

Perspectives

Hanging In Limbo

Limbo. Every organization and club on campus is hanging --- waiting for the Senate to pass a budget.

The negligence of a significant number of senators resulted in confusion and the defeat of the budget at the SGA meeting Tuesday night.

The budget was proposed a week prior to Tuesday night's meeting, giving the senators adequate time to familiarize themselves with the proposal and allocation procedures.

However when voting time came, so did the questions and questions and questions.

The confusion started when a club expressed to the Senate its dissatisfaction with its allocation. From there the discussion digressed to center on criteria the Finance Committee used in its evaluation procedures.

Whether the criteria used was valid could not be determined and was never relevant to the issue at hand.

The vote was taken. Four senators voted yes, five senators voted no and four senators seemed to have no opinion, choosing to abstain.

If the uninformed senators would have done their homework they could have dispersed with the irrelevant discussion on criteria and taken care of any dissatisfaction after the budget was passed.

For Student Government policy provides for any dissatisfied group to petition the Finance Committee and settle their disagreements directly with the committee.

The Finance Committee then proposes the newly recommended allocation to the Senate to be voted on.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor,

As an officer of the SGA and a member of the Election Screening Committee it is my duty to promote the upcoming elections of graduate and junior students. With the meeting of this previous Tuesday (Oct. 3) I find this difficult to do.

The Senate in its actions voted the proposed '78-79 budget down. Discussion went round for a significant period of time with no real accomplishments. It was clear from the Senators' responses that they did not understand the process from which the proposed budget was arrived at.

The proposed '78-79 budget was presented at the September 26, SGA meeting. Every Senator had a full week to talk with the Finance Committee to receive insight into the budget process. How many Senators talked to the Finance Committee? Apparently it was less than a handful. Now it stands that all clubs are acting without a budget for at least another week.

How does this all relate to the upcoming elections?

Being on the SGA is not just a once a week job as some have tried to make it. Your responsibility as an elected official permeates everyday. If you are thinking of running because it will look good on your resume, please do not. We already have enough hot air on the Senate now.

When you vote in the upcoming election remember that you are going to be dependent on the people for a full year. Elections can no longer be a personality contest!

Sandy Mancuso
11th Term

Apathy Problem?

The question we gave to Vito this week was: **How much of a problem is apathy at Capitol Campus?**

I would say that apathy is a major problem at Capitol Campus. It seems as though the students want to see a lot of things happen on campus but a majority of them don't want to get involved in the planning and work it takes to bring off some of these events. I think they will soon realize that if they want to see their ideas acted upon they have to get involved.

Randy Goshert
Social Committee Chairman
10th Term Business

Apathy was a major problem at Capitol last year. This year has just begun and I have been amazed at the increase

in student interest here. The interest level is still far from where I would like it to be. Personally I can not tolerate the people who complain and never get involved!

Sandy Mancuso
SGA Secretary
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Student apathy is fantastic problem at Capitol Campus. Whether students come to Capitol with an apathetic attitude or not, it's very quickly picked up. It's hard to care when very few others care. When student's hear the old "let's get involved speech" they look the other way and mutter about not having enough time. It's either make time or have "no life" school that Capitol is rapidly becoming.

Paul E. Mitsch
P.S.P.E. Pres.
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SGA News

On October 3 the SGA held its second meeting of the term.

The SGA received a letter from a 10th term Social Science student, Greg A. Verner, in response to the traffic problem. His suggestion will be passed on to the Administration. Thanks Greg, and any more suggestions would be appreciated.

Scott Summers reported on the President's Council meeting; all clubs are now required to place a summary of their upcoming activities in Scott's mailbox on Friday.

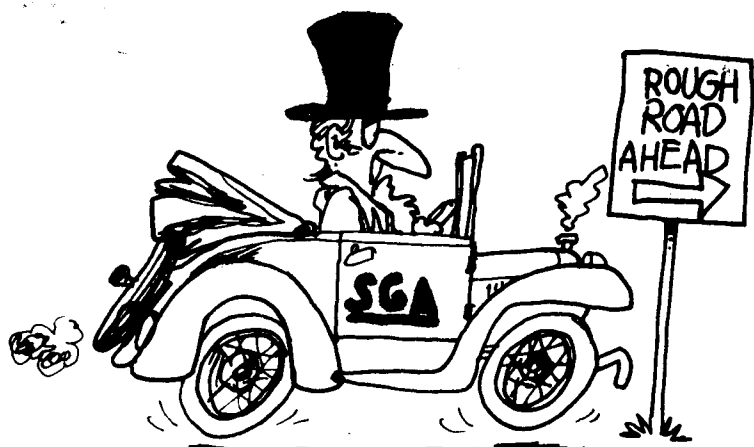
Elections are under way for junior and graduate senators. Petitions and by-laws may be picked up at the SGA office.

When the petition is completed place it in my mailbox. Dean Smith is currently organizing a search committee for a head librarian. More details will be forthcoming.

In actions taken by the Senate: traveling expenses to COBSG were allocated and the proposed budget was defeated. All club budgets are now frozen until the Senate passes a budget.

Under discussion it was pointed out that our yearbook, Capitolite, needs an editor or there will be no yearbook. If you are interested drop a note in my mailbox.

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To the Editor,

It is to my knowledge that G.P.P. has been a part of the Social Committee, whose function was to hold a spring concert. Since the spring concert has been cancelled so has G.P.P. I hate to see G.P.P. cancelled since I was part of it last year. I want to take over G.P.P. and reorganize it. Its sole function will be to hold concerts in the gym, hopefully one each term, with a larger concert in the spring, but not in the same form as last year's concert. To do this I need support and help. Help from students who want to contact the booking agencies and see who is touring, and students who will work at the concerts. Those of you who are interested can contact me at 944-7831 or at 840 A Jones or during 3rd period in the SGA office.

Mark Kowalski

