

# A Fatz-inating Guy

By John G. Harvey

Do you ever wonder how some college students find the time to do just about everything?

This rare creature, strange as it seems, exists right here at Capitol Campus, in the persona of one John "Johnnie Fatz" Clark.

John has, ingeniously, managed to incorporate the lives of SGA Treasurer, WNDR radio personality, athlete, and student into one.

How does he do it? John credits much of his success to his idol, Capitol Campus grad and former President of the Young Democrats, Gratz Washenik.

It was under the platform of the "Pro Keggar Party," with Washenik as his campaign manager, that John became our SGA Treasurer.

According to John, "The time involved is unreal. The treasurer is probably the most important member of the SGA. He puts in more time than the other members combined." While remaining as humble as possible, John doesn't want to sound like he's blowing his own horn, "but if the shoe fits..."

With all of the responsibilities that accompany the position of SGA Treasurer, handling the budgets of the campus organizations is the most important.

"At the beginning of the year, the treasurer makes out the Budget Request forms, which he hands out to each club president. The presidents then return the forms with all of the expenses listed. Then the Finance Committee, the most important committee of the SGA, will look over the Budget Request forms and the treasurer, being the chair of the Finance Committee, has the important job of overseeing the Committee and making sure that everything is on the up and up. The Committee then makes the final decision as far as what should be allotted to each club, and the SGA takes a vote on it. This all occurs in early October."

When John is not performing his "important" duties as SGA Treasurer, he can be heard at the Capitol Campus radio station, where he becomes the famous "Johnnie Fatz," one of WNDR's most popular personalities.

John sees his role as "The Fat Man" being of major importance. He explains the birth of "Johnnie Fatz" this way: "As

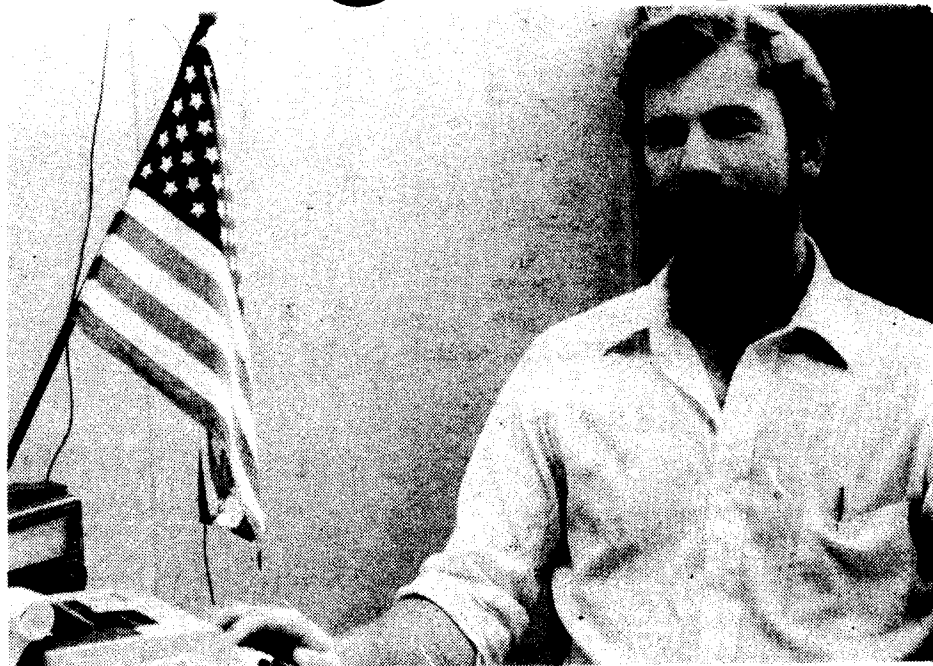
Johnnie Fatz, I find that I can help various causes that I couldn't help as John Clark, student, and John Clark, treasurer. I'm sure everyone has heard of some of the causes I've been fighting for, such as trying to get Sonny and Cher back together at the Hersheypark Arena for a benefit concert. Also, trying to reopen the investigation into Mama Cass Elliot's untimely death. They say she choked on a sandwich. I think there was a little more to it than that. Also, trying to get a school bird for Capitol Campus. There was a good deal of participation. I got some people to write in, and right now the ostrich appears to be the odds-on favorite." When asked what motivates him to champion such causes, John says, "They just come to me while I'm sitting behind the microphone."

