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Dave Dunkle, Student Government Association Treasurer, talks about the SGA officers and his role as Treasurer in an exclusive C.C. Reader interview. Dunkle, along with other SGA officers and Senior Senators, will be replaced next Tuesday, April 29, at a special meeting. The Spring Term SGA elections are postponed from today to Monday, April 28.

SGA Treasurer Relates His Experiences

By Harry H. Moyer

The Student Government Association has asked the C.C. Reader to interview outgoing and incoming SGA members in order that the student body be informed of SGA. First in this series of interviews is Treasurer Dave Dunkle, who relates his experiences and gives recommendations for the next SGA.

"The SGA has improved greatly within the past year, however its full potential has yet to be realized," Dunkle said.

Dunkle explained that the reason that the SGA has not realized its potential is that SGA is primarily looked upon as a source of money and not as a student organization concerned with the welfare of students.

He also added that according to an old hierarchy chart the SGA should be equal in prestige as the Office of Student Affairs. The SGA is charged by preamble to its constitution to deal effectively with matters of student affairs.

"By equal, I mean equal in the sense that we (SGA) should be listened to and not laughed at," Dunkle said.

Dunkle expressed a few things that he felt were strong points of this year's SGA.

"This year's SGA has definitely been more visible than the previous year's," Dunkle said. "The administration knows that we (SGA) are around. Student involvement in the Bookstore Task Force, Campus Police Armament Committee, and discussions concerning snow removal and parking fees have sparked the knowledge of our existence."

Has the SGA Treasurer been effective this year? Dunkle says he has...

"I tried to make the system as easy as possible by cutting nonessential clauses such as the reallocation fund (keggar money). Also, I made clubs much more autonomous by allocating one fund for each club at the beginning of the year," Dunkle said.

The Treasurer has also tried to make himself visible to students, and sometimes his availability proved to be inconvenient for himself at times.

"One lady called me at 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning when I had a hangover," Dunkle said. "She demanded to know why her club did not have any funds in its account."

Although Dunkle feels that he has done a good job as SGA Treasurer, he was quick to admit that he had failed to fulfill a promise he made at the beginning of the year.

"I never got around to rewriting the rules for the treasury system, which is in desperate need for revision.

"Also, I failed as Treasurer in that I was too trusting with the clubs. It got to the point that I almost got into trouble because clubs did not present receipts. Since then, I have had to be real strict."

Because of his experience as SGA Treasurer for one year, Dunkle had some advice to offer the students who will be in next year's SGA.

"I'd like to see next year's SGA become even more visible to commuter students and the Administration than it was this year."

He added that it is important for the new officers to immediately create goals and objectives for next year (and then stick to them).

Dunkle also recommended that next year's SGA should keep tackling problems that have continued on campus, and should be more involved with student government at University Park.

Did Dunkle have any advice for the next year's SGA Treasurer?

"Get rid of accounts that have been inactive for years and make sure that the SGA standing committees get more student involvement."

The James A. Jordan Jr. Award

By Gary Pellett

Selection of a candidate for the James A. Jordan Award for Outstanding Teaching is now under consideration. This award, given annually since 1972, goes to the Capitol Campus faculty member who has been most outstanding in his or her teaching efforts during the current school year. The award is named after a former Capitol Campus instructor who was killed in a boat accident in 1971. Selection of the recipient is made by the student body.

Here is how the awarding process works. Monday, April 28, students are asked to fill out a popular ballot for this award and turn it in with their ballots for the SGA positions. All full-time Capitol Campus instructors are eligible for the award. From the popular ballots, a list of candidates is prepared. The Student Government then appoints a committee made up of senior students to review each candidate. The final decision is made in time for presentation of the award at the spring awards banquet.

Past winners of the award are: Ambrose Klain, Regional Planning, 1972; James L. Knestrick, Social Science and History, 1973; Thomas J. Knight, Social Science and History, 1974; Barbara L. Bleau, Mathematics, 1975; William A. Welsh, Jr., Engineering Technology, 1976; Charles D. Pringle, Business Administration, 1977; Clemmie E. Gilpin, Afro-American Studies, 1978; and Robert J. Bresler, Political Science, 1979.

Marie Kepping Retires

By Joan H. Klein

Friday, April 11, was a special day in the life of one of the most popular members on the staff at Wrisberg Hall. Marie Kepping celebrated her 62nd birthday and her retirement from a 20-year career here.

The Resident Student Council and some people from Meade Heights arranged a party in her honor and surprised her with a recliner in appreciation for her thoughtfulness.

The students, in their home away from home, will sorely miss this lady who brought some spirit to the holidays with homemade candy prepared especially for them. She also baked birthday cakes for her fellow employees.

The recliner may have to wait a while as this Middletown resident keeps active in her church, the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin. A son, daughter, and three grandchildren are also apt to claim some of her newly free time.

Marie worked at Capitol Campus since September, 1967. She also worked seven years when it was an Air Force base. She leaves her position with the best wishes of all who knew her.



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