

Solution difficult for SGA's budgetary woes

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They met, proposed, heard, reconvened, listened, and proposed again, and somewhere in the midst of the process, the Student Government Allocations were adapted.

Working with \$12,000 less than the University Park allotment from the previous year, the SGA finance committee was at a disadvantage from the first pencil mark.

Also working against them was the leave of their treasurer, Mary Ford. Senior Humanities Major, Florence Churchill, has since been chosen to replace Ford.

SGA should have moved sooner to gain a competent replacement for Ford to compensate for the loss, taking the burden of budget allocating decisions off of SGA President, Joe Oddo.

"I'm not a Treasurer," Oddo told a special assembly of the President's Council on September 25, "and that's why I may have had trouble making these decisions."

The Finance Committee presented their proposed

ASA	\$200	MHCC	\$710
ASME	\$365	Outdoor Club	\$551
Beta Chi	\$200	Photo club	\$332
Black Student Union	\$775	Pi Sigma Chi	\$990
Capitol Times	\$6,000	PSPE	\$200
Capitolite	\$4,488	Roadrunners	\$200
Cheerleaders	\$340	RSC	\$1,510
Chess	\$60	SAE	\$200
Chi Rho	\$210	SGA Operations	\$5,000
DPMA	\$200	SUBOG	\$6,000
DTK	\$200	SWE	\$330
IAA	\$579	Tarnhelm	\$1,030
IEEE	\$475	Tennis	\$80
Marketing	\$485	WNDR	\$1,945
Married Student U	\$200	XGI's	\$375

allotments at the September 26 SGA meeting, but met with strong criticism.

"What I want to know," said Senior Senator, Brian Burdette, "is why social clubs weren't cut as drastically as the professional clubs."

Burdette made a good point and was backed by a lobby of professional clubs, primarily engineering organizations that sent representatives to the meeting.

Oddo used a "greatest good for

the greatest numbers" argument to defend the social club allocating, citing that more students benefit from a campus-wide social function.

The SGA voted 13-1 to adapt the revised budget listings on September 26. Burdette cast the only "no" vote.

Professional clubs were hit hardest this year because the SGA adapted a policy that prohibits funding for club trips and speakers.

Burdette presented a letter from Bill Foley of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers protesting the budget.

For the professional groups, the cuts may dispel hopes for a prosperous year, and as some indicated at the meeting, their clubs may fold.

I agree that financially they're in trouble, but if a group is that devoted, financial restrictions, although they may curtail activity, won't allow the club to falter into non-existence.

After revision, SGA made the minimum allocation for any club \$200. That's a start, and Oddo believes more funding may be released later in the year.

The lesson here is, however, to listen to the professional clubs' pleas. We can ill afford to let our out-of-class opportunities become limited to the extent that their functions become little more than ironically, "social get-togethers."

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To correct our mistakes:

Letter to Editor;

An error by our typesetter inadvertently deleted a phrase from a letter to the editor from Mary E. Gundel, Capitol Campus Director of Admissions in our September issue.

The phrase was in the paragraph beginning "It is unfortunate . . ."

(Page 6, Letter to the editor, second last paragraph, second sentence, "Also unfortunate is the fact that...of them graduate.")

The paragraph should have read as follows:

"It is unfortunate that negative articles about the number of black students attending Penn State have been very prolific lately. Also unfortunate is the fact that no article I have seen has mentioned the fact that Penn State has excellent black students and that a proportionately high percentage of them graduate." . . .

Gilmore story;

Misplaced quotation marks may have led to a misinterpretation of the actual quote attributed to Acting Provost/Dean, Dr. Stanley Miller in our September issue.

(Page 1, "It's not business as usual in the business division," column 2, first complete paragraph, "But firing someone...does lightly," he said.)

That paragraph should have read as follows:

But firing someone is "something one never does lightly," he said.