

# STATE OF AFFAIRS

by William Matthews

On behalf of the Student Government Association I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the incoming students to Penn State Capitol Campus and also to give you some insight to the function and performance of your Student Government.

The Student Government is made up of 25 members, both juniors and seniors, who are elected from the various divisions on campus. The Student Government is your vehicle for change within the governmental structure of the college. Because of its proximity and make up it is probably the best opportunity for the singular student to participate and initiate changes within the system.

Regardless of the stubbornness or unwillingness of groups in power in the higher echelons of a governing structure to effect changes, or for that matter, how receptive and willing groups in power are, an organization designed to be receptive to student needs in order to effect changes is only as effective as it's membership and the support it receives from it's respective constituency. Fortunately, we have been able to develop in both areas. We have the strongest student membership to date in terms of performance and function and also have the luck of having a responsive student body.

Although Fall term of 1973 was spent mainly in restructuring the internal works of the organization, significant progress has been made in new and extremely important areas both academic and non-academic.

The Student Government has rewritten it's entire constitution, revamped its structure, held elections for junior members, held the first Council of Presidents meeting at Capitol

and participated in numerous conferences.

It has restructured it's judicial system, offered many and various social and cultural activities, allocated a record \$20,000.00 budget to over 26 functioning organizations on campus, fired up numerous non-functioning committees, re-established the Presidents Council, participated in physical plant changes on campus, reworked Faculty evaluation both in process and procedure. It has even found the time to have a Christmas Party for the underprivileged children in the area.

The student Government is currently working on Faculty evaluation, commencement procedures for June 1974, Food Service, Campus Security, Space and its Utilization, spring elections, a student grievance procedure, social activities, Calendar reforms, and a list of others.

The question is then are we performing and are we accomplishing anything?

Hopefully by viewing this short statement I think that you can see that in fact the S.G.A. is performing and is active on this campus. The senators have produced approximately 30 different items of legislation alone, besides all the other projects committee work and meetings that they must go to and work on. Are we then accomplishing our goals? Well, I think so, I am proud of this organization and its membership because you must remember no matter what personal rewards a senator may receive there still is no type of remuneration for what they do, they sacrifice their personal free time to perform these roles and it must be remembered that they are seeking an education too.

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## Clothing Drive for the needy

A clothing drive for the needy is being sponsored by the Student Government Association. After a recent fire at Lakeview Manor apts. in Union Deposit, twelve families were left without anything. One of the families consisted of a student at Capitol Campus. Several students are working to help these people recover from their hardships. Chairman of this event is Nancy Wilt. If there is anyone who has any articles of clothing, furniture, dishes, toys, etc., which they would be willing to donate please put articles in the boxes distributed around school or contact 944-9714 or 944-0820. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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## Deadline Dates

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### Regular Editions

Feb. 2 - for issue of 2/7  
Feb. 16 - for issue of 2/21  
March 2 - for issue of 3/7

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### Extra Editions

Jan. 30 - for issue of 1/31  
Feb. 13 - for issue of 2/14  
Feb. 27 - for issue of 2/28  
March 13 - for issue of 3/14

# THINGS TO DO

John Bradford Langdon

Remember when you used to trudge through the snow to meet your buddies at THE sledding hotspot? It probably was the steepest slope within walking distance and was found in several forms. It could've been a block-off street (when schools were closed), the hill behind the schoolyard, or a place in the country. Sledding required only the desire, a lot of firmly-packed snow, a sled and your body belly-flopping onto the wooden slats.

Well, you can sled, even make a party of it, when it snows at Capitol Campus. The requirements have not changed, and you can find all the necessary ingredients on or near the campus.

Make-shift sleds are fairly easy to obtain. For instance, some vinyl or heavy-duty plastic sheeting or large (refrigerator-size) pieces of cardboard can provide easy substitutes for the traditional sled.

Some of the favorite manufactured sledding items are the traditional sleds and toboggans (both come in various sizes), the Snurfer (A stout wooden ski with a rope to hold onto), and the aluminum soucers. Suggestion: Maybe a bunch of the suitcase people could gather a few sleds or sledding-type items over the weekends. They could use them later this term and maybe even lend them out.

Possible slopes on campus include several areas by the Engineering Laboratory and the Residence Halls. The site of last spring's Folk/Rock Festival should provide the best sledding. Facing the area from the road, the hill on the right provides plenty of room for large numbers of participants and stopping area for sledders. On the left, is a hill with a steeper grade, but has virtually no room for speeding sledders. The exception is a "trail" swinging right off the end of the lab down through a break in the trees. Your stopping point will be the Festival site of Head Shop's tent, so feel honored while sprawled over your sled.

