

What do you feel are the key issues on campus?

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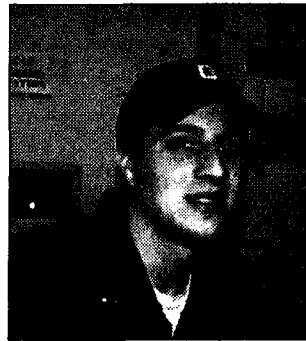
"The main issue I face here: campus interviews. We always have to travel to State College for the first and second round interviews [for jobs]. If this campus could make some arrangement for potential companies to visit this campus, it would reduce much of our traveling time and expenses in attending interviews."



John DeSantis

Finance

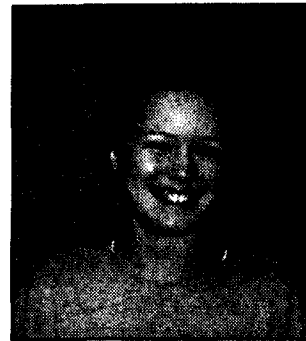
"A faculty member left in the middle of a semester and I had to adjust to a new teacher halfway through."



Ken Banic

Electrical Engineering Tech.

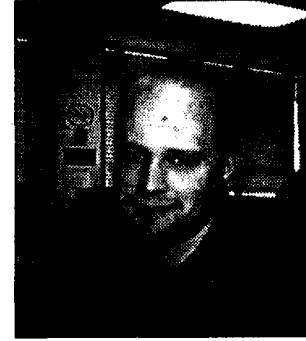
"I'm a new student here at Penn State. I moved in yesterday and everything is going smoothly. I'm looking forward to this semester."



Kari Beury

Elementary Education

"The mice living in our kitchen."



Andy Welton

Information Systems

"Better notice of campus schedule changes during bad weather."



Gino Pasi

American Studies

"The lack of a sense of community."

*Genius without education is like silver in the mine.
Benjamin Franklin*

SGA Seeks To Serve

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Larger issues that emerged during fall 2000 included concern over security in the Olmsted parking lot following several car break-ins, and the inability of undergraduates to sign out materials from the library's second floor.

In a different level of representation, SGA Vice President Joe Werner serves as a student member of the faculty senate.

According to Werner, the faculty senate, which is presided over by Dr. Anita Vickers, coordinator of the Schuylkill humanities program, addresses and makes recommendations to the administration on issues such as faculty workload policies, research requirements, library-staff funding and academic programming.

As a member of the senator, Werner sits on the Student Affairs Committee. Issues before the committee last term included housing and academic advising. Werner openly admitted that "our advising is terrible." He encourages students to contact him with questions or concerns

for the faculty senate.

In addition to representing students on a number of levels, student government offers students the opportunity to try leadership on for size. According to Herwig, students interested in SGA membership can often accept appointments for open positions throughout the semester.

"I didn't go into it with any real expectations," Herwig said of her role as SGA president. "I expected it to be difficult," she said. "It's been wonderful," Herwig added.

At the same time, the SGA, like any other governing body, is not without conflicts. "There's lots of different points of view," Ottaviano said of the SGA. "A lot of people challenged each other. It's not what I expected from a student government."

Students with questions or concerns can visit the SGA office beside the student lounge on the first floor of the Olmsted building, phone the SGA at 948-6137, or leave a note in the SGA mailbox in the Student Activities Office in the same location.

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