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A Personal Viewpoint Here We Go Again

By Gary Reneker

Sitting in a not-so-plush-but-comfortable-chair behind a not-so-fancy-but-functional desk in her not-so-large-but-official cubicle, the Coordinator of Student Activities conjures forth another memo to students leaders. The last of these enlightening rhetorical displays irritated me to the point of penning this editorial.

Quoting Ms. Roberta McLeod (the C.S.A.) from that memo, it seems that, "Due to the change over and illness" of her office staff during the '77-'78 school year, she was "unable to complete the Student Leader Handbook on schedule as promised."

Each September student leaders are supposed to receive a copy of the handbook to help them plan and organize student activities as completely and efficiently as possible with the resources available on or near Capitol Campus. Ms. McLeod's excuses for not having the handbook finished have been varied and continuous since before the school began. The ideas and explanations to be contained in the to-be-published handbook would be of great assistance to student leaders in conducting worthwhile activities for their fellow students.

The CSA's first secretary of this school year moved away from the area. The current secretary was hired several weeks later. During the few weeks between these permanent secretaries a temporary secretary was employed to maintain the necessary office functions. The CSA's office has not experienced any great change of personnel to justify "change over" as an excuse for non-performance.

Ms. McLeod's secretary is frequently observed doing nothing constructive, but the work she does have is finished on time. Apparently, then, the workload has not been so extensive that it would not allow production of a current Student Leader Handbook.

What about the illness excuse? True, her secretary was in the hospital for some time, but her tour of that institution did not begin until the Handbook was already four months overdue!!

Fortunately, there have been enough students with the necessary initiative and abilities to bring us many good programs this year. Some of them have learned to function as student leaders without that sometimes-annual guide. All of them have learned to function without Roberta McLeod, which brings in another point.

If the administration is seriously considering ways of cutting future operating costs, as they've been told to do by University Park, why not eliminate generally non-functional members of the administration, like Roberta McLeod, rather than chipping faculty positions and thereby castrating us further of educational opportunities? The services she performs [i.e., offering illogical excuses for non-performance; taking credit for student activities and services which she neither advised, coordinated, or assisted; immaturely scolding students in public over trivia; and mismanaging her student worker so his entire year's work study funds are consumed in little more than one term] could be conducted at least as well by simply assigning her secretary to the Director of Student Affairs office. Students would undoubtedly receive more and better assistance since the secretary would have a greater supervision than Ms. McLeod's approximate 10 am to 2 pm [full time??] office schedule allows.

SGA

To encourage interaction between students and their representatives, concerned SGA Senators have established an office area in the SGA office, room W-110. The following Senators have scheduled office hours.

Randy Goshert (Business), Tuesday 5th period.

Craig Hocker (Senator-at-Large), Monday 5th period and Friday 4th period.

Julie Ketterman (Math), Monday 4th period.

Bill Roseberry (Humanities), Tuesday from 3 pm to 4 pm.

John Stachowiak (Math Science), Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to noon.

YEARBOOK

Did you miss getting your Senior portrait taken?

If you did, and are still interested in getting a portrait taken, please sign the list on the C.C. Reader/Capitolite office door at W-129. This is only a survey to see how many students would be interested in having another day for portrait sittings arranged. If we find that the number of students is sufficient, we will try to make the arrangements.

If you wish to supply your own professional portrait, it will be accepted. Please bring it to the Capitolite office, W-129, before March 17 (end of term). Thank you.

Backgammon Club

On Thursday, March 2, there will be an organizational meeting for the Capitol Campus Backgammon Club. The meeting will be held at 3:05 in the main building room W-129.

Any faculty member who is interested in being our adviser, please contact Wayne Bulley or Jeff Stout at 944-9338.

SGA Party Criticized

Editor:

Normally individuals and organizations are rewarded only when they achieve something worthwhile. The current SGA members obviously consider themselves above this standard. What has SGA accomplished this year to justify sponsoring a congratulatory party on their own behalf?

The SGA recently decided to splurge \$200 to pat themselves on the back. Why it would take that much money escapes all logic. Achieving nothing useful this year thus far, no congratulations are in order.

