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Louise Kleinknecht, new SUBOG president

SUBOG elects new officers

By Carman Amerson

Louise KleinKnecht, a junior marketing major, was elected Tuesday as the new president of the Student Union Board of Governors, the entertainment planning club.

Kleinknecht and six other members were elected to top positions Tuesday in SUBOG's re-organization election.

Elected to three vicepresidential spots were: Michelle Albaugh, a junior elementary education major, and Steve Deibert and Robert Dopkosky, seniors majoring in mechanical engineering technology.

Tim Sanger, a junior marketing major, was chosen secretary, and Carolyn McGinty, a junior in Behavioral Science, is the new treasurer. Jeff Novitski, a junior and a building construction technology, is advertising manager.

"We would like to get more students involved in the entertainment activities. We would like to promote more films, concerts and game shows, along with some new things like an event in the fall similar to the Rites of Spring," said Kleinknecht.

Albaugh joined Kleinknecht in encouraging faculty-student interaction.

"I'd like to see if the faculty and the students could, just once, do something together,' she said.

Jeff Schnier, the outgoing president, said students expressed much more interest in the leadership jobs this year.

"In last years election," Schnier said, "only two people were interested enough to run. Maybe this (the increased number of candidates) is an indication of student interest."

No candidates for SGA slots; election Monday

By Stacy Krnjaic

Only three students have applied for five officer positions and only three others have applied for nine senator openings on the Student Government Association as of last Friday's deadline.

This marks the second year in a row that the SGA has been unable to attract enough cadidates for its vacancies. However, SGA officials have extended the deadline until tomorrow with the hope of attracting more candidates before the campus-wide election on Monday and Tuesday.

"It's unfortunate because student government impacts directly on the quality of campus life," said Peter Mekosh, the current SGA President."The only way to make this place half decent is to have

participation."

The three students who have applied for the officer positions are Elizabeth Horne, 21, a junior multi-media major from Belle Vernon, Pa.; Jackqueline A. Gasiorek, 22, a junior marketing/management major from Scranton, Pa.; and John Shaw, 21, a registered nurse and public policy major from Newry, Pa.. Miss Gasiorek and Shaw are running against each other for president, and Miss Horne is running unopposed for vice-president. No applications were received for the three other seats --executive secretary, club secretary, and treasurer. All SGA positions require that students be enrolled full-time and carry a minimum 2.0 average.

Mekosh said another student had applied for the treasurer position but was rejected because he did;nt have a 2.0 grade point average.

The three students who applied for the nine senator positions are Michael Turk, 21, a junior business administration major from Allentown, Pa. who is seeking reelection as an at-large senator; Terry Mcknight, 20, an executive secretary for SGA from Glen Rock, Pa. who is running for at-large senator; and Greg Roden-Reynolds, 25, an engineering major from Piketown, Pa. running as a division senator. Altogether the SGA has four at-large senator vacancies and five vacancies from each of the academic divisions.

Mekosh assailed the meager interest in student government saying that current SGA members find the work "rather gratifying."

"If you don't communicate," he continued, "it's highly unlikely your voice is going to be heard."

The three canidates for the officer positions also expressed concern over the low interest in the student government.

"SGA can't function without officers and senators," said Miss Gasiorek in an interview Tuesday night. "It's going to be up to whoever is in charge to fill the positions."

Shaw expressed the same feeling.

"If elected," he said, "one of my first goals will be to find qualified motivated people to fill open positions.'

The three canidates submitted platform statements, outlining their goals and qualifications for office.

Shaw, in his statement, claimed his intentions for SGA were "to mAKE SGA truly representative of the student body" and to increase student participation in organization.

"We have many organizations on campus which have specific needs," he said. "I would like SGA to work more closely with them to build a better school and social enviroment for all students."

Miss Gasiorek said she wanted to provide a campus day care center and to strengthen lines of communication between the SGA and other student clubs.

"As SGA president, I will work with the division senators to develop stronger ties with the academic divisions," she said. "In this way, students will be able to approach SGA should they need assistance with any

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Heath Fair alive and busy

By Maria Kent

The annual Health Fair, held on March 18 and 19 in the Multi-Purpose Building at Capitol Campus, "Reached the public more this year than ever before," said Jean Kresge, Coordinator of Health Services.

According to Kresge, the Health Fair attracted people not only from the Middletown area, but also areas in Dauphin County, Harrisburg and Enola.

"We would have doubled our attendance if more of our college students would have attended," said Kresge.

Approximately 125 children from the Harrisburg School District arrived at the fair on Tuesday, as well as a group of children from the Christian Day School, Middletown, added Kresge. Many Senior Citizens also attended.

The Health Fair included 40 organizations that provided both students and the public with a variety of activities. Some participating organizations were: Birthright of Harrisburg, Diabetes Foundation. Easter Seal Society, M.A.D.D., Planned Parenthood, Rape Crisis Services, Tri County

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Photo by Bob Price

Student John Shaw visits the Campus Health Fair last week.