

# Collegian Questionnaire Shows Little Interest in SGA Affairs

How strong are the campus political parties in the period of time between the fall and the spring elections?

Results of a survey taken by The Daily Collegian show that only 14 per cent of the students questioned were affiliated with a campus political party and only another 30 per cent had any preference for a party.

The poll confirmed the general student belief that political parties are weak in this period between elections. Sixteen students of the 115 that took part in the survey belong to a party. These divided into 13 University party members, two Liberalites, and one Campus party member.

## Grant Given To Continue Adult Ed

A grant of \$350,000 has been given to the University for the continuing liberal education program by the Fund for Adult Education.

The grant will be used to establish a center for continuing education on a permanent basis.

The University's continuing education program offers short courses to both graduates and former students. The courses plus workshops and conferences are held during the summer and at intervals throughout the year.

The grant, the third the University has received from the fund, must be matched for five years. In 1966, the University will take over the full responsibility for the program.

President Eric A. Walker accepted the grant at a dinner in New York City early this week from C. Scott Fletcher who commended the University on its progress in furthering adult education throughout the state.

Previous grants from the Fund for Adult Education, a part of the Ford Foundation, allowed the University to establish centers on an experimental basis in 1958. The new grant will provide for maintenance of these centers on a permanent basis.

## Frosh Board Plans to Picket

The Freshman Class Advisory Board will picket the campus Tuesday to advertise freshman meetings that will be held that evening in all residence halls, according to James Sloane, freshman class president.

In an effort to acquaint freshmen with the advisory group, members will speak at the meetings about the board — its structure and purpose, its aim to promote class activity and its planned projects.

Some of these projects are a class meeting in Recreation Hall, a Freshman Queen Contest and Freshman Dance and class activity suggestion boxes.

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Thirty-three other students questioned preferred one party to another one.

Again University party led the way with 23, Liberal party was a distant second with 6 and Campus party trailed with only 4.

This leaves a majority — 56 per cent — of the students polled who do not have any party preference.

Perhaps party membership could be boosted if more students knew the names of all three political groups. Results of the poll showed that only one-third of those questioned were able to name correctly all three parties.

Apparently some confusion resulted from the election of several students running without party affiliation to the SGA Assembly, since a number of students said that one of the three parties was "Independent."

Approximately 59 per cent of those polled knew that University party holds the majority of seats in the SGA Assembly.

While less than 50 per cent of those polled correctly identified Richard Haber, SGA president, as a member of University party, only 17 students were able to name the SGA Vice President, Donald Claggett, and his party affiliation — University.

Approximately 75 per cent of those polled failed to identify Susan Sherman as secretary-treasurer of SGA and the party ticket (Campus) she ran on last spring.

Less than 45 per cent of the students questioned were able to recall the platforms which were at issue in the elections this past fall. Very few, only three or four, out of those polled knew the winning party's (University) platform which advocated coordination of SGA with all student governing organizations.

## Dock May Be Built By Dedication

For the first time in the University's history there is a possibility that the Senior Class Gift will be completed at the time of its dedication, according to Herm Weber, senior class president.

Weather permitting, the dock and landing at Stone Valley, which the senior class voted to make their gift, will be completed in May, he said.

Plans were also discussed at a recent meeting for holding Class Day at Stone Valley. Graduating seniors would be able to get some use from their gift at a picnic following the traditional ceremonies.

In other business, it was suggested that a mutual fund be started after graduation. Under this system each senior would pledge a certain amount of money each year for the ten years after graduation. If five dollars per year were pledged by 50 per cent of the class, the amount would accumulate to \$300,000 in 25 years. This would be presented as a gift to the University.

The Committee also suggested that the \$3000 allotted for the class reunion be invested in a mutual fund for ten years during which time its value would double.

Weber announced the appointment of Edgar Grubb, senior in business administration from Harrisburg, as permanent secretary-treasurer of the Class of '61. Grubb will be in charge of reunion plans and finances.

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# Strong Exec. Asked For SGA Guidance

(This is the second in a series of interviews with members of SGA Assembly.)

Robert Harrison, U-Jr., the newly elected majority leader on SGA Assembly, said last night that the present student government could do a good job if its executive branch "would push a little."

Harrison said a stronger executive might remedy many existing SGA problems, among them, that Assemblymen make little effort to represent their constituencies.

"Cabinet," he continued, "should bring suggestions and drive the Assemblymen on to work. I don't know if this happened much this year." "Let's face it," he said, "the people with experience have to do the pushing."

Harrison noted that inexperienced, newly-elected SGA mem-



bers would "learn faster with a little guidance."

Asked if Assembly could be structurally improved, Harrison replied in the affirmative, saying that three alternate representative systems might be employed.

"We could use community living as a basis, or College Councils or revert back to the old Cabinet system, but when you get down to facts there are still going to be too many people on Assembly. We need quality not quantity," he continued.

On the subject of political parties, Harrison said that the leaders of the parties are in close contact with the members but that they should concentrate on specific items of business.

He added that "there is no reason why there should be partisan action on a measure benefiting the whole student body, such as backing the budget. A real team effort is needed for success."

## Four Students Aid Psych Research

Four outstanding undergraduate psychology students are participating in research under the direct supervision of faculty members of the Department of Psychology.

The students are Herbert Krauss, senior from Philadelphia; Barry Lively, senior from Finleyville; Patricia Lyons, junior from Ivyland; and Edmond Seguin, senior from Philadelphia.

They were chosen for their scholastic grades and aptitudes and interest in research.


## Commercial Art Exhibited in HUB

Outstanding examples of works of commercial art are exhibited in the gallery of the Hetzel Union Building in the collection circulated by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

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