... News Notices ...

Student Government Office

SGA elections are upcoming in Spring Term so keep your eyes posted for the date. All hopefuls must be full time students who plan to return to DelCo next fall. Each candidate must file a petition with the Secretary (Rita Titter) by the fifth week of Spring Term stating his or her reasons for running and bearing the valid signatures of not less than 25 full time students. Each candidate must have a cumulative grade average of 2.5 or higher and be in good disciplinary standing with the University.

SGA- has announced plans for its annual SPRING PICNIC. All are welcome to the food and festivities on Wednesday, May 7th Included will be a varied menu, rock band, and numerous sports activities.

Keystone Society

Keystone's Monte Carlo Night, February 14th was a huge success having raised a total of \$400 for the Metzgar boys trust fund.

The Keystone Society expresses its deep appreciation to all those who came out to donate blood to the American Red Cross. Of the 127 people who signed up, 111 came out despite the pouring rain. A total of 92 pints of blood were taken which is only 8 pints short of the goal 100 pints. All those who were unable to give and who desire to may contact the Red Cross LO 6-4580 for more information.

Keystone plans a PRETZEL SALE on Wednesday, April 23 Word has leaked on the possibility of a PINOCHLE TOUR-NAMENT sponsored by Keystone sometime in May. . . Keystone is also sponsoring a work trip May 16th-17th to Camp Upland. Camp Upland, for underprivileged children, is in dire need of a play area which Keystone members will help to construct.

JACK JONES, WCAU-TV News Anchorman, MALCOLM POINDEXTER, KYW-TV reporter; MARGE PAXSON, assistant city editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin; and JEAN BYRNE editor of GREENSCENE Magazine, of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, will participate in a panel discussion on Discrimination in the Media at the campus at 1:40 p.m., April 14th, Room 101.

To promote an interest in photography, the Camera Club is sponsoring a PHOTO CONTEST Anyone associated with P.S.U. may enter. Photographs, either color, or black and white, must be matted with a maximum size of 8 1/2" x 11". Judgement is based on the rules of composition. Prizes of \$20, \$10, and \$5 will be offered. The entry deadline is April 18th. See Room 115 (Instructional Services) for further information.

Is it really true that pets resemble their owners? Everyone has a chance to find out in the display given by our librarians, Mr. John Rogal and Ms. Margie Lappin, in the library showcase. Photographs of the different pets belonging to faculty members will be there for the first half of the Spring Term. Completed entry blanks should be submitted in the library.

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The Delaware Valley American Youth Hostel and the Easter Seal Society are co-sponsoring their annual BIKE-A-THONON Sunday, May 4th (rain date May 11). Funds raised will benefit the local Easter Seals Chapters. AYH is donating prizes including both bikes and bike equipment to be awarded to the hikers with the largest total contributions. There is a choice of five routes in the area: Levittown, Philadelphia, Abington, Media (Ridley Creek), and the Main Line. The hikes range in length from nine to 18 miles and are not difficult, so get out your trusty bikes and help out! For more information as well as sponsor sheets contact Kate Connell in the SGA office as soon as possible.

The last remaining deadline for Financial Aid Applications is May 1st for the PHEAA GRANT (Pa. residents only). Forms are available in Room 212K.

Applications are available for the 1976 FOREIGN STUDIES PROGRAMS. The following programs are open to ALL colleges of the University: Cologne, Germany I (oriented toward language, literature, and social sciences); Cologne Germany II (emphasizes business administration and economics); Strasbourg, France (French language and culture); Rome (Italian and Roman history and art); and Exeter, England (political science, economics, and sociology). Only Cologne I, Strasbourg, and Salamanca have courses taught in the native language of the host country.

Students usually take advantage of these programs in the Spring Term of their junior year.

See Jean Warda in Office 212E for further information, applications, Application deadline is May 15th.

Shapp Cuts Penn State Budget; **University President Dissatisified**

On March 11th, Governor Milton Shapp presented his budget recommendations for Penn State in his budget message for 1975-76. The following is a statement, issued on March 12th, from Dr. John W. Oswald, President of the Pennsylvania State University, concerning the implications of these recom-

of the budget recommendations presented in the Governor's budget message for 1975-76.

I thoroughly understand the status of the economy and the strained estimates of revenues in State, of course, expects to carry its appropriate share of adjustments to live with the economic realities.

