

Subcommittee to Investigate Results of SGA Trial Period

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This is going to be a decisive year for governments, both nationally and locally. Nationally, the important decision will be made in November. Locally, the important decision will be made in the spring.

At that time the Senate Subcommittee on Student Affairs will review the Student Government Association. The committee will examine SGA's record for the past two years

SGA Head Leads Rapidly Paced Life

What's like to be the president of a student body the size of Penn State's? You might ask Richard Haber—if you can find him, that is.

Haber was elected Student Government Association president last spring and his new title has brought him, just as it has brought every other SGA president, more activities than his previous three years as just-a-plain-student, for with this position come countless memberships and chairmanships of organizations all over campus.

First and foremost he is the president of the SGA Assembly, the linking body between students and administration, and in charge of the SGA Cabinet.

The SGA president is chairman of the Hetzel Union Board which sets policies for the HUB and handles any changes which must be made, including the recent expansion plan.

Collegian, Incorporated also reserves a spot for the SGA leader. Haber was elected vice-chairman of that organization last year. Collegian, Inc. takes care of publishing the paper and establishing policies.

The SGA president sits in on the WDFM Advisory Board, which is concerned with the

improvement and expansion of Penn State's student radio station.

As a member of the LaVie Board of Editors, the SGA president helps pave the way for the management of the yearbook.

Haber had a part in the dedication of Beaver Stadium as a member of the Athletic Advisory Board.

The fact that the Homecoming Queen appeared on the field during halftime on Saturday may be in part credited to the Alumni Council Executive Board of which the SGA president is a member.

Haber is chairman of the Penn State Student Scholarship Committee as well as a member of the Artists' and Lecture Series Committee.

As if this weren't enough to keep any student busy seven days a week, the SGA president is also a bona fide member of three University Senate subcommittees—student affairs, individual discipline and group discipline.

His position as the president of the student body gives Haber the right to speak on the University Senate floor. Using this right last year, Haber told the faculty members how the students felt about the elimination of the Thanksgiving vacation. In the final vote, student opinion was upheld.

which is and has been a trial period for this new form of student government. The committee's findings may well determine the future of SGA which only came into being in the spring, 1959.

Prior to that spring, the governing body was composed of student leaders from many diverse organizations all over campus. Feeling that this was not an ideal representation of students, a special student committee made plans for a new governmental system.

The plan was based on the national government and was set up to include elected representatives from each class as well as three main SGA officers—president, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

The student body approved the plan on a referendum in the 1959 elections, and it went into effect the following fall with the stipulation that it would have a two-year trial period, at the end of which SGA would be reviewed by the Senate committee.

Each November and April, students elect their representatives, who are nominated and supported by the political parties on campus.

These representatives are the assemblymen who meet every Thursday night as the SGA Assembly.

Assembly, which is chaired by the SGA vice president, votes on bills, investigates problems through committees and endeavors to obtain the majority student opinion on major campus problems.

Through the SGA president, Assembly gives its views to the administration and thus becomes a link between administrators and students.

An example of SGA work is the action it took last year when the University Senate suggested the elimination of the Thanksgiving vacation as a solution to the problem of irregular class meetings.

Feeling that the students were strongly opposed to the suggestion, SGA formed a committee to investigate the problem. This committee talked to students, interviewed University employees and studied the calendar.

Finally, last spring, SGA voted unanimously to stand opposed to the elimination of the vacation. SGA's action was not entirely negative as it also had alternative plans for clearing up the situation.

SGA president told Senate of the students' feelings and Senate voted against eliminating the holiday.

How effective these works have been in making SGA a permanent structure will be decided this spring. In the meantime, SGA has begun its second and last trial year.

Liberals OK Constitution Elect Snyder, Flashman

The proposed Liberal Party had its constitution ratified and its officers elected by a group of about 75 students Sunday night in the Hetzel Union Building.

The constitution must also be approved by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

The officers elected were Richard Snyder, chairman;

Barry Flashman, vice chairman; Leslie Le Winter, executive secretary; David Hladick, treasurer; and Barbara Rice, recording secretary.

One of the party's stated purposes is to "provide for an promote independent participation in student government." Snyder said that in order to encourage Independents and prevent block voting, membership will be open to individual fraternity or sorority affiliates only if they are approved by the 21-member steering committee.

Flashman attributed "recent campus governments' ineffectiveness" to sending minor recommendations directly to an already busy administration. The administration does not have time for many of the smaller recommendations, and the recommendations themselves, are very often poorly constructed, he said.

To be successful, the party will have to overcome the traditional apathy of the independent students, Snyder said. "We will show them that they can finally become represented or even be representatives, and our two wards will serve as points of unity."

The party has set up two Area Wards, one on campus, one off, which have their own officers who will sit in on the steering committee. Party leaders have also set up a constitutional requirement which stipulates that either one of the two chief officers must live off-campus.

The party is presently investigating possibilities of a co-op student book store or a student-run bookstore, independent, "if necessary," of the administration and SGA, and ways of persuading students to exert some influence on Harrisburg for a higher University appropriation, an officer said.

Greeks Able To Reserve Seat Blocks

Greek groups will be able to reserve blocks of seats in State College churches as a part of changes in Greek Week Sunday initiated this year.

Greek Sunday will start off Greek Week on Oct. 16. All borough churches, the chapel and synagogue will receive flowers from the Greeks, as they have in previous years.

Although Greeks have always been encouraged to attend church en masse on Greek Sunday, this will be the first time the Greek Week committee has arranged to reserve sections of seats in the area churches, at the University Chapel services and those at Hillel.

Also, for the first time on Greek Sunday, sorority and fraternity members will be invited to take part in the services of worship and in ushering at the borough churches.

This increase in participation is in line with the tradition set by the participation of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Chaplains in the Chapel service in Schwab.

Any Greek group wishing to reserve seats, or any individual who wants to participate in the service of the church which his group is attending (or to usher) must notify Dorothy Rheiner or George Haney, committee chairman, by tomorrow.

Krecker Named To New Office Of Student Aid

Ralph Krecker, assistant to the director of the Division of Counseling, has been named director of the newly formed Office of Student Aid.

The Office of Student Aid has been organized to provide financial advice and assistance to all students. It will handle scholarships, loans and part-time employment.

These functions were formerly scattered through the offices of the University Placement Service, the coordinator of scholarships, the dean of men, and the dean of women.

Krecker, a native of Friendsburg, received both his bachelor of arts degree in psychology and his master of arts degree in political science from the University. He has been on the faculty since 1943.

—Wandering tortoises carrying lighted candles on their shells provided illumination in many Turkish gardens in the middle of the 19th Century

WRA Sports Open For Town Coeds

All coeds who are interested in playing on a Women's Recreational Association intramural team and who live off campus during the year should contact their representatives for the respective teams.

Peggy Kube, AD 7-3911, or Barbara Hibner, AD 8-0797, will be able to give details concerning the games.

The first two intramural teams will be formed as soon as a sufficient number of members is acquired. Possible teams are: tennis, bridge, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, swimming, basketball, softball and bowling.

Off-campus men students who wish to participate in co-ed volleyball should call either of these girls.

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