

SGA Platforms

It is time again to elect Student Government Representatives. Elections of Officers, Senior Senators, and one Graduate Senator will be held this Monday, April 23, in the main lobby. To vote, students need an I.D.. There will be instructions at voting locations on the voting procedure.

To help voters in making their decision on Monday, some candidates have submitted platforms. They are presented below, along with the names of the other candidates.

Candidates

for President

With the assumption of the duties as a duly elected Junior Social Science Senator, I was immediately exposed to the problems hampering the student body at Capitol. Some of these issues were readily settled. However, others have burgeoned into issues of considerable concern. They have been lingering in the shadows long enough; they must be resolved.

Issues, such as, the parking fee—is the student body paying an excessive fee for inadequate service; the bookstore—why won't they reveal their books, and are prices being manipulated. These two issues are the most compelling on the minds of the students, but there are others of equal importance. Such as, more utilization of the Student Center, more cultural activities, a more efficient way of reallocating funds for club functions, and in addition a more cooperative atmosphere between the student body, the Student Government Association, and the administration of Capitol are high on my list of priorities.

If elected President of SGA I will try to the best of my ability to resolve the above problems, and all others affecting the student body.

With the cooperation of the senate and an active vote from the students we can make Capitol Campus a shining example to all the other Pennsylvania State Univ. campuses. We can show that we can work to solve our mutual problems.
David Dunkle

As a candidate for the office of Student Government Association (SGA) President, I do not intend to make idle promises or set forth inflammatory allegations. My platform for election is structured around three elementary proposals whose goals can be attained through our mutual cooperation.

Upon being elected President of the SGA, one of my initial goals will be to probe further into the bookstore situation with the intent of providing you with the answers to questions which have all too often been ignored in the past.

With the cooperation of the staff of the C.C. Reader, we (the SGA) will keep you informed as to our findings of fact as well as fantasy, should it exist. Hopefully, with the impetus provided by the student body, a solution to this much discussed issue will finally be achieved.

Secondly, I intend to extensively explore the issue of the students' parking fee of \$10. per term. I feel that as a student at Capitol Campus, you have the right to know where this money goes as well as why. I also feel that this fee should be substantiated each term and if possible, reduced.

Finally, one of my initial goals as President of the SGA will be to examine possibilities as to how to increase the cohesiveness and feelings of "belonging" within the student body. With your help, the SGA will be able to reduce—if not outright defeat—this sense of impersonality that seems to have gripped our institution. It may be possible to achieve this through mini-concerts, outside get togethers as well as free luncheon buffets. The presentation of popular movies could be another solution. There are so many possibilities but they can only be realized with your help. I have also initiated arrangements for a student discount at a local record store.

I have many ideas for us but I can only implement them with your help. My name is Michael J. Sheldon and I ask that you vote for me for Student Government Association President.

Candidates for Vice President

As an acting senator for the Humanities dept., I have

learned that the major difficulty involved with students and faculty administration is one of communication. It is easy to say what's on your mind and to bitch to your friends about this or that, but this is not communication. This is frustration. The administration of this school and any other school or business organization cannot be approached by unorganized groups or individuals.

To really open a clear, distinct communication understanding between the students, and the administration, you must first have a strong, understanding SGA that functions as a single unit endorsed by you, the student. Inside that unit, student problems and concerns must be looked at and fought for if necessary.

The Vice-President position that I am trying for, will enable me to help decipher these problems and work with all senators to solve them. As students, it is your responsibility to bring your concerns to the attention of your SGA. Remember, nothing can happen or change without you. If you've got a bitch, then go tell it to your senator, or if your really concerned enough, come to an SGA meeting and tell us about, that's why we're here. We want to hear.

Part of communication is voting. By not voting, you are cutting your own power, so get out there and vote, say something. If you don't want to vote for me or some other candidate then don't, but at least vote for someone who you think can do the job. I know that if I'm elected, I'm sure as hell not going to sit at meetings and bullshit about bullshit.
Mike Cocciardi

Candidates for Secretary

Hi! I'm Stacy Brubaker and I'm running for the Secretary of the SGA. A very essential part of any organization is a highly organized and efficient secretary. I want to accept the challenge of this office on your behalf. Since fall term 1978, I have served as Business Rep-

resentative on the SGA. In this time I have attended the meetings faithfully and have voted on all issues with one purpose—that is to benefit you, the student body. When I felt that you were being misused such as when the Student Center was closed over finals week, I went to the administration and challenged it. Also, this year the SGA has approved a Spring Week which will be launched with a free keggar and outdoor concerts. The Student Government has taken much action for the students of Capitol Campus, now show your involvement by voting on April 23.

