

The

SGA Report

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The Student Government Association has a lot on their plate. In addition to the anticipated THON, a rally at the capital, and planned events throughout the next few months, SGA is also planning a fee increase to fund student activities.

Clubs and organizations on campus have not been able to fund all of their activities this year due to lack of money in the Student Activity Fund.

"SAF is pretty much running dry," said SGA President Lee Cutchall.

The Harrisburg campus is the third largest, outside of University Park. However, PSH has one of the lowest activity funds. The reasons for this include the growing number of freshman and sophomores, as well as the increase of students living on campus and the costs of events going up.

The SAF committee will propose fee increase of ten dollars per semester to

pull the account to a level even with student population and budget requests.

Increasing the SAF money will also spark interest in students coming to Penn State Harrisburg, as the SAF is the financial backing in student programs.

"SAF is funding less and less of proposals from clubs," said Cutchall. "The requested amount is thousands of dollars higher than the SGA can allocate."

Cutchall would like to clear up any misconception about the very distinct funds,

SGA and SAF. The SGA and the SAF are completely separate budgets.

"I can't go in there and say 'I need money, give it to me,'" Cutchall said.

Cutchall plans to move ahead with the request this month.

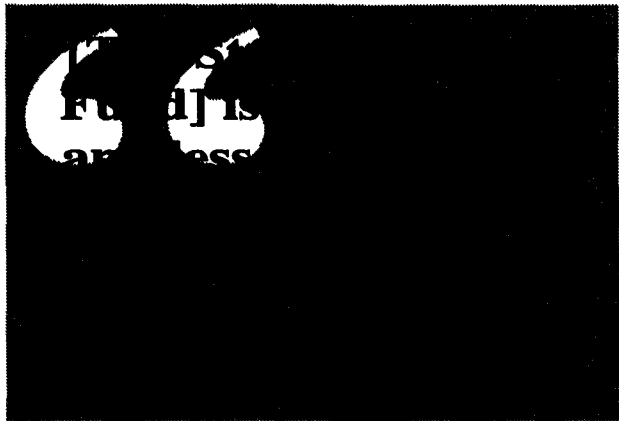
"Every year, we make a call in February as to whether or not to increase the SAF amount," he said.

The long-anticipated THON will take place next weekend, February 21 and 22. To raise additional money for the event, SGA will be selling T-shirts donated by Faulkner Honda. SGA will also hold a "lock-up" of students and professors, for two and five dollars respectively to "bail them out." This event will take place on Tuesday, February 17.

On Monday, March 22, Penn State and several other schools will participate in a Rally at the Rotunda to protest tuition hikes. Their hope is to have 50-100 students attending the event, which will include a political rally and voter registration.

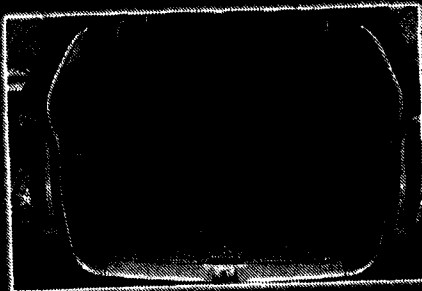
Senator Ted Miller said, "this is not a lobby." Rather, the emphasis is on political involvement, as Pennsylvania will face one of their biggest election years to date.

In other business, SGA approved funds to be distributed to the Film Festival in the amount of \$1,720. An open house to meet the Provost and Dean of the college will take place February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

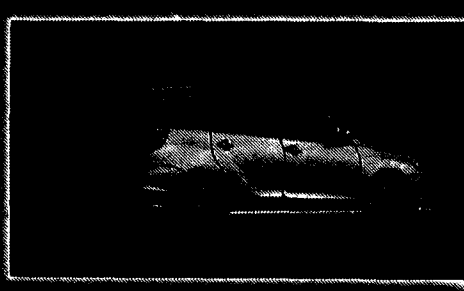


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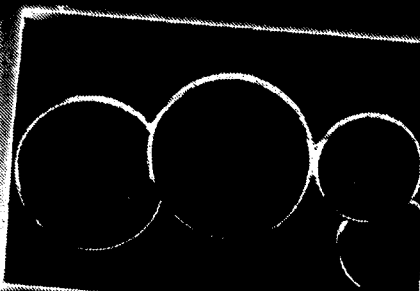
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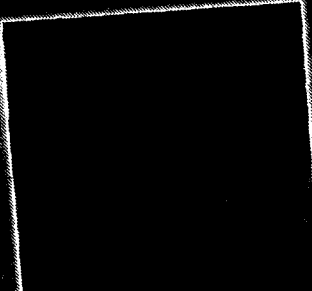
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