

# Just a few words

## To My Fellow Students:

WHEW! Who said that being President of the S.G.A. was easy? Well, I guess I sort of asked for it, didn't I?

I want you to know that I'm proud to represent you. I think that as a Student Body, we've got a lot of potential. I'm not just saying that because I'm President, but because I really believe it. But I've got a hell of a problem: how do I get you to believe it??

I guess I could try a pep-talk, but that wouldn't work unless you wanted to listen. I've found that in the majority of cases the people I've talked to reflected my own opinions, but only when they were around me. When they got back to their group, the enthusiasm slowly waned and soon became pessimism. We can't have that. Pessimism only divides us and that's something that we can't allow to happen anymore. We cannot be effective if we are not WE instead of being that-girl-over-there or that-guy-over-there. WE can do an awful lot together but only if we are together. You want a problem solved? As President, I can only do so much, but as President with the student body standing firmly behind me, WE can be heard! WE will be heard!

Well, at least that's off my chest. Now to let you know about what's been going on.

The Student Government held its first meeting on September 20th and there was a pretty good turn-out of interested students. At that meeting an integral problem was solved. I'm referring to none other than the Campus Activities Planning Board (CAPB). Prior to the meeting a great deal of consideration was given to how the board should be organized as well as funded. Some of our S.G.A. senators had prepared lengthy and complex arguments in favor of or against the issue. However, Chief Justice Keith Yundt (of the Student Court) solved everyone's problems. It seems as though a controversy existed as to what version of the C.A.P.B. proposal was voted on by the student body when this became a part of the S.G.A. constitution. Because of that controversy, and because of the inability to find a feasible solution, Chief Justice Yundt had no alternative but to announce that the C.A.P.B. was, as it is currently written in our constitution, unconstitutional. What does that mean to you? Well, nothing really bad. Instead of having a planning board, we have a social committee. That committee existed before the C.A.P.B. came to life and its duties are essentially the same. It STILL is going to need people that are interested in doing something about

the social life here on campus. Elections for that little baby are coming up in the latter part of this month. Also, elections for S.G.A. will be held later in this month. Qualifications are easy. You must be a Junior who cares. Specific requirements will be published by the Election Screening Committee.

Our second meeting (held on September 24th) wasn't exactly a barn burner. Some are, some aren't. What can I say? One issue that did come up was whether or not to have a yearbook. The S.G.A. was presented with financial figures and discussed the matter. It had the potential to become a hot issue but everyone pretty well kept his head. To make a long story short, Capitol Campus will have a yearbook this year. I'm hoping that more people will buy yearbooks this year than was the case last year. The number of books purchased this year may very well determine whether or not the current Juniors will have one in their senior year. Please keep that in mind, okay?

On Saturday, September 29th, I attended a Council of Branch Campus Student Government Associations (C.O.B.S.G.A.) meeting at University Park. I'm going to be honest with you. It stunk. It was a farce and a travesty of what a meeting such as that should be. It was disorganized and appeared to me to be a means of recruiting Freshmen and Sophomores for University Park. Throughout the entire meeting I heard nothing but "when you come here." Big Deal! What about Capitol! What about the Juniors and Seniors who AREN'T going to University Park! Don't get me wrong, I didn't sit idly by without asking some questions. However, the keen minds that organized that joke of a meeting put the concerns of the branch campuses last on the agenda. By that time, everyone had the attention span of an Alabama football player and couldn't have cared less about what was being said. The whole meeting seemed to reflect the attitude of "Who gives a shit about branch campuses?" Well, I guess we'll have to solve our own problems. Speaking of which...

What's on YOUR mind! Tired of paying ten dollars per term for a parking fee! Did you know that all of that money allegedly goes to U-Park where it is consolidated with all other fees paid by the other branch campuses? I say allegedly because I've found out something of interest. Up until Saturday, I was suffering under the delusion that ALL parking fees from ALL branch campuses went to the same place. At least, that's the line I've been fed by the people in charge of

feeding the animals. Poo-poo on me for believing it. It seems that at Mont Alton campus, according to their representative at the C.O.B.S.G.A. meeting, some goes for security guards. At the McKeesport campus, a portion goes for snow removal and at Behrand, some goes for lighting and general upkeep of the parking lots. Now, I'm really curious. Just where does our parking fee go? Hopefully, I'm going to find out for sure. Keep your fingers crossed. I want to know why it's not reduced. How 'bout your own self? What do you want to know?

