

Perspectives

Vote Intelligently

Now it's time for that old familiar editorial which urges all of you to get out and vote for your SGA representatives.

Ideally, the student body votes with some understanding of the issues, knowing which candidates support what; they vote on the basis of who they feel will best reflect their views. Then those students elected are truly representative of the majority of the student body when they practice their power in school governance, which is itself a dynamic force on the campus.

How far is Capitol from this ideal? First of all, at last count, there were only six people running while there are eight positions open, (and some of those six people are running against each other for one seat). Second, it is not nearly a majority of the student body that votes. Third, how many that do vote do so to promote their interests on current issues and how many vote simply because a friend of theirs is running? Admittedly, the winner is whoever drags more friends out to mark a ballot.

These qualities that are lacking in our elections would not be so crucial if our government did nothing with its potential power. That, however, is not the case.

Our SGA is making important changes that will effect nearly everyone, and it's doing so without representing the interests of the majority of students.

Don't vote ignorantly or because you promised a friend that you would. Ask questions, find out what the issues are and who, if anyone, supports your views; vote intelligently or don't vote at all and be content with a very few students in the SGA making decisions and changes while they are oblivious to the opinions of their student body.

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NOW!
IS THE TIME
GET OUT the vote!

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Letters
To



The Editor Counter Point

To the Editor:

Now that the 1978-79 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee has been passed, I would like to reply to your accusation of the SGA Senators for defeating the first budget-as contained in your editorial comment of October 5, 1978. You portrayed the SGA Senators as being "uninformed, negligent, not doing their homework". However, I would like to correct this misrepresentation. I feel the 1978-79 breed of Senators must be one of the best if not the best the Campus has ever produced. Here are young men and women dedicated to serve their fellow students and believing in the principle of equity.

It should be made clear that the first budget was defeated by the SGA 4-5-4 because that budget did not place all the clubs on the same footing which meant that some clubs could not survive or operate at all with their allocations whereas others were extremely favored. We felt all clubs on Campus should be given an equal chance of surviving. Hence, the budget was defeated. This should show you that the Senators collectively have great interest in the welfare of the students. We care!

Also, you said we should have passed the first budget and taken care of dissatisfaction thereafter. I do not know where you got this idea from. If we did just that, would our votes be meaningful? We would have shown that we were robots.

To show that we were right in our action, a new and more popular budget was passed by the same SGA 13-0-1 the following week. It was not that the new budget was new as such but it took better care of all clubs and gave each club a better chance to survive.

Please let it be known that the Senators as a group will continue to serve loyally the interests of the students we represent despite all odds.

In conclusion, I feel you have a beautiful crew there at the C.C. Reader--you have done a good job so far this year. Keep it up. Only note that as 'watchdogs' you need all the facts.

Peter Olayiwola
Sr. Senator Business

Encroachment On Student Rights

The Continuing Education Program is slowly encroaching upon our student rights.

At present, Continuing Ed. has assumed use of an outer room of the Student Center as storage space for their chairs and tables. It has brought to the attention of the Student Government Association that Continuing Ed. is thinking of taking over the student study lounge for their use, and putting the student lounge chairs and tables in the outer room which they are using.

The Student Center was designated for use by the students. It is unfair to the students, the rightful users of this

facility, to be shoved aside by an organization which is not devoted to serve the interests of Penn State full time students.

As a representative in SGA, I will not stand for this encroachment upon the rights of my constituents. Many senators share my view.

Students, lets wise up and take care of one of the few remaining facilities designated for us to use. Let's respect the physical plant and use responsibly the recreation equipment inside, before its too late.

John Stachowiak
SGA Representative
Math Science

SGA News

NOTICE: We are now holding our meetings at 4:30 pm. The time has been changed to avoid a conflict with ITE reviews.

The interviews for a new Provost/Dean are continuing. The candidates have been visiting the campus and the SGA has had a chance to meet with them.

For those of you who are interested, the pool at HACC is open during the following times:

Sat. 1-3 pm
Mon.-Fri. 2-3 pm
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,
6-7 pm

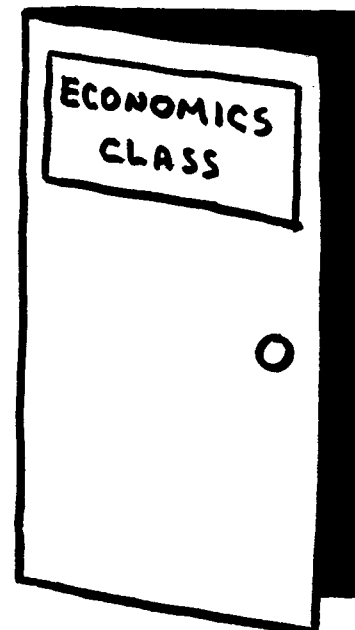
Recently the SGA has received bills for the phone in

the SGA office. If you use the phone check the dialing instructions on the wall.

Elections are underway. The date for elections has been changed to Thursday, October 26. The petition deadline has been extended to Friday, October 20.

Action taken by the SGA included electing Mark Kowalski as GPP chairperson; nominating Wayne Kissinger and George Roberts to the Librarian Search Committee; deciding to purchase two CO2 tanks for use by chartered clubs at keg-gars.

Sandy Mancuso
SGA Secretary



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MY HEALTH
IS AS
SOUND
AS A
DOLLAR!