Candidates for Senator

The following points are the major concepts of my platform:

- 1) To provide an improved voice for the Capitol Campus student in the SGA.
- 2) To investigate the price fixing by the bookstore and also to try to retain more money from parking sticker fees.
- 3) To keep the library open longer hours during final exam period.
- 4) To increase the numbers of intramural sports and intercollegiate sports such as volleyball and baseball.
- 5) To bring quality movies on campus on a biweekly basis for the sole purpose of entertainment.
- 6) To provide more social and cultural activities for the student.

Samuel T. Bookheimer, Social Science Senator

Regretably, I have been very apathetic towards this campus and its activities during my junior year. I looked at the people around me and saw their lack of interest in activities, I accepted the indifference that so many share, and I joined them, which in turn has made Capitol Campus a very boring place for me. By taking on the responsibility of senior engineering senator, I hope to contribute to the students of Capitol Campus, by active participation in its government. By careful review and consideration of each issue brought to my attention, I hope to represent my fellow students in an admirable manner. May 1979-80 be a good year to remember by all who attend Capitol Campus.
Jonathan E. Hostler

Serving as a Junior-Senator-at Large has made me very aware of things happening at Capitol Campus. I am interested in getting involved and trying to solve a lot of the mysteries at this school. The questions like: Why the book store won't reveal its records and why such high prices. Is there anyway to get better care of the parking lots in the winter. What will motivate the students and get rid of all the student apathy at this school.

The school is changing leadership and I'd like to see a change in student attitude come with it. As serving on the SGA, I'd like to represent the students on their views and concerns. I'd also like to be involved with plans to make this campus better.

As Business Senator I would also like to represent the students in my major. I would also like to continue my work with the finance committee.

The campus is only as good as we make it and I would like to be involved in an attempt to make it better.
Kim Bennef

The following are also running for Student Government positions: Charles Kulp—President, Robert Heitzman—Vice President, Daniel Regal—Treasurer, John D. Brown—Graduate Senator, Douglass Cook—Engineering Senator. These candidates did not submit platforms.

Voting for Faculty Award

In every academic institution there is always one faculty member who impresses and inspires each student more than other faculty members. To the student, this man or woman displays outstanding professionalism in his or her field, as well as enthusiasm and effectiveness in teaching. If you had to pick one faculty member like this, who would you choose?

You have a choice and you can cast your vote on Monday, April 23. On that day, look for the ballot box for the James A. Jordan Award. This vote will be taken along with S.G.A. elections in the main lobby, near the round table. Take a responsible viewpoint and cast your vote. See you at the polls!

Reader interviews Dr. Gross

As part of a continuing forum between the Provost and the students, Dr. Theodore Gross was interviewed by the C.C. Reader to learn his views on the now famous Three Mile Island incident. The following is the text of that interview.

C.C. Reader: Concerning the Three Mile Island incident, what is your position on reopening the plant?

Dr. Gross: My personal view is that it should not be reopened for a considerable length of time. Obviously they're not technologically ready to operate that plant.

C.C. Reader: Is there an emergency plan for evacuating the campus or was it put into effect on March 30?

Dr. Gross: The incident at Three Mile Island is not going to affect our own plans for the future. We're going to go ahead and develop our enrollment, develop our programs, etc..

Dr. Gross: We don't have any standard plan. However, the evacuation was rather quick. It was not done in a state of panic. I think because the student body tends to be more mature here than at the average four-year university, the evacuation was carried out without problems.

C.C. Reader: Will this affect any future plans for the expansion of the campus?

C.C. Reader: Will TMI have an adverse affect on enrollment?

Dr. Gross: I don't think so. I think people will see it as an incident in the past. In our particular instance, it should not have an adverse effect on enrollment.

C.C. Reader: Have any students dropped out because of it?
Dr. Gross: One or two. I don't have a clear record of that. I pleased with the general response of the students to this whole incident.

C.C. Reader: On a different topic, is the name of Capitol Campus going to be changed in the future?

Dr. Gross: Not until September or October. We are developing academic admission standards and when that finally is done we will talk about a change.

There will be a name change, but the nature of that change remains to be discussed. I can tell you the word "campus" will come out of the name.

C.C. Reader: Do you have any final comments?

Dr. Gross: The real problem involved in the TMI incident was that when it occurred the question was what is the appropriate response of an institution of higher learning to an incident like the TMI incident. Many people have different suggestions but basically what we've done is establish a research information clearinghouse. We established this to list all projects related to the research that is being done in this area. It's very clear to me that

the lack of knowledge leads to fear. As soon as we know about something, we can deal with it.

