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Editorial

SGA Needs New Budget Procedures

By Angela Deal

It is a good thing The Lion's Eye is not dependent on SGA (Student Government Association) for its funding, or we might not exist.

Being rather new to my editorial position, when I was given a budget request form to fill out, not only did I have about two days to fill it out, but I was not sure how much money our organization would need.

Do I include expenses for feeding a group of eight people who have been working diligently for eight hours on layout? Or should I account only for the bills from the printer? What about the photographers and their expenses for film and developing?

At any rate my advisor was quick to help me fill in the form. Once it was handed in, I felt confident we would get the money we needed.

Then in the weeks to follow, to my surprise, I had to find participants from our staff for the SGA Advance, a weekend retreat which was set aside to go over school policies and procedures.

When I was unable to find club members to go, I began to worry; I was under the strong impression that if I or two of my staff did not go, The Lion's Eye was not going to be allocated any funds during the budget review- or get any cooperation from SGA throughout the upcoming year.

Little did I know that this was not the case at all. It was not until I spoke with Pete Coleman, Director of Student Affairs, that I realized how the committe (Pete, Dick Barrett, and SGA's executive staff) review the budget requests.

A budget training workshop is clearly needed; a collective request of \$30,000 from campus clubs with only \$6,000 to distribute is a sure sign of this fact. In addition, a workshop might clear up any misunderstandings campus organizations might have about the process.

To address these problems, the budget review board members have planned for a budget training workshop in the spring. I, and I am sure many advisors and club leaders, will take advantage of the workshop.

I only hope we don't have to go away for the weekend; that may create a the topic of "Endangered Species" problem.



Commentary **Does Anyone Care Anymore** About Saving the Earth?

By Liz Russo

The Global Awareness meeting on

Van Halen Concert: Great Mix of Sound & Excitement

By Eric Forte

I arrived at the Spectrum, in Philadelphia, with two friends, at 7:30 p.m., on October 15th. The parking lot was crowded with thousands of full-fledged Van Halen fans, showing their support as they donned Van Halen concert shirts. While walking to the Spectrum, we were rushed by dozens of illegal venders, selling everything from

counterfeit concert shirts, to scalped to hats, to pins, to underwear that tickets, to every street drug known. Finally, we made it inside, without letting our precious money slip through our fingers. The concert was an expensive one, being that the tickets cost \$22.50 per seat.

The corridors of the spectrum were jam-packed with hundreds of excited fans, rushing to buy their official concert apparel. The shirt stands sold everything from T-shirts,



Van Halen (l. to r.) Alex Van Halen, Michael Anthony, Sammy Hagar, Eddie Van Halen.

said, "I love my baby's poundcake", a line from one of their hit songs. I did happen to buy a red Van Halen shirt, which cost me another \$22.00.

Finally, we found our seats, located in the first row of section 40. They weren't the best seats, but the stage was still in good view. We waited patiently for the opening act, as the roadies set up the stage and took sound checks.

At 8:00, Alice In Chains, a funky, bass oriented metal band came on stage to promote their debut album, "Face Lift." They played for approximately 40 minutes, before closing with their last song. The band's performance was really good, sounding almost identical to the album. Their best song performed was the hit "Man in The Box," which was the forth song of the set. Alice In Chains' stage performance was also impressive, for a new, opening act.

After the Alice In Chains show was over, there was a 20 minute break between sets. As the final minutes wound down, the cheers for "Eddie" got louder and louder. Suddenly you could hear a wailing guitar, playing "The Star Spangled

really concerned me because only about five people attended. What does this say about us as a campus? It seems as if people do not have the time to care about environmental issues.

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What really amazes me is that lots of people actually went to these meetings before. Now, some have dropped out. Why?

I feel strongly that once someone is committed to something, it's their responsibility to stick with it, no matter what. There are no inbetweens. Either you care about the environment or you aren't interested at all.

To have people who are "concerned" about saving our planet, then quit is a disgrace. They are only fooling themselves. Who is going to make the world a better place to live in? Only the people who were committed in the first place can make a difference. Those are the types that are needed.

To help the campus become more aware of environmental problems, the Global Awareness Group is offering a camping trip to New York from November 15 to 17. The trip includes an environmental conference workshop that deals with a variety of issues, such as global warming, ozone depletion, etc.

The cost is \$10.00 to register and \$20.00 for lodging expenses, plus transportation costs.

If interested, please attend the next Global Awareness Group meeting. The meetings will now be held Mondays instead of Wednesdays in the Main Building. Watch for details.