

# SGA in Action

By Scott Levy

The Student Government Association got off to a great start for the 1988-89 school year, with its first meeting Aug. 30 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting came across in a professional manner, as stated by Dr. Ruth Leventhal, provost and dean of Penn State Harrisburg.

Organization was definitely a key factor at this meeting.

The president of S.G.A., John Nagengast, brought the meeting to a start by welcoming everyone back and recognizing the new faces at the meeting.

The reinstatement of a few clubs on campus was the first order of new business.

The clubs were: The Pennsylvania State College Republicans, the Mathematics Club and the Young Democrats.

The Pennsylvania State College Republicans and the Mathematics Club were reinstated at that time.

The Young Democrats were still in the process of organizing the club.

The clubs' allocation of funds was discussed next.

Most of the clubs received almost the same amount of funds as given to them last year.

The position of senior graduate senator was appointed to Carol Kilko, by John Nagengast, until the elections this fall.

She will prove to be an important asset to S.G.A. with her experience as last year's S.G.A. secretary.

S.G.A. meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in W-137. All are welcome to attend.

There will be an open forum to field responses to the allocation of funds Sept. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in 216 Olmsted.

All U-Day, to be held Sept. 17, was discussed.

Two representatives from this campus, Toni Mandronico and Michelle Noecker, will display a banner at University Park.

Mandronico and Noecker will also work on the design and construction of the banner.

As further incentive, Leventhal offered the two students who will display the banner free student tickets to the football game.

During the meeting, there was a "Discussion Draft" presented which dealt with the smoking policy at Penn State Harrisburg which was drawn up by Peg O'Hara, director of Student Affairs.

The concern with cigarette smoking has become important to the health of all.

## Lion's Den is Roarin'

By Joyce Porey

Just in time to kick off another school year, the Lion's Den is doing all that it can to provide more variety for its best customers -- the students.

According to Manager Joanne Coleman, the Lion's Den will not only provide a new salad bar, but it will also cut down that "mile-long" line of students waiting to pay for their meals.

Between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Friday 10:30 a.m. to closing, you can make your own salad for a mere 18 cents an ounce. (\$2.88 per pound)

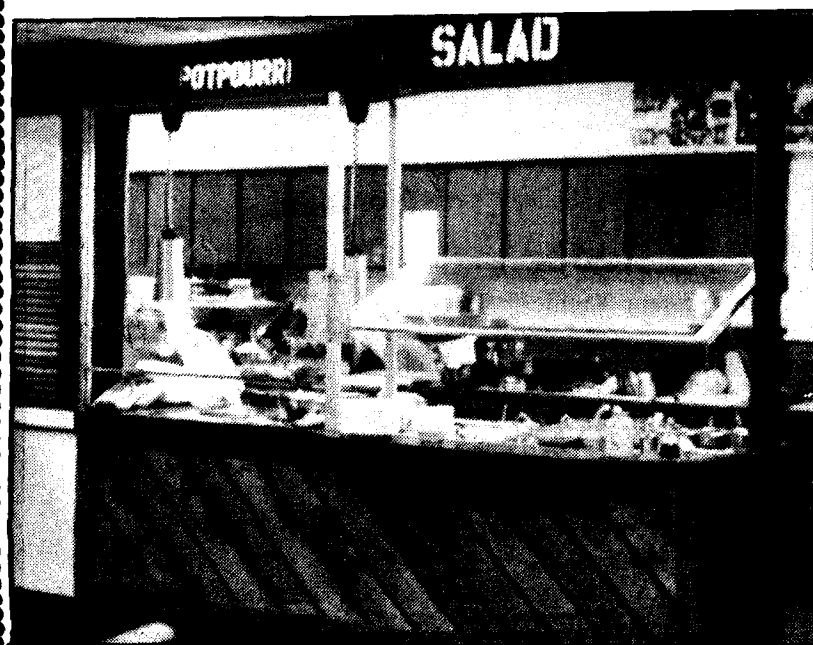
This not only eliminates those already-made salads, but it also allows

the students to choose as they please.

Salads may only be purchased in the meal card line due to the fact that the salads must be weighed in at the register.

