

Is This for You?

# Student Government: To Perform Service

(Editor's note: The Daily Collegian has asked All-University President Jay Feldstein to write a series of two articles informing freshmen on how they can become active in student government and on its rewards.)

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Of the more than 160 million people in the United States today, each is affected by our national government. Of the more than 14,000 students on the Penn State campus today, each is affected by our student government.

Our federal government has been in existence for more than a century and a half; yet it is still being changed and improved upon by our legislators. Our Penn State student government has existed, in various forms, in excess of one century—and it, too, is still being changed upon. But there is one major difference.

Those who change and improve upon our Penn State student government are all Penn State students, whether concerned directly or indirectly with legislative procedures. Although 14,000 is quite a large number, we maintain a homogenous enough community to assimilate the views of our students.

Thus, with proper leadership, it is obvious that student government can be a powerful and dynamic sounding board for your opinions, and a driving force toward accomplishing your objectives.

You will notice I said "proper leadership." If you would enter this field of activity either for self-aggrandizement or some other ulterior motive, forget it! Student government isn't for you and you will be wasting your time if you continue reading this article.

However, if you want to perform a service, if you realize things are wrong that you would like to try to correct or if you want to broaden yourself enough to participate in adult citizenship after Penn State, student government merits your attention.

**The purpose of this message is to give you an insight into how you, as freshmen, can get started in this field of activity.**

Because you will be directly concerned with these officers in a month or two, I will begin with your freshman class officers. Traditionally, the president and vice president have been men, while women have held the secretary-treasurer's post. I insert here, for what it may be worth, that Penn State is a place where traditional ideas and concepts are traditionally thrown to the winds.

The president's office is particularly important because he represents your class on the All-University Cabinet, the highest student government body at Penn State. All three offices are filled by means of a general election, usually held in October or November. Each of you will have an opportunity to vote for the people you desire to fill these positions.

In order to be a candidate for a class office you must first receive the nomination of one of the student political parties. There are, at present, two parties, the Campus and University parties.

Within a few weeks after the beginning of classes, the parties will begin nominating procedures to select candidates for the class offices. Candidates are selected by means of a nominating convention, similar to those held on the national level, but which we call clique or party meetings.

The clique is simply another name for a party.

**Just as on the national level, you must be nominated within the party or clique, and then muster enough sup-**

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# Faculty-Staff Two-Way Device Resembles Tracy's Wrist-Radio

Dick Tracy has nothing on this modern University!

Tracy's fictional wrist-radio has come of age with a new two-way radio device operating between faculty and staff members and their secretaries.

The new communications device, which has been used experimentally at the University for six months, now makes it possible for faculty and staff members to be paged by their secretaries even when they are as far as a mile from their offices.

The device depends on a transmitter to send out a radio signal and a small, seven-ounce receiver which the person carries when he leaves his office.

Ossian MacKenzie, vice president for business administration, points out that the system has worked well at the University during its trial period and that 53 receivers are now in use on the campus.

For staff members who leave their offices to go elsewhere on campus, the paging system is a boon. As the person leaves the office, he tells his secretary the number of the receiver he is taking.

When the secretary wishes to have the person call in, she dials the paging operator and asks to have the specific receiver paged.

By turning the appropriate dials, the operator sends out the radio signal to only that receiver, which gives off a whistling sound. The person with the receiver then calls the paging operator who advises him which phone number to call.

At present, transmitters are installed on Willard and Boucke Buildings. Signals can be received at a distance of one mile, but they are of such frequency that they cannot be picked up by the average radio or television set.

