eventually will be sent to all disabled veterans on VA compensation rolls.

"Special help — over and above GI Bill education — is available to veterans with service-connected disabilities," Johnson said.

The agency is permitted by legislation to pay service-disabled veterans who are drawing compensation an additional $170 per month while they are in school. The monthly stipend, which is increased when there are dependents, is in addition to VA payments for tuition, books and other expenses, and it does not affect compensation payments that range from $28 (for a 10 percent disability) to as high as $1232 (for 100 percent disability when loss of limbs is involved).

The 66,000-member NAB is developing job openings for disabled veterans to be identified by the VA survey. The Labor Department is helping to find jobs for the disabled through its state employment offices.

"Veterans who respond in the survey that they want a job or job training will be contacted immediately by VA counselors. Those who want jobs will be referred to a NAB job opening. Suitable job training programs will be found for others. VA counselors will carefully assess each veteran's physical capacities, job skills and qualifications before making referrals," the agency said.

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GI Bill Q&A

Q. I was recently honorably discharged and would like to become a physician's assistant. Which VA hospitals may I apply to for this training?

A. Apply to the college or university of your choice for the training and contact the nearest VA office if you want to train under the GI Bill. VA hospitals provide clinical training to students enrolled in physician's assistant programs of colleges and universities.

Q. Is there any bar against a retired veteran getting GI Bill education allowance and retired pay at the same time?

A. They may be paid concurrently.

Q. If a veteran enrolls in a correspondence course under the GI Bill, how much will his monthly VA allowance be?

A. The allowance for correspondence study is paid quarterly, based on the number of lessons completed and serviced by the school. The allowance is 90 percent of the cost of the course.

Q. When a veteran going to school under the GI Bill collects a higher VA allowance because of his dependents, is there any way the dependents can get part of that allowance if the veteran doesn't support them?

A. That portion of the GI Bill allowance payable because of dependents may be apportioned on behalf of a wife or child who is not living with the student. However, it may not exceed the additional allowance for dependents.

Q. What can you tell me about the new work-study allowance authorized for GI Bill students to augment their monthly VA allowance?

A. It is open to veterans taking full-time GI Bill education or training. Veterans who are approved for the program receive an advance payment of $250 for 100 hours of work or services during an enrollment period. Lesser amounts at $2.50 per hour are paid for under 100 hours.

Q. How are veterans picked for the work-study program?

A. Veterans with service-connected disabilities of 30 percent or higher are given preference in selection. Other criteria include (1) need of veteran to augment his allowance; (2) availability to the veteran of transportation to the place where his services are to be performed; (3) veteran's motivation; and (4) compatability of the work assignment to the veteran's physical condition.

Q. What type of work will veterans do?

A. Veterans may be used in VA's outreach program, in processing paperwork at schools and VA offices, working in VA medical facilities, and any other activity of the VA.

Q. Under VA's Dependents' Education Assistance program, does the length of schooling depend on how long the veteran served on active duty?

A. Up to 36 months of education and training are available, regardless of the veteran's length of active duty.

Q. My daughter is getting VA dependents' educational assistance based on the service-connected death of my husband. She plans to marry soon. Will that affect her assistance?

A. Your daughter's marriage would have no effect on her education benefits. A widow's remarriage under the same program, however, would end benefits, unless the remarriage was terminated by death or divorce.

Q. If a veteran applies for the VA tutorial assistance, will the monthly payment reduce his over-all educational entitlement?

A. No.

Q. I plan to enroll in a GI Bill correspondence course. Will VA reduce my entitlement month for month for the time I spend in the program?

A. One month is deducted from your entitlement for each $220 of the allowance paid by VA.

Q. Does a serviceman going to school under the GI Bill get extra allowance for his wife and children.

A. No.

Q. How many changes of program may a veteran make under the GI Bill?

A. Normally, two. However, additional changes may be made when caused by circumstances beyond the veteran's control. These could include health, requiring him to relocate in an area where the previous objective is not available, or the course is discontinued by the school and a similar course is not available within normal commuting distance. Each case is decided on its own merits.

Try "one year" in the National Guard, regardless of prior service. For further info, call LTE Joseph Hodgson HQ 28th INF. Div. Arty., 1313 S. 19th St. Hbg., Pa., 787-6405.

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MILITARY PAY RAISE — EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1973

New Daily Pay Rates for Pennsylvania National Guardsmen

NOTE: (To compute pay for MUTA-4 weekend, multiply by 4)

Rank	Grade	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
MG	O-8	$68.60	$70.67	$72.35	$72.35	$72.35	$77.75	$77.75	$81.41	$81.41	$84.79	$88.48	$91.87	$95.56	
BG	O-7	57.00	60.90	60.90	60.90	63.61	63.61	67.31	67.31	70.67	77.75	83.09			
COL	O-6	42.26	46.44	49.46	49.46	49.46	49.46	49.46	49.46	51.34	59.23	62.26	63.61	67.31	72.99
LTC	O-5	33.79	39.70	42.43	42.43	42.43	42.43	43.73	46.06	49.14	52.82	55.86	57.50	59.56	
MAJ	O-4	28.50	34.68	37.02	37.02	37.68	39.36	42.03	44.41	46.44	48.46	49.80			
CPT	O-3	26.48	29.60	31.63	35.01	36.68	38.00	40.04	42.03	43.06					
1LT	O-2	23.08	25.22	30.29	31.30	31.96									
2LT	O-1	20.03	20.86	25.22											
CWO4	W-4	26.97	28.93	28.93	29.60	30.95	32.31	33.65	36.02	37.68	39.04	40.04	41.47	42.74	46.06
CWO3	W-3	24.53	26.60	26.60	26.92	27.25	29.25	30.95	31.96	32.97	33.96	35.01	36.35	37.68	39.02
CWO2	W-2	21.47	23.22	23.22	23.90	25.22	26.60	27.60	28.60	29.60	30.63	31.63	32.64	33.96	
WO 1	W-1	17.89	20.52	20.52	22.22	23.22	24.23	25.22	26.25	27.25	28.26	29.25	30.29		
SGM	E-9							30.63	31.34	32.05	32.79	33.51	34.17	35.97	39.46
MSG	E-8						25.71	26.43	27.13	27.84	28.56	29.24	29.96	31.71	35.25
SFC	E-7	17.95	19.37	20.09	20.79	21.51	22.19	22.89	23.61	24.68	25.37	26.08	26.43	28.20	31.71
SSG	E-6	15.50	16.91	17.61	18.34	19.04	19.74	20.45	21.51	22.19	22.89	23.75			
SP5	E-5	13.61	14.82	15.53	16.21	17.27	17.97	18.69	19.37	19.74					
CPL	E-4	13.09	13.82	14.62	15.77	16.39									
PFC	E-3	12.59	13.28	13.81	14.35										
PVT	E-2	12.11													
PVT	E-1	10.87													