

The

SGA Report

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The Good

Let it be said that SGA is taking part in a significant event-the *Rally in the Rotunda*. And Ted Miller, senior senator of engineering, deserves most of the credit.

On March 22 at 1 p.m. the *Rally in the Rotunda* will take place in the Capitol Building. Penn State students will march to ask the state for more money. State and federal legislators have overlooked the investment to the nation that accompanies an individual with a college degree. The decline in state appropriations to public universities has caused the students to pay more in tuition while also experiencing cuts in career, student and academic services. Students are encouraged to take the initiative to address the funding shortages by participating in the rally. Through voter registration drives, participation in the *Rally in the Rotunda*, and increased public awareness about current funding to Pennsylvania's Higher Education institutions, the mission is to encourage legislators to place higher education funding as a priority of the General Assembly. All state related schools are invited to attend the rally.

On February 24-26, SGA sponsored a voter registration drive in the Olmsted lobby, headed by Miller.

Miller said, "I will help register anyone. I encourage students to register to vote."

Also, SGA helped to raise 3.5 million for THON last weekend. Operation Soup Bowl will be underway March 2 and 3 from 4:30-6 p.m. and SGA elections will take place at the end of the month

The Bad

No one is sitting on the Diversity Committee of the Commonwealth Council of Student Governments. There have been several unexcused absences in the meetings as well as the resignation of treasurer, Autumn Fortney. President Lee

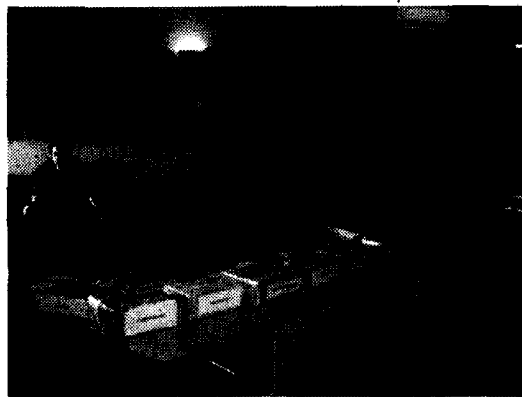


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Vernon DeLoach (far right) talks with SGA Senior Senator of Engineering Ted Miller (left at table) at the voter registration table, which was there to register voters before the Rally at the Rotunda to be held March 22 at the Capitol Building

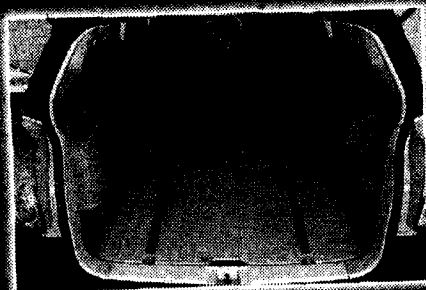
Cutchall will propose to the Student Activities Fund a tuition increase for next year to help fund student activities. This can be good or bad depending on how you look at it. For students who are involved in clubs, this is good because it means more money to fund their projects. For students who only attend classes, this means they are paying more for something that has no on effect them.

The Ugly

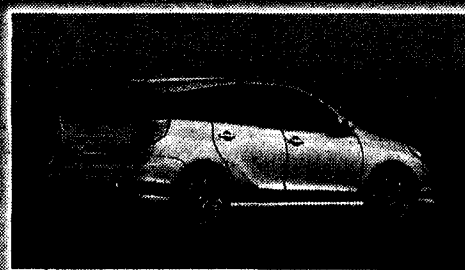
It is becoming apparent that the CCSG is catering to the larger campuses budget needs. The student governments of six Penn State campuses boycotted the CCSG conference held last weekend. SGA presidents from Penn State Abington College and New Kensington, Delaware County, Fayette, York and McKeesport campuses boycotted the meeting to address problems they felt smaller campuses were having with the CCSG. Our campus's SGA decided against boycotting the meeting. Perhaps they know what they are doing after all.

Who Says You Can't Have It All?

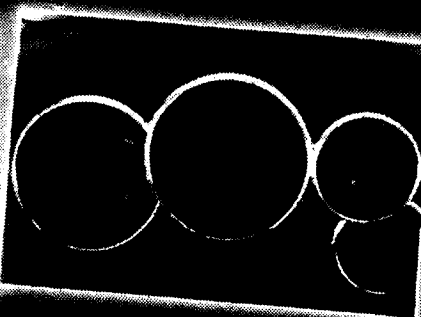
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