

# THE NITTANY CUB



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## Me For Student Council? You're Out of Your Mind!

I was a lowly frosh last year, so I ought to know what I'm talking about. Would I run again if I were in the same boat? Read on and then decide for yourself.

I can remember sitting there in spacious Erie Hall on that hot September afternoon listening to a faculty member tell us about S.G.A.—Student Government Association. I was impressed, to say the least! But as I sat there with a gym full of some of the top high school kids from three states, any idea I might have had of trying for election to the Behrend Campus S.G.A. was at that time pure fantasy. But I was a dreamer. So when I found out that all I had to do in order to try for election to Student Council was to have ten friends sign a simple make-shift petition, make a few campaign posters, and then give a simple two or three-minute speech, I decided to try it (you see, I was good at making petitions).

Well, I was elected . . . but it wasn't easy! There were only eight positions remaining to be filled on the Council and there was a total of twelve students running. At first I was fearful for my political life. But when I convinced the fellow sitting next to me to cast his vote my way, I knew that with two votes I was assured of a place on the Council.

It must have been the speech I gave that got me the third vote. Anyway, I was a runaway winner with only four or five candidates

getting more votes than I got. I guess I was quite fortunate in being able to give my speech near the end of the program. Most of the audience was asleep and couldn't tell that my mouth had completely dried up on me. But I guess that's one of the unforeseen hazards of political campaigning.

During our first meeting we elected officers. After that, Dean Lane, Dean of Student Affairs, gave us a pep talk about our power and duties and responsibilities that really set us up for the important months ahead. Our first task was to arrange the budget and activities program for the coming terms. From there on in the tasks were many and varied. For example, the S.G.A. last year (1) arranged programs for the Thursday morning free period (common hour); (2) operated and maintained the pool, bowling alleys, and ping-pong equipment; (3) managed the financial affairs of all the student activities on campus; (4) programmed the Winter Carnival; (5) sponsored and arranged the Prom; (6) plus discussing and acting on countless other less spectacular but very important matters concerning the students and the Campus.

In addition to the prestige and personal satisfaction a student receives from belonging to the Student Government Association, there comes four times through-

out the year a chance to attend the two or three-day-long, all basic expenses paid trips to University Park where the Organization of Student Governments Association holds its quarterly conferences. The O.S.G.A. is an association composed of all the fourteen Penn State Commonwealth Campuses. At these valuable conferences one has the opportunity to gain first-hand information from the "big brass" of the University including President Eric A. Walker himself. He also has the opportunity to discuss campus problems with students from all over the state, to participate in workshops and leadership programs, to make new friends, to attend parties, to tour University Park, and in general, to share experiences not available to the average Penn Stater.

It's a great life—the life of an S.G.A.-er. And, now that I've seen how tremendously interesting and rewarding it can be, the question that bothers me most is: "Why aren't there more students interested when it's so ridiculously simple to get into and the rewards are so great?" One material reward the year-long S.G.A. members receive is a beautiful, gold-plated, personally initialed key that is now recognized and treasured all over the state. Have one of last year's members show you his. And then, why don't you try out for S.G.A.?

## This Is It . . .

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and a sign, e.g., sophomores, faculty members, visitors, etc. Women must curtsy.

All must doff their dinks or curtsy when passing the Behrend Pine.

6. When a sophomore says to a male frosh: "Button, frosh," that freshman must doff his dink by holding the button atop the dink and lifting it from his head.

When a sophomore says to a female freshman: "Curtsy, Frosh," that freshman must curtsy to the sophomore.

7. All freshmen must carry matches and light any sophomores' cigarette upon request.

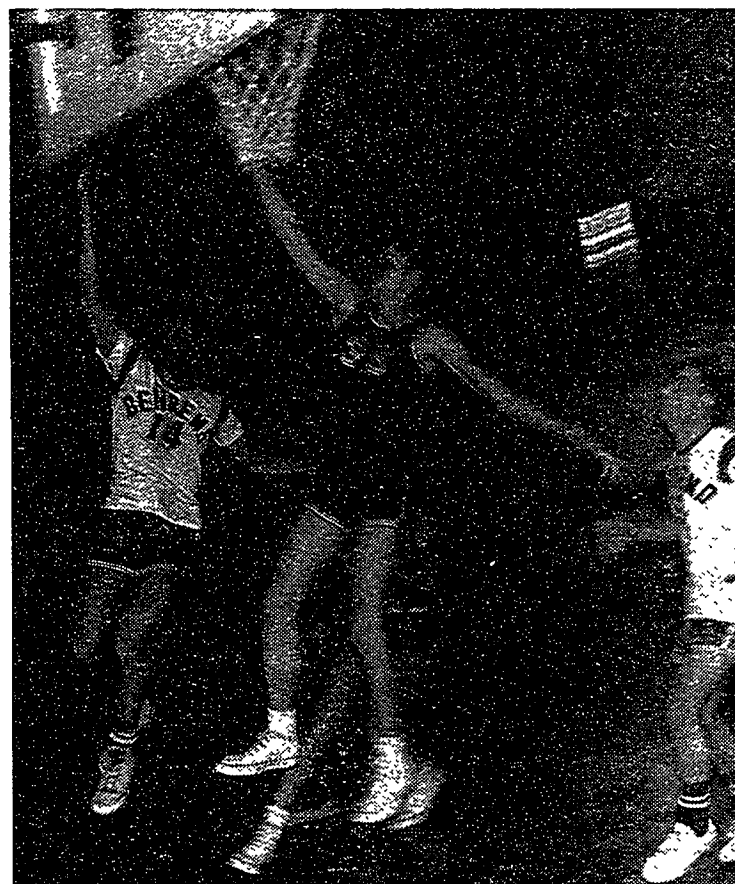
8. Freshmen must know the words and the tune to any song on the song sheets given them, and must sing them aloud upon the request of any sophomore.

9. No freshman is permitted to use the foot bridge between Erie and Turnbull Halls, nor can they walk on the grass at any time or use the diving board at the swimming pool.

10. Frosh must use only the back entrance of the Otto Behrend Science Building.

11. Freshmen must know, word for word, the inscriptions on the dedication plaque on Turnbull Hall and on the model ship Niagara in the lobby of Erie

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Doug Prozan lobs in another two points during one of last year's many exciting basketball games.