

Student Government

# Recent SGA System Continues

You won't be reading this paper for very long before you'll begin to notice the letters SGA appearing frequently in the headlines. What then is SGA? How does it affect you? Who is behind it and why?

SGA represents Student Government Association. SGA is, essentially, the most important gathering of students on campus for it governs and co-ordinates student functions.

It is furthermore a stepping stone to the administration because one of SGA's most important functions is the bringing of student opinions to the administration.

SGA, as such, began its second official year last April. Prior to SGA, the Student Government was called the All-University Cabinet and was composed of student leaders of various activities all over campus.

However, many students felt that representation would be more democratic and more effective if it were chosen completely by election and based completely on the individual class population.

SGA, as a new form of student government at Penn State, was introduced to the Cabinet in the spring of 1959. After much hashing and rehashing, it was placed on a referendum in the spring elections and was approved by the students.

Based on a pattern similar to the Federal government, SGA is composed of three branches, executive, legislative and judicial, with the respective powers and

duties vested in each.

The SGA executive is the president, elected by the students each spring for a one-year term. He is the official representative of the student body and is responsible for the proper administration of the government.

He must be a junior at the time he is elected and must have at least a 2.4 All-University average. The latter requirement pertains to all students elected to SGA positions.

This year's president is Richard Haber, University party.

The other top officials on SGA are the vice president and secretary-treasurer who are elected with the president in the spring.

Donald Clagett, University party, and Susan Sherman, Campus party, are this year's vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Like the Federal government, SGA has an executive body, Cabinet, which is strictly advisory. It is composed of the SGA officers and the presidents of certain other campus organizations.

Cabinet meets every week prior to the SGA Assembly meeting and discusses the Assembly agenda and any other pertinent matters. Cabinet may not make any official rulings but it does make recommendations to the Assembly.

This year's Cabinet, in addition to Haber, Clagett and Miss Sherman, will consist of:

- WSGA President — Margaret McPherson
- AIM President — Milford Robertson
- IFC President — Ronald Novak
- Leonides President — Robin Hill

- Panhellenic President — Wendy Pass
- ICCB Chairman — Stephen Brown

The legislative branch of SGA is Assembly which is composed of the four class presidents and representatives of the four classes. Representation is based on a percentage system and Assemblymen are elected each spring and fall on a proportional scale according to classes. Members include: seniors, 29 per cent; juniors, 26 per cent; sophomores, 24 per cent and freshmen, 21 per cent.

Each Assemblyman holds his seat for a term of one year and must be a full undergraduate student with a 2.4 All-University average, with the exception of first semester freshmen and transfer students.

Assembly meets once each week and may meet at any other time if a special meeting is called. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday in the Hetzel Union building. Any student may attend the Assembly meetings—a student may address the Assembly if a member yields the floor to him.

All legislative powers are vested in the Assembly and it may make any recommendation on behalf of the student body concerning student welfare. It has the power to summon before it any undergraduate student and conduct such investigations as it deems just and proper.

It may, and often does, create any committees that it thinks necessary for the proper conduct of its business. It may not, however, pass any legislation which is exclusively within the scope of

another student organization.

The judicial branch of SGA is concerned mainly with student conduct.

All judicial powers rest in the Supreme Court, the On-Campus Tribunals, the Off-Campus Tribunal, WSGA Judicial Board, Traffic Court, Panhellenic Board of Control, ICCB, and the Organization Board of Control.

The rulings of these courts and boards are final provided that they fall under the jurisdiction of the particular court in which they are given, and are not restated or contained in any University, state or federal rule, law, or policy.

In the latter case, appropriate procedures for appeal allow a rehearing by the court or allow appeal to the appropriate legislative body. In all other cases the rulings are in the form of recommendations to the appropriate Senate subcommittee.

This, then, is SGA. Outstanding action last year included provisions for a flight to Europe this past summer at reduced rates for students and their families.

SGA also made several recommendations to the University one of which voiced student opinion on the elimination of Thanksgiving vacation.

This is SGA working for you, the students, through your representatives. Your job, then, is to support it.

### Wartik, Attends Meeting

Dr. Thomas Wartik, professor and head of the department of chemistry, participated in the Gordan conference held recently at New Hampton, N.H.

## Service Clubs Inform, Help New Students

For new students with questions and problems concerning the University, Alpha Phi Omega, men's national service fraternity, and Gamma Sigma Sigma, women's national service fraternity, have set up an information booth on the Mall at Pollock Road.

Members of the organization will be wearing arm bands and crew hats for easy identification.

In addition to its part in the information booth, AphiO sponsors an annual blood donation drive for the Red Cross. A temporary 'hospital' is set up in the Hetzel Union cardroom where donors can make their contributions.

AphiO also sponsors "The Ugliest Man on Campus" contest annually. This is a week-long event in which fraternities and independent groups vie for the 'honor' of having their candidate judged most ugly.

Both groups require a pledging period and a minimum number of service hours before initiation.


### Chem Prof Gets \$5913 For Continued Research

The Atomic Energy Commission has renewed, with a grant of \$5913, its support of research being conducted by Dr. Ralph P. Seward, professor of chemistry, on chemical properties of fused sodium hydroxide.

This is the fifth year that the Atomic Energy Commission has supported Dr. Seward's investigations of the amount of various substances dissolvable in fused sodium hydroxide.

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