

Asking Around

Rather than spend the year trying to force our opinion on you, we have created a forum to hear from you, the college community. Each issue we will explore a different topic by random selection and short editorials, by both the staff and you, the readers.

The next Capital Times will deal with the 'Christmas: What do you want to find under your tree? Anyone with an interest in this is asked to submit his feelings in typewritten format to the Capital Times, Room 212. To be considered for publishing, the editorial must be signed and submitted by October 22.

We will also be accepting topic ideas for future Asking Around features. Any ideas selected will be credited to you in the paper.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Todd Hammaker/Guest Editorialist

Does SGA Measure Up

What is SGA up to now? Are they doing the job required of them? Have the SGA officers sat on their duffs all semester? Is SGA doing what you and your organization want? Are you happy with what SGA has done so far this year? Do they measure up to your standards?

SGA has taken on some major issues affecting almost every student here at Capital College. They have decided to rewrite their own constitution. They have also taken on the task of securing liability insurance for club advisors. The university no longer provides such coverage. These projects along with the normal yearly activities has kept members of student government quite busy.

Why do these projects affect you? If you belong to any organization on campus, these two projects could make or break your organization. The liability insurance problems puts at risk your advisor. Recently advisors are assisting organizations with no liability coverage. A law suit against your organization could risk your advisor's personal assets. Unless SGA can

formulate a solution to this problem, many advisors could decide the risk is too great and disassociate with student organizations.

The rewriting of the SGA constitution is a bold move for SGA. They have in fact taken on the responsibility of establishing their own future control in governing student organizations. The manner in which an organization submits a budget will most likely change. Club's social events will probably be handled differently. The roles of different bodies of student government will change. Organizations may be filing two separate budget requests next year. Membership in some organizations could become restricted. Changes caused by the

rewriting of the SGA constitution will long affect Capital College and its student organizations.

Maybe this information has sparked some questions or concerns in your mind. What should you do? There are many ways to communicate with SGA. Every student has a senator representing them in SGA. Tell them of your concern. Make sure

they fully understand your concern. If you belong to a club, tell your club president that he can present your concern at President's Council meetings. You can personally attend SGA meetings and President's Council meetings and express your concern. You may also attend open forums that are sponsored by SGA.

The constitutional rewrite and liability insurance are not the only items facing SGA. Many other issues have occurred and will occur throughout the year. These issues could also affect you and your organizations.

Does SGA measure? You won't know unless you stay informed of what they are up to.

Each student on this campus has his own idea of what SGA should be doing. The SGA office is not ESP central. They do not pick up the thought patterns of every student on campus. They must hear it from you. You can't judge them on your expectations unless you expressed those expectations to SGA. Before you ask if SGA measures up, ask yourself if you measure up to the standards of informing SGA.

Jan Travers/Editor

Give Them What They Deserve

Our SGA has been stomped on, kicked, and knocked down by the students, and all with good reason. I mean, what are they really doing for the students, right? How are they spending our money, and are we reaping any benefits from it?

I want you to contact your senator right this minute and tell him... What, who is your senator? You mean you don't know who is representing your division on the SGA.

How could you not know whom you voted for? Ah-ha, so you didn't vote.

Now the true problem with student governance comes out. The SGA represents the student body of this school and when only a handful of people gets involved, you get a narrow point of view.

I know, I've heard it all--you work, go to school, run a house, etc. It's a complicated life. But involvement is not an intrusion on your time, it is a way of applying what you

learned to the real world.

SGA is in the process of revising its constitution. During the open forum last Tuesday only a handful showed up to offer suggestions. If they don't know what you want, how can they serve you?

Here's a suggestion to get a real feel for the SGA in action. Think up a question. Go to the SGA office in Room 212 and see if they are able or even willing to help you. Then at least you'll have a personal experience on which to base your opinion of SGA.

What do you think of the Student Government?

Interviews by Alan Pincus
Photo by Sylvia Johnson



Joni Wormuth
Accounting

They should be doing more to get the administration to schedule more classes with more flexible times.



Bryan Rodgers
Engineering Technology

I really don't know much about them.



Lisa Ritter
Accounting

I don't see any results from what they do. The only time I heard anything about them was when they had the disputed election last term.



Mark Mandell
Engineering Technology

I imagine they are doing an OK job, but I really don't know much about their day to day doings.