However, the Governor's budget allocations for Penn State of \$123.6 million for 15 months is actually less than \$100 million on a 12-month basis whereas \$114.5 million was requested as absolutely essential for the coming 12-month period. A realistic and stern analysis of the Governor's proposal contains four most serious implications for Penn

Research Support Cut

First, the State's research support to the University is cut by 20%, a slash which will require reductions in the research programs in food, energy, coal, oil, transportation and other areas at a time when society's needs in these areas are most demanding. A 20% cut in funds for research, from \$17 million during the current year to \$13.6 million on a 12-month basis or \$17 million for 15 months, is an extreme deprivation which will greatly and regrettably affect

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Medical Education Support

Secondly, the budget proposes a 14.5% reduction in support of the Commonwealth; and Penn medical education. This comes at a time when our most modern medical center in the Commonwealth is coming into maturity and achieving national recognition, and at a time when it is beginning to fulfill the critical health care needs of rural Pennsylvania. Since the same amount for medical programs is allocated both for a 15-month fiscal period next year as for the 12month period this year, the Governor's budget seems to assume there could be three months of operation without expenditures, which, of course, is not the case.

No Increase In Retirement Benefits

Thirdly, the Governor's budget provides no recognition of the mandated payment to the State of the \$4.6 million increase in retirement benefits alone or for adequate provision for increased inflationary costs.

No Salary Increases

Finally, it will not be possible to make salary increases of a desired level unless additional State funds are secured. Furthermore, implementation will have to be related to the fiscal year change.

Proposal of 15-Month Budget

Overriding all of these specific concerns is the paradoxical effect of the Governor's proposal of a transitional 15-month budget which works to the fiscal advantage of the State and to the fiscal disadvantage of Penn State. The critical factor at the University is the inclusion in the 15 months of two Summer Terms, which characteristically produce substantially less tuition and fees income than are needed for operational costs during those summer periods.

It is vital that the citizens of Pennsylvania and the many members and friends of the University community throughout the Commonwealth understand clearly the potential impact of the proposed appropriation.

Tuition Increase

With this shortfall of approximately \$14 million in State funds, it becomes obvious we cannot avoid a tuition increase.

Faced with the budget program presented Tuesday, March 11th, the people of Pennsylvania must understand what will happen to their land-grant University with declining State support, especially in the critical fields of research and medical education.

I shall make every possible effort to carry our concerns to the members of the Legislature and to the Administration as well as to our many constituents throughout the Commonwealth as this budget is considered in the weeks ahead.

P.I.R.G. Program To Protect Student Consumers Statewide

Pennsylvania Public Interest tatives will make up the state Research Group, a cousin of board. The state board is reis a student movement in Pennsylvania whose objective is to establish a statewide network of consumer protection offices. These offices shall be maintained by students on a local level who feed problems into the state board of P.I.R.G. The state board decides which problems are to be handled locally and which are to be channeled into the professionals in Harrisburg.

Students Elect Boards

The local board, elected by the students, will not only serve as a link between students and the state board, but will also mobilize and supervise the campus resources for projects as well as cooperate with other campuses and community groups in his capacity.

Participating students are responsible for electing a representative from each Commonwealth campus as well as six conjunction with other represen- be presented at time of boarding the bus.

professional staff plus the evaluation and handling of all pro-

jects. These professionals, such as lawyers, engineers, natural Ralph Naders' COMMON CAUSE, sponsible for the hiring of the and social scientists will be engaged not only in research

Transportation Service Started

The campus Mini-Bus or wagon is presently being used to initiate a transportation pick-up service between Media, and the Campus. The vehicle on its return to campus stops at the Granite Run Mall.

This service is being offered by the University at no charge to the students to aid those individuals unable to obtain transportation through a car pool. It is presently being established as a pilot study with the below listed tentative schedule stipulating times of arrival and departure.

Leave Campus (front main entrance)	8:10 A.M.	12:10 P.M.	3:30 P.M.
Arrive (end of trolley line Media)	8:20 A.M.	12:25 P.M.	3:45 P.M.
Arriva (Media Train Station)	8:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	3:50 P.M.

Arrive Campus 12:45 P.M. 4:00 P.M. Students anticipating use of the service must make arrangements from University Park, who in to meet the listed scheduled times. Student Identification card must