Another addition in the Lion's Den will be the cash-only line. The hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will not accept meal cards or salad bar purchases. Coleman said that she hopes this will cut down the lines, eliminating all of the congestion at their peak hours (11:30 to 1:30).

So with a big thanks to Provost Leventhal who planned the Den's improvements, we can now add as many tomatoes as we'd like and not have our salad wilt before having the chance to sit down and eat it!



This new salad bar is the latest addition to the Lion's Den.

Salad lovers can choose their ingredients and eat crisper, fresher salads.

Photo by Jeff Quinn

## Technology Students

### Need Equipment

By Lisa Cutler

Engineering technology students are in need of new equipment, but there is one item that seems to be of great necessity throughout the engineering technology department. That is the need for more computer terminals.

As a result of too few computers, students are forced to team up with other students during lab hours which decreases their productivity and wastes valuable time.

This dire need cannot be emphasized enough; and it is obvious that in order to maintain quality standards, engineering students will need to be supplied with more computers to facilitate more individualized instruction, hence more "hands on" practical use.

There are other, more specific devices for which students are expressing a need. For instance, the Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology students claim a need for a new transit, which is an angle measuring device.

Also needed is material testing equipment such as a compression tester.

With more equipment available to the students, there is greater individual instruction and more actual use.

It would stand to reason that the students would gain a much better understanding and upon graduation would be much more able to work in industry,

having had the best education possible.

Several EET students have expressed their equipment needs.

One particular device spoken of was that of an oscilloscope: a testing instrument in which variations in current or voltage appear as visible waves of light.

Another, fortunately a less costly item in great demand is the bread board which is used for plugging in components.

At the moment there are not enough bread boards; consequently, many are overloaded and accurate testing is difficult to achieve.

Many of the MET students stressed the importance of more classroom demonstration equipment to illustrate the concepts and theories being discussed.

They also suggested updated testing equipment in a way of digital devices to replace the out-dated, much less accurate analog equipment.

This need for digital equipment is apparently common to all the engineering technology departments due to the exactness from each reading.

Some of the more specific items needed by the MET majors are: micrometers which are used for measuring minute distances and transducers which are electronic devices which convert physical characteristics into electronic signals.

## Campus Ministry

By Christine Reilly

The Campus Ministry consists of two worshipping communities on campus, representing the Lutheran and Catholic faiths.

Father Robert Panza, assistant pastor of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Middletown, represents the Catholic ministry. A Catholic celebration of the Eucharist will be held each Sunday evening at 7:30p.m. in the lounge at the Capitol Union Building (CUB).

To represent the Lutheran ministry, Reverend Robert Schmitt will hold a celebration of the Eucharist each Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Black Cultural Arts Center (BCAC).

Also, at the beginning and end of each semester and during Lent joint worships between the campus ministries will be held.

In addition to celebrating the Eucharist, both Fr. Panza and Rev. Schmitt want to hold special activities for the students.

For instance, after the service on Sunday, Fr. Panza would have no objections to a pizza party or maybe a night out at the local bowling alley.

Rev. Schmitt will be offering bible study on Wednesday afternoons after the service.

Both will always be open for discussions with anyone. However, it is the responsibility of the students to inform Fr. Panza and Rev. Schmitt of what they want and expect from the ministers.

Rev. Schmitt said he believes that

students do appreciate the services and the extra activities offered.

He said, "This is very rewarding for us. We want students to be informed and to attend."

Fr. Panza is also the adviser to Chi Rho, a socially orientated club on campus which provides various services to the Harrisburg area through food drives, visits to the elderly, and educational programs.

Since most of last year's members were seniors, the club must be reorganized this year. Fr. Panza urges the students to get involved.

Since college students spend so much of their time on campus, it is convenient to practice their religion right here, said Panza.

Fr. Panza said, "A college is its own town. It has everything except a religious presence and we can provide this for the students. We are not just here to have services. We are also present to answer moral or religious questions. If a student simply wants to talk about anything, we are here."

There has been a connection between Lutherans and higher education since the Reformation. Because of this, Rev. Schmitt urges higher education and wants to help students and provide religion for them.

Both ministers have agreed: "We are here for you, the students, so come on and get involved!"

Anyone interested in Chi Rho can find more information at the Student Activities Office, room 212 in the Olmsted building.