

# 96 students elect new SGA officers

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The Student Government Association welcomed five new senators to its staff during its last two meetings held Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

The new senators, who ran unopposed in the elections held Sept. 22 thru 24, are: Mark Britton, junior-at-large majoring in engineering; Sheila Fenkner, senior-at-large majoring in public policy; Henry Polee, senior-at-large majoring in criminal justice; Rachel Hunter, junior senator majoring in public policy.

Dan Carr, a senior senator in engineering, was appointed by SGA President Rick Delgiorno.

Although only 96 students voted in the election, Registrar Dorothy Guy said preliminary fall 1992 statistics show there are 2300 undergraduates and 1325 graduate students at PSH.

Delgiorno said he was pleased that students cared enough to vote, but he would like to see some changes in the future elections. He feels assemblies, posters and campaigns are good ideas.

"I was pleased that students took time from their busy schedules to vote, but I do

wish more people would have voted. You can always have more," Delgiorno said.

"It's more exciting to have competition and campaigning; therefore, the students become more aware and interested in the candidates," he said.

The senators are expected to attend weekly meetings, serve on two committees and hold an open forum for students in their divisions.

Delgiorno added, "The senators-at-large are not assigned a specific division. I often equate this with free safety on the defense."

There doesn't have to be a specific assignment. There's help where there's a need, he said.

Polee said, "I ran for senator because I felt I have the qualities of a leader. I was sick of sitting back and watching others do the work. Now, I can have a more influential role in implementing various ideas."

Carr said, "I see a lot of things going on in engineering. The engineering students had no say--their interests weren't represented."



SGA officers (second and third from left) Rachel Hunter, junior senator, and Henry Polee, senior-at-large, get sworn in after election. Photo by Michael Starkey

## International events draw diverse crowds

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As the International Student Advisor for PSH, Joan Swetz's role is to advise foreign students while they pursue their studies at PSH.

Swetz also informs American students about the opportunities available for them to study in other countries.

"In the study abroad programs, there are about 25 or more programs administered by Penn State in locations literally throughout the world," Swetz said.

Swetz feels it is important to have an understanding of different cultures.

Swetz describes the students who usually attend the international lectures in the Gallery Lounge, either attending to fulfill a class project, or seeking information about other cultures.

"There are people who I see once the whole year, and some students who attend every function with regularity," Swetz said.

"I tell the students, because of their schedules, they can stay for only 15 minutes, if that's all the time they have," she said. "Still, they will learn something from it. It is important for the educational process."

Swetz promises more multi-cultural events in the future.

"The basic idea is to share the expertise of people who have had experiences in other parts of the world with those of us who are unable to go," she said.

"It is an extension of the educational process, and with the international students on campus, new friendships will hopefully develop," Swetz added.

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