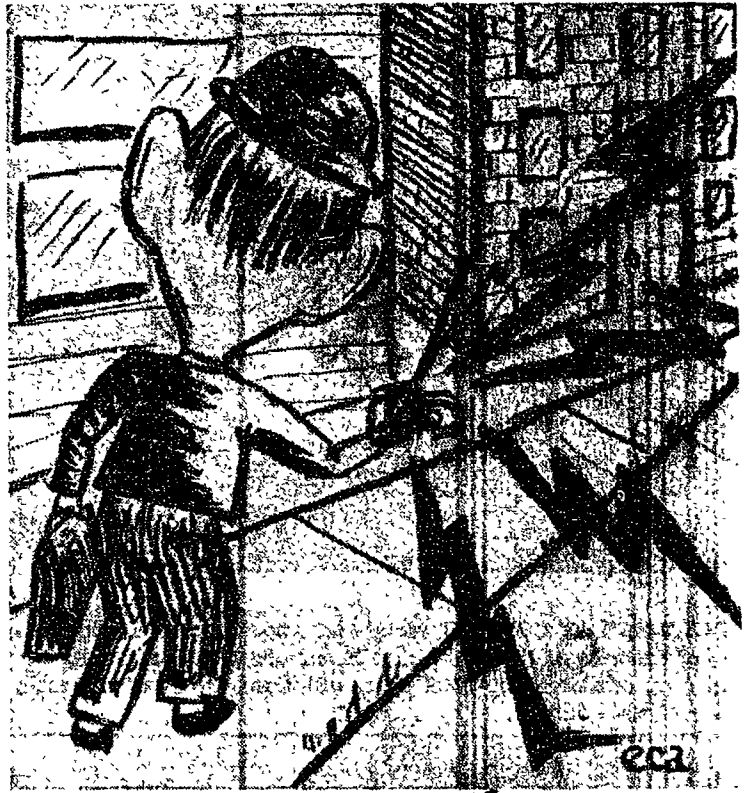
The system has value as an emergency device, but it also saves much time and many steps for those who use it. So far it has been employed with success by many divisions in the Departments of Physical Plant, Housing, Food Service and Security, by certain offices in the College of Chemistry and Physics and by the President's office.

The service is now being extended to other departments.

## Michigan State Prof Replaces Thomas in Hort

Dr. Frank J. McArdle, assistant professor of food technology and horticulture at Michigan State University, has been appointed associate professor of horticulture at the University.

He succeeds Dr. Frank B. Thomas, who resigned June 30.



# Outing Club Attracts Sports Enthusiasts

Interested in hunting, fishing, skiing, skating or hiking?

These are just some of the activities offered by the Outing Club which starts its membership drive outside Waring Hall during registration.

The club is composed of five divisions—cabin and trails, ski, rock climbing, ice skating and field and stream.

The cabin and trails division helps maintain the trails around Beaver Dam and Whipple's Dam. It sponsors monthly overnights, hikes, and a field day.

The ski division has charge of a 22-foot rope tow and a trail system on Bald Top Mountain near Boalsburg. It takes out-of-state ski trips during Christmas vacation and semester break.

The rock climbing division climbs mountain cliffs all over the county, and then some.

The ice skating division holds skating parties at the University rink and also at Whipple's and Beaver Dam. This year it will sponsor an Ice Carnival.

The field and stream division has hunting and fishing expeditions. Officers of the Outing Club are: Main Club; Mark Smythe, president;

Dave Hutchinson, vice president; Mimi Withrow, recording secretary; Heather Trexler, corresponding secretary; Jan Sidehamer, treasurer.

Cabin and Trails: Claude Rhen, president; Edwin Kohler, vice president; Nancy Osborne, secretary-treasurer.

Ski: Jack Losensky, president; Don Clagett, vice president; Nancy Contakos, secretary; Sue Kalmer, treasurer.

Rock Climbing: Jan Smith, president; Chuck Lendis, vice president; Carolyn Allison, secretary; Chuck Willingham, treasurer.

Ice Skating: Barry DeSanno, president; Claude Sweet, vice president; Barbara Polansky, secretary; Bob Griffin, treasurer.

Field and Stream: Phil Simon-ski, president; Bill Bickham, vice president; Sally Booth, secretary; Homer Hilner, treasurer.

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stopped their pleas for "just one more."

From my spot on the edge of the runway, I was able to identify each of the contestants just by glancing up at their ankles by the fifth trip around. Like most people though, I continued my glances upward, just to prove I was right!

Even though there were cases of temporary blindness, mental blocks, and jangled nerves, chances are most of the members of the fourth estate would be glad to return come next September. After all, there is a whole year to recuperate!

## Campus TV Jobs Open to Students

Paying jobs as television camera and audio operators, announcers and graphic artists are now available in the closed circuit television unit of the Division of Academic Research.

Students will work as much as six hours a week for 75 cents an hour with increases in pay during the semester. No previous experience is needed.

Interested students should apply to 19 Sparks before 1 p.m. Saturday.

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