Johnnie Fatz's causes and charismatic personality have not gone unnoticed. For example, there is a Johnnie Fatz fan club in existence somewhere on campus. These devotees of the Fat Man adamantly maintain that their hero is a true humanitarian. "I try to accommodate as many people as I can with autographs and personal appearances. But sometimes it does become wearing, especially when I'm eating my lunch," he says.

Ironically, it is lunch that makes Johnnie Fatz the superstar that he is today. "I've been told that one of my lunches could fill a shopping bag. That isn't entirely true, since I don't fill the shopping bag all the way up. That's partly how I got the name Johnnie Fatz, because of my ravenous appetite and my sweet tooth for Zagnut candy bars," explains John.

After a full day as SGA Treasurer and Johnnie Fatz, D.J. superstar, John Clark still finds time for other activities, particularly sports. As seen in everything else he does, for John Clark the athlete there is no off season. "In the fall, I play golf. Come winter, it's volleyball. I

play for the Jerks (John's fraternity), captained by Jeff Hague, whom I credit for our winning record this year. In the spring, I play baseball for the Little Lions, C.C.'s baseball team." Asked if he considered himself a superior athlete, John explains, "My modesty and humbleness won't allow me to answer that question. I could answer it, but it would be blowing my own horn."



John "Johnnie Fatz" Clark performing one of his many duties as SGA Treasurer. **READER Photo by Mark W. Clauser**

Surprising as it may seem, John Clark has found time in his hectic existence to major in business administration.

What career plans or goals has John set for himself? "I personally don't think career goals are that important at this stage of my life. For me to have any long range goals would be ridiculous. I have to look at the short term future because I don't have much time left. I could go on and get a Master's Degree and a Doctorate, and then die in a plane crash the day I graduate. What good did it do me? So, I'm looking for a job where early retirement is the main benefit."

It is obvious that John, being the superstar that he is, has no problem with ego. Even though his roommates Bill Bertolet, Jeff Hague, and Eric Jeschke share equal popularity on campus, John insists that they all get along just fine. "I don't deny that they get jealous of me at times, because that would be untrue. But I can understand their jealousies, and why they are always groping for the attention that is heaped on me. I just sit down with them and explain how things are, and we get along. They seem to be able to handle my fame a lot better than they did last year. That's really saying something for them. They've really come a long way, and I've been a big part of it."

This statement by John prompted comments from his roommates.

As mentioned earlier, Jeff Hague is the captain of the Jerks volleyball team. Jeff sees himself as one of John's biggest admirers. "Well, I don't discriminate against anyone on any basis. I particularly don't discriminate against John Clark just because he happens to be a fat

boy. I think John Clark is a nice guy, for being a fat boy. I don't want to make it sound like just because he's fat, I have something against him, I really don't. I mean, lots of guys have dreamy bedroom eyes, and adorable chests, but that doesn't make them any better than me. All in all, John's a pretty good guy, although he does have a bit of an ego problem, as well as a weight problem. I'd say he's a good guy, a good treasurer, and a lousy student."

Bill Bertolet feels that there are essentially two types of roommates. "Good old big ones, and big old good ones, and John Clark can squeeze into both categories. He's a heck of a roommate. He doesn't clean out the bathroom when he's done, but other than that, he's a real nice guy."

Eric Jeschke is quiet and softspoken. However, he was more than happy to sing the praises of the man who has left a lasting impression on him. "To other people, it's John Clark or Johnnie Fatz Clark, but to me he'll always be Chief Johnnie Clark. He's one of your top shelf men. However, he does have a problem. I'm sure he doesn't know about it. It's a drinking problem, but I don't hold it against him. He's also part American Indian. I think he's really a good person when he's sober, which is hardly ever. He also has bottles all over his room. Every time he opens his drawer, there's a bottle in it. I've really enjoyed rooming with him for two years."

When John was asked once again how he finds time to involve himself in so many activities, true to form, he had the answer. "I'm like a river that don't know where it's flowing. I took a wrong turn, and just kept going."



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Monday, May 4  
Wednesday, May 6  
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Monday, May 11

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at N.J. Institute of Technology (DH) 12:00 p.m.  
at PSU/Ogontz Campus 3:30 p.m.