



SGA To Delegate Authority

By Luke Hess

Politicians in the United States could learn a few lessons from the Student Government Association at Penn State, Harrisburg.

The structure of fine democracy would be better understood if politicians increased delegation of power to the people they represent.

Students at Penn State Harrisburg are represented by the SGA. And that SGA wants to place more power in the hands of organized students.

During an open forum on Tuesday, November 11, SGA leaders revealed plans to better

define responsibilities of the SGA and delegate inward authority to Student Court and the Student Union Board of Governors.

SGA Vice-President Gary Gaston presented plans to restructure the budgeting process for student organizations, allowing clubs to cooperate and share ideas more effectively.

Club budgets for operational and equipment expenditures will continue to be approved by the SGA, according to Gaston.

Student Court will continue hearing traffic violation appeals and take on responsibility for approval of club constitutions, handling budgetary conflicts, and serving as a student

disciplinary board, Gaston said.

SUBOG will become a central, social organizational board and approve social activities

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planned by student organizations. SGA funds will be provided to SUBOG for budgeting these social activities, according to Gaston.

"There will be better management in terms of student activity coordination," Gaston said. "Right now there are a lot of clubs duplicating activities." By restructuring the budgeting process, Gaston hopes to make new efficient use of limited funds

received by the SGA each year, and avoid duplication of efforts.

To streamline the budgeting process and get more students involved, student organizations will be classified according to function--student representation; social services; religious; communications; academic; fraternity; and miscellaneous. According to SGA President Jeanette Brinker, the classification of clubs will allow budgetary procedures to be greatly simplified. "It's taking too much time for distribution of funds to the student clubs," Brinker said. Student organizations in each classification will be encouraged to jointly establish individual

club budgets to avoid duplication of expenditures for similar activities, according to Brinker. "There will be more equitable distribution of funds if we have more people engaged in the allocation process," added Brinker.

Brinker said the new structure for the budgeting process will improve communication. "We'll have more interaction among the student organizations under each classification," said Brinker.

All of this reconstruction is open to debate and the SGA wants to have student input. "You are the ones that will be working with this new structure," Brinker told the audience.

PSU Welcome Given to Open House Visitors

By Jean Meitz

On Saturday, November 8, Admissions played host to 125 prospective students, friends, and families. By show of hands, all guests were from Pennsylvania, though one sophomore admitted he had started off at 1:00, as he enjoyed the hot coffee, juice, and danish offered during registration at the Capital Union Building.

Following a Penn State, Harrisburg slide show, Sandra L. Zerby, director of enrollment

planning, recruitment, and admissions was the welcoming hostess and introduced Associate Provost and Associate Dean of Faculty, Dr. Robert Graham after finding that about half the students came from other Penn State campuses and for most this was their first visit to Capital College.

Graham addressed the many reasons to seek higher education, and how association with an academic institution gives a sense of renewal. He stressed the flexibility of PSU, Harrisburg in

its ability to plan new courses, as well as the advantage of small classes. Special mention was made of the high caliber of faculty, the several courses of study uniques to Capital College, and how this small and personal campus carried all the credentials of Penn State University. Dr. Graham ended his remarks with a quote from Thomas Carlyle, "The tragedy of life is not what men suffer, but what men miss."

Peggy O'Hara, assistant director of student programs, reviewed all the out of class

activities that come under the umbrella of the Department of Student Affairs and then introduced Andrea Williard and Chet Kovlik, two Capital College students who work in the Admissions Office. Kovlik focused on student housing, while Williard stressed the advantages of a small college atmosphere with large campus credentials.

Following Donald Holtzman's financial aid update, and O'Hara's overview of residential life, the

group was invited to go to the gym for a gathering and display of academic programs and student affairs information. The Student Affairs table, arranged by Janet Widoff, acting coordinator of student activities, displayed posters, publications, and "T" shirts representing the many activities available to Capital students. The star of this display was the Baja vehicle which Graham had high-lighted earlier in his presentation as an example of how Capital College is an exciting place to be.

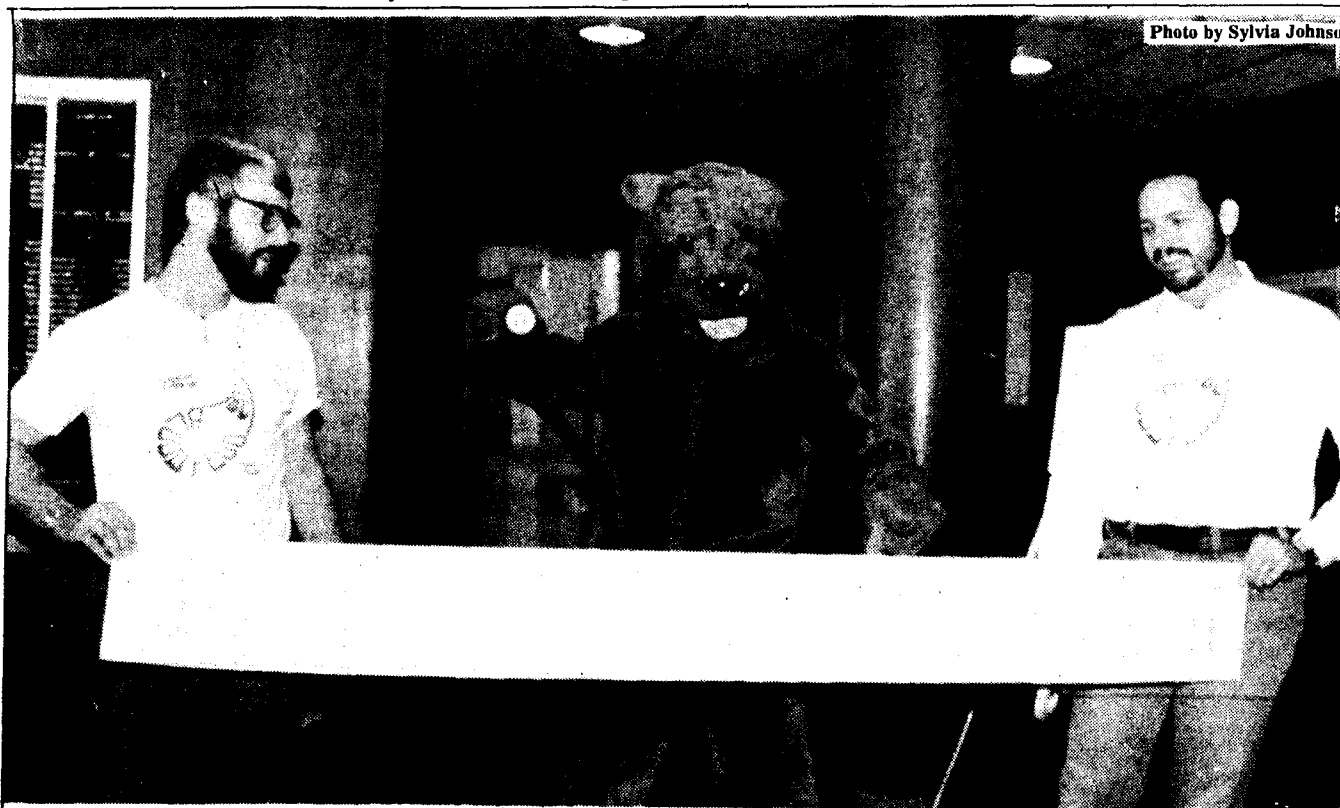


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Frank Lelpertz and Todd Kottmyer, members of XGI Fraternity join the Nittany Lion in trying to persuade members of the Penn State community to give blood. The total donations for the one day affair were 111 pints.

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