The gradual slopes by Wrisberg Hall and the Student Center may be a little tricky until you learn to negotiate the concrete drainage ditches and trees at the bottom. Also, adjacent to the newly-installed walkway on "The Hill" is a short but feasible sledding site. The major drawback there is a large protruding concrete block near the base of the hill.

For Hershey residents and those willing to drive a few miles, the best sledding area is the hill directly in front of Milton Hershey School. The school is located above the Hershey Airport and behind the Hershey Park facilities.

Finally, the land below the Recreation/Athletic building and across from the University Apartments, could provide some sledding enjoyment. (Novice skiers take note, this area and the first mentioned area by the Engineering Laboratory, can provide some easy practice.)

For sleds that will slide more efficiently, it helps to sand off the rust on the bottom of the runners, and then wax them, using paraffin or old candles.

To finish off an afternoon or night of sledding, a fitting finale would be a retreat to the warm indoors for hot chocolate, coffee, tea, beer or a shot or two of brandy!

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FOLK FESTIVAL?  
ROCK FESTIVAL?  
GOOD PEOPLES  
PRODUCTION NEEDS  
YOU THIS SPRING!

# Organizational News

## Young Democrats

## The Photo Club

The Young Democrats will meet Thursday, January 24th, - tonite - 7:30 in the Heights - 845 A Kirtland Ave., - any questions call Wanda Burkholder, at 944-3012 or John Murrhy at 944-0844.

Watergate, Impeachment, Pennsylvania's Gubernatorial election, etc.; all topics of student interest and concern. Our first meeting will establish our objectives and general direction, and it doesn't matter what your party or political leanings. Come join the Young Democrats. Yearbook pictures will be taken and we'll have plenty of beverages.

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## S.G.A.

The Student Government Association is in desperate need of a Corresponding Secretary. The Senate has been hard pressed to carry on its normal amount of correspondence with other colleges with this seat vacant. Any person interested in this position should drop his or her name and address off in Bob Hetzel's mail box in the S G A Office, W-104.

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## Ski Club

All persons planning to go on the Waterville Valley Ski Trip in March are reminded that the \$28 deposit must be turned in by February 6th. Questions? Call George Bishop at 944-1982. \*\*THINK SNOW\*\*

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The Ski Club skis at Roundtop every Wednesday. We leave from the Student Center at noon and return about 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us. \*\*THINK SNOW\*\*

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The Photo Club is going to study camera techniques this term. The study is based on the Nikon School of Photography and the Time-Life Books.

The study will include the following themes and the date. The club meets every Monday night in the Gallery Lounge a 8:00.

January 21 - Black & White Print Display and a study of lenses.

January 28 - Camera Care - Handling - Metering Techniques.

February 4 - Filters - Flash Photography - Composition.

February 11 - Candid Photography.

February 18 - Black and white Print Display and a study of Close-up and photomicrography.

February 25 - Travel Photography

March 4 - Colored Slides.

March 11 - Special Effects and election of officers.

The club plans to have several speakers during the term and a field trip. They also are invited to attend a few talks with the Harrisburg Photo Club.

Anyone interested in joining the club - please call Charlie at 944-3992.

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## D.T.K.

### Meeting

Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society, will hold its first meeting of the winter term on Tuesday, January 29, 1974 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge. All DTK members are asked to attend this meeting so that plans for future events can be made. Group pictures will also be taken at this time. SEE YOU THERE !!!

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## Judo Club



(L. to R.) Dr. Swetz, Don Miller, John Cerra and David Thierfelder.

The Capitol Campus Judo-Ka Association (CCJA) was constituted several years ago by a group of students who were interested in the Japanese sport of Judo. The club pursues the study of judo as a form of physical culture stressing physical, mental and spiritual discipline. At this time, the club

is resuming activities and seeks new members.

Instruction is given by Dr. Frank Swetz an Ikkyu (First Degree Brown Belt.) Dr. Swetz was formerly Judo Instructor at the Malayan Teachers College in Malaysia and is registered with the Kodakan in Japan.

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## Israeli Speaker

Dr. I. Kelson, a leading astro-physicist from Israel, will be here on Monday, January 28, 1974 to deliver an interesting talk on various topics. Dr. Kelson will speak at noon in the school's auditorium on topics such as International Law, Petroleum, and Middle-Eastern Affairs. Plan to attend this important and timely lecture to

learn more about current world problems.

Dr. Kelson's appearance is being sponsored by the Capitol Campus, the Foreign Policy Assn., A.P.P.M.E., and D.T.K. Support your school and organizations so that more speakers of this caliber can be brought on campus to speak in the future.

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