

Club Rush!



Many eager freshmen sign up for clubs on Orientation Day, as returning classmates and faculty assist. Photo by Greg Jurkowski

\$35,000 Up For Grabs; You Paid It, You Use It

By JoAnne Johnson

Starting this year, a fee of twenty-five dollars per semester will be charged to each student to be put into an account for the betterment of the campus. Many of you may wonder why Penn State has adopted a policy to charge an activity fee, and even more importantly, in what way does it benefit you.

This money will be overseen by the Campus Allocation Committee, a committee comprised of 10 people: 7 students, 2 Staff members, and 1 faculty member. This committee meets approximately once a month. Their responsibility is to draw up the annual spending plan, to allocate funds to the

SGA Budget Committee, and to deal with funding proposals that are not directly handled by the SGA Budget Committee.

"What's really nice (about the new fee) is that any group of students can make a proposal on how to use the money," comments staff committee member Raquel Arredondo. There is \$35,000 available in the activities fee fund now, and anyone may make suggestions or petitions on how to use it.

Forms may be picked up from Barbara Daniel or Raquel Arredondo in the Commons, and all information should be filled out at that time, including the request and an estimate of the cost.

Environmental Awareness Takes First Step At Delco

By Laurie Koechert

Before, between and after every class students stand outside to catch a smoke, finish a drink, or munch on a snack carelessly leaving their trash behind.

"I don't think trash is that bad of a problem. Maybe it seems that way because the campus is small, however there are certain areas," said Carolyn DeSanto, third semester, education.

Students seem to be blinded by trash cans and ash trays located at every entrance to every building. If that is not the sinerio what explains the reason why cigarette butts and cans circle around trash cans and not in them.

As a result of this carelessness, the president of the Service Corp, Johanna Licciardillo, is asking clubs and organizations throughout the campus to contribute to a service project. The goal of this project is to

eliminate the trash around campus and hopefully influence others to do the same.

The Litter Patrol Service Project requires the campus to be divided among clubs and organizations where that particular group is responsible for that designated area. The goal of this project is to set an example for the absent minded students and teach them to pick up after themselves.

"This campus belongs to all of us. We can choose to defile the beauty of the land. Or we can choose to appreciate it and make our campus better," said Licciardillo, third semester, business administration.

An announcement will be given at the clubs meeting where the service corp will comment on the conditions of the campus.

Once again students are urged to respect their campus. Clean up after yourself.

Changing Of Guard In SGA Bades Optimism For Future

By Laurie Koechert

"I already see a grand difference in the SGA this semester. The motivation for team work and their love for this campus is going to benefit us all," said a very enthusiastic Saj Brown, third semester, 2 LAS, and President of the Black Student League.

As a team, the SGA's main goal for the 1996-97 year is to encourage more students to show their spirit for Delco sports and events. Comparing themselves to previous Student Government Associations, they hope for a more organized and accessible organization.

The head of the SGA is president Jay Mills (third semester, DUS) whose job it is to communicate to the students, faculty, and staff what activities and changes take place in or about the Penn State system. Mill's election allows him to capture the needs of the student body and make this campus suitable for everyone.

Working as the SGA's right hand woman is Raquel Arredondo, Student Services Specialist, who assists in the decisions which take place within this organization. "I am really proud of the SGA and I feel a lot of things will be accomplished this year. I am very happy to be working with them," said Arredondo.

Andy Scherff's (third semester, DUS) position of vice president requires him to coordinate many

events and run different projects here on campus. He is also responsible for attending CCSG (Commonwealth Campus Student Government) meetings at University Park with SGA officers from other Penn State Campuses. Scherff's goal this year is to test the success of the SGA by trying to make students aware of the activities and events on campus.

Another hot spot on the SGA is secretary Dawei Yin, third semester, mechanical engineering. Yin's duties include recording what goes on at meetings, preparing events and adding his thoughts on SGA decision-making. His personal goal is aimed at improving his GPA to achieve a General Motors' Scholarship.

The person in charge of budgeting funds for campus organizations is treasurer Ottrina Bond, third semester, pre-med psychology. As a member of the Black Student League, Bond ran for her position in hopes of diversifying the student government and to "encourage students to do the most they can". Her job is very important, not only to the SGA but also to all campus clubs and organizations because she handles contracts and agreements, bank statements and deposits, and club accounts.

The SGA office is in the Lion's Den Lounge located on the first floor of the Athletic/Commons Building, and one or more of the officers are usually there.

This Year's New Calendar Starts Year Off Earlier

By Maureen McAndrews

The "new calendar" that's been so widely talked about around campus will take effect in the fall of 1997. However, according to Joyce Rigby, campus registrar, the calendar is only new for the fall of 1997.

