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THE OSGA--AN EXPLANATION

In my article which appeared two issues ago in the Nittany Cub I tried to unveil the mystery surrounding the constitution. This week I will try to explain another mystery--the OSGA which "Batch" was elected president.

If you walked into the RUB last week through the main entrance you saw a sign which read, "Batch elected OSGA President." "Fine," you say to yourself, "what's an OSGA?" First off, the OSGA stands for the Organization of Student Government Associations. (If you don't know what a "Batch" is, forget it!)

The membership of the OSGA is made up of representatives from all the student governments of the campuses in the Penn State system. In this organization, every member campus has one vote, with the exception of University Park. The student organization at University Park, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), has no vote because the commonwealth campuses (all campuses excluding UP) have no voice in the USG Congress.

Many people consider the OSGA an ineffectual and powerless group of students meeting several times a year just for the sake of meeting. This was the opinion held several years ago by the all-powerful USG. But times are changing. Student Government is playing an increasing role in the University and an organization representing 10,000 students can not be overlooked. In the coming years there will be more students on the commonwealth campuses than at University Park. People are beginning to realize this fact and are looking twice at the OSGA. This point can be seen quite clearly when you compare the relationship between the OSGA and the USG. The change has been dramatic in the two years I have been associated with this organization. Last year could be characterized by complete disagreement and personality conflicts. This year is completely opposite. Bob Bauer (OSGA President) and Jeff Long (USG President) are on the best of terms and close ties between these two organizations is the result.

Thus the ball is rolling. OSGA is getting the recognition it deserves and the OSGA-USG conflict is on its way to being resolved.

Again I hope you have been informed and now understand what OSGA and USG are and the problems they face. But a "Batch," OH well!

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