By the way, the S.G.A., in cooperation with Good People's Productions which is under the fine direction of John Brown (the Graduate Student representative), is putting on a free concert for you in Meade Heights at People's Park. Three bands will be playing from two in the afternoon until about eleven at night. Hopefully, the noise won't disrupt the residents of Middletown too much and the Lower Swatara police won't show up again to make us close it down earlier than planned. I must say though, they waited until 11:30 last time. If they do come this time, I'm asking you to be cool about it. We're trying to start something new here to replace the Keggars. Please don't screw it up for yourselves. I'll be at the concert too, so if you feel like rapping for a while, look me up. I'll talk, provided that I'm coherent enough to do so.

## GPP presents

### 3 band mini-concert

On Saturday, October 6, 1979 from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m., the Good People's Production of Capitol Campus will present their first concert for this school year. The groups playing are, Leftover, Buffalo Chipkickers, and Ambush.

Leftover plays a Fleetwood Mack style music, while the Buffalo Chipkickers are a Bluegrass style and Ambush a rock-and-roll.

The concert will be located at People's Park at Meade Heights. Because of space and security reasons people living other than in the Heights are being asked to park in the Olmstead Plaza.

John Brown, GPP, committee chairman, has informed the C.C.Reader that the GPP is planning for their next concert to be within the next month. Because of inclement weather of future months Mr. Brown says concerts will be held in the gymnasium. Mr. Brown says the only limitation to having concerts in the gym is, each student will be limited to two guests.

Wow, this is really dragging on!

Another item up for bids is the book store. If you haven't read the article concerning it in this issue of the Reader, please do so. Their reporter got in touch with me last Friday and we jumped into it. I think there's more to the "pricing" than you think there is. There's also more to the solution than just cutting cost. Read it, your mother will love you for it.

As a matter of information, you can get records at the Juke Box in the Union Deposit plaza at a ten percent discount just for being a Penn State student. I talked with the manager last term and he's willing to extend the discount BUT you've got to show your Penn State student I.D. May not be much, but what the heck. Ten percent is ten percent and if you're into music but out of money (tell me about it), check that place out. Geez, I sound like a commercial. And now ladies and gentlemen...

Well, I figure that's all I've got to talk with you about. That's enough, huh? Just don't forget. The Student Government can be as Effective or DEfective as you wish it to be. Fifteen voices can't be heard as loudly as

fifteen hundred. Our meetings are held weekly, in room w-138, at 3:30 every Monday afternoon this term. The door is always open and you're always free to come in and put in your two cents. They may not always be full of hot debates: there may be no debate at all. But, they are free and they do concern you. As I've told you before. The Student Government cares a hell of a lot about you, but if you don't join in how do you expect us to get anything done! We can only work so far. That's what this school relies on. If we never get our act together, they've got nothing to worry about. Two years here and you and I are gone with a new crop of uninformed students coming in. They rely on our confusion! How about you and me getting together and throwing them a curve?

Hey, till I get to talk with you again. . . . .

be yourself and go for what YOU want.

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Student Government  
Association

## World War II blamed for nuclear situation

by adrienne l. zedaker

On Tues., Oct. 2 Socialist Workers Party member Fred Halstead spoke to an audience with mixed reactions, in the Gallery Lounge.

Halstead addressed the moral question of nuclear power. He said that the whole nuclear problem arose as a direct result of the corrupting influence of World War II. According to Halstead, "we were suckered into nuclear power and weapons by W.W. II. The unquestioning attitude of anything goes to win the war has led us to where we are now."

Citing various facts and

figures, Halstead urged his audience to voice their protest against nuclear power.

"To proceed with this is to play with the very existence of life on this planet," Halstead said. He continued to say that he does not want to leave the future a "legacy of death."

After Halstead's lecture, a brief question and answer period ensued. Several questions were asked, dealing with both pro- and anti-nuclear attitudes.

Following the questions, Halstead showed slides of his recent trip to Nicaragua.

## Alcohol prohibited

The use of alcoholic beverages at university sponsored events has been prohibited.

This decision was made by Provost/Dean, Dr. Theodore L. Gross, after conferring with the Administrative Council, Program Heads Faculty council and the Provost Advisory Staff.

The initial banning of school-sponsored kegger events was made last Spring.

"The problems created were too great," explained Gross. He cited destruction of

property as the main problem associated with alcoholic events.

Other problems include complaints from the community and the liability of the college for students drinking underage.

The incident at a college where the college was sued because an underage drinker was in an auto accident after a campus-sponsored alcoholic event, contributed to the decision to ban alcoholic activities at Capitol, Gross said.