The regular pattern of the calendar makes the Fall 1997 semester begin too early—around the 20th of August. "People found this year's start on the 21st of August to be really early, and it is probably one of our earliest starts in recent years," said Ms. Rigby.

Students and faculty weren't prepared for this early of a start, so the University has moved the opening date from the 20th of August to the 27th for

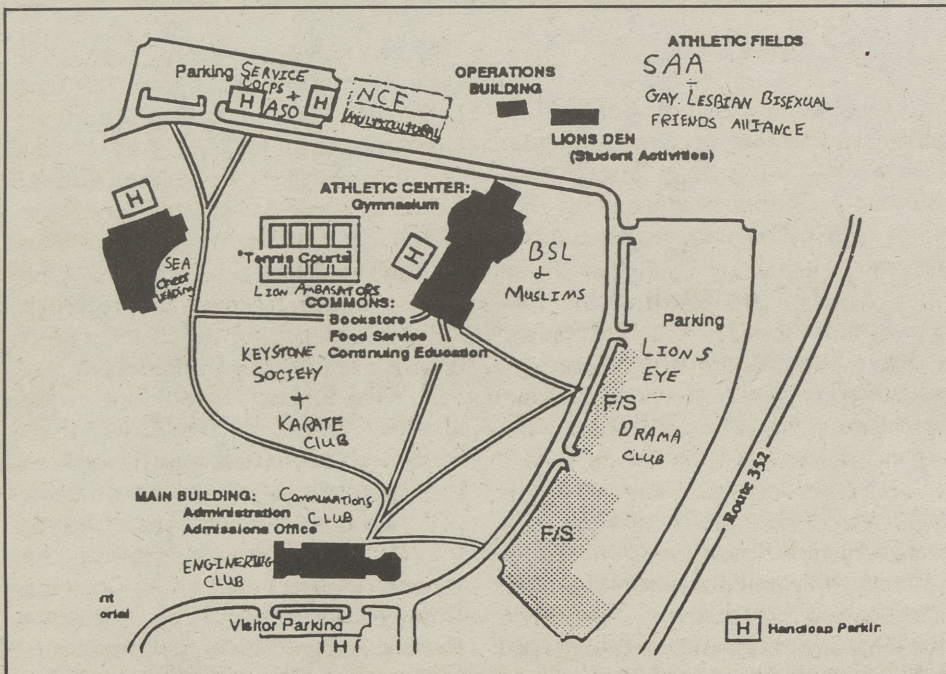
next fall. This move was made possible by a slight change in grading due dates at the end of the semester for students graduating in December.

Once the fall of 1998 comes around, classes will again be starting around the same time they have every fall. "This change isn't a permanent one, it just is for the fall of 1997," Ms. Rigby said.

She also indicated that the staff of the Delaware County campus had expressed a strong interest to move the first day of classes to after Labor Day, but this move was not approved by University Park.

Still, next fall, everyone has a little more time to wrap up summer duties and get in the school mode.

| | FALL SEMESTER 1996 | FALL SEMESTER 1997 | FALL SEMESTER 1998 | FALL SEMESTER 1999 |
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| | Arrival day for new students* | Aug. 17 | Aug. 23 | Aug. 22 |
| Classes begin | Aug. 21 | Aug. 27 | Aug. 26 | Aug. 25 |
| Labor Day holiday | Sept. 2 | Sept. 1 | Sept. 7 | Sept. 6 |
| Thanksgiving holiday | Nov. 28-Dec. 1 | Nov. 27-30 | Nov. 26-29 | Nov. 25-28 |
| Classes end | Dec. 6 | Dec. 12 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 10 |
| | SPRING 1997 | SPRING 1998 | SPRING 1999 | SPRING 2000 |
| Arrival day for new students* | Jan. 8 | Jan. 7 | Jan. 6 | Jan. 1 |
| Classes begin | Jan. 13 | Jan. 12 | Jan. 11 | Jan. 10 |
| Spring Break | March 10-14 | March 9-13 | March 8-12 | March 6-10 |
| Classes end | May 2 | May 1 | April 30 | April 28 |



Safe Sex From UP

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"Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum" is an interactive exercise that raises discussions about respect and fairness concerning all cultures.

"The Morning After" is the play that the University Park Theatre Ensemble will be performing at Delco. These scenes will thoroughly address

sexual health and sexual assault.

Lisa Cianciola, third semester education major, said, "I think these peer educators will entertain students while raising their awareness of important issues."

Grab a seat in the Lion's Den on September 25 to get a better idea on how to deal with college life.