Funds used for the SGA party are self (student) generated (i.e., traffic fines, pin ball proceeds, etc.). These monies are supposed to be used for the benefit of all students, not just SGA members and a few of their friends. Other organizations have been denied the use of student funds for their organization's private parties, trips, and so on. Such an extravagance by the SGA is just one more tidbit of proof of how little they actually represent the students of Capitol Campus.

Dennis Zerbe
John Dieter
Deb McConnell

The Reader needs photographs. Drop off your photos for publication every Monday in Room W-129.

Whose Who?

Who's Who Selection Committee is still accepting forms from eligible students. Students from each academic program will be selected to represent Penn State Capitol Campus in the Who's Who publication next year. Eligible graduate students must have completed 15 credit hours. Undergraduate students must have completed 9 credit hours and have a grade point average in the upper third of their academic program. If you feel you are qualified and want to be considered for this publication pick up a form in the Student Affairs Office.

SGA News

by David Nikoloff

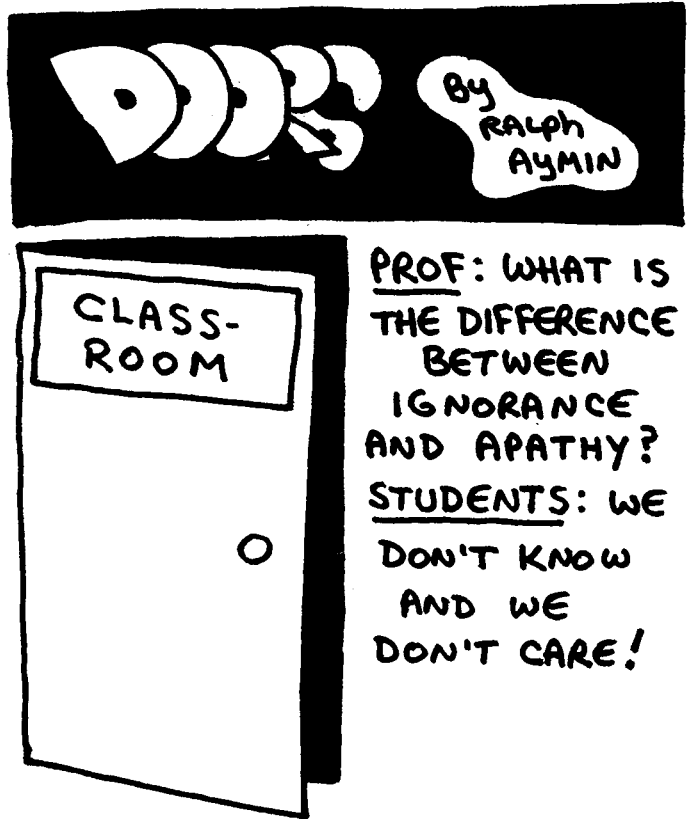
Once again the S.G.A. is announcing that it will accept any student design for the Wall Mural Design Competition. Come to the S.G.A. office for details. Remember that there is a \$25 prize to the best design. No work on the wall is included in the competition.

The S.G.A. spring elections are only several weeks away. Anyone interested in running for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Senior Senator can pick up nominating petitions beginning March 3 in the S.G.A. office in W-110. If you are dissatisfied with what we have done, or not done, this is a chance to give it a try yourself.

Yearbooks are on sale. The staff is working hard to produce what we expect will be the best yearbook Capitol Campus has

had in years. The Capitolite does receive some S.G.A. financing, but to succeed they need students and their families to buy yearbooks and sell advertising. We urge everyone to do whatever they can to help the staff.

Contrary to the C.C. Reader article of last week, the S.G.A. meeting of February 21 was not dominated by a debate centered around the selection and consumption of alcoholic beverages. We did discuss financing of the C.C. Reader, the chartering of a new student club, the problems we have in representing and helping students, and the difficulties involved in financing student activities during the coming months. If you have any interest in the S.G.A., our meetings are always open on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in room 216



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