



## Committee Formed To Write Constitution For SGA Revisions

By MEG TEICHHOLTZ

SGA President Richard Haber last night appointed an executive committee, composed only of Assembly members, to write the SGA constitution.

The action followed various statements by Monroe Newman, chairman of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, to the effect that SGA should be considering "great increases in its powers and areas of governing" before considering who should govern.

After the appointment of the committee, Newman commented, "You don't have much time . . . If at this point you're unable to do a competent job, admit it. Ask for more time. You may get it, be reasonable and strictly legal." "Realize," Newman continued, "that what the Senate Committee wants to see is a responsive government that actually governs."

The executive committee's job, Haber said, will be to determine the areas in which student government should be involved. He will act as chairman.

Students not on the committee will be allowed to attend the meetings, but may not enter discussion.

Speaking against the committee idea, John Brandt, former chairman of Campus party, said that SGA was "giving up."

"Because it took a couple of hours," Brandt said, "and you people got tired of talking, you've changed your minds."

"SGA set up this committee of the whole to openly discuss problems," he added. "All of a sudden you people got worried, just when you really started moving."

The members of the executive committee are: Joan Cavanagh, Deborah Eddy, Ruth Falk, Marilee Grabill, Robert Harrison, Jay Huffman, Barbara Krauth, Lillian Leis, Elliott Newman, James Sloane, Sandra Tait, Wayne Uish, Judith Weiss, John Witmer and Allison Woodall. Ruth Rilling, who sits on the Senate Subcommittee on Organizational Control, will be an advisory member.

## Wet Snow, Wind, Rain, Hit Area

By JOEL MYERS

Not to be outdone by the worst winter in history, the month of April brought more snow and cold to the Commonwealth last night.

Heavy, wet snow spread into Central Pennsylvania last evening and is expected to continue until this morning with 3 to 5 inches forecast to accumulate in this area.

Heavier amounts were predicted for the higher terrain around State College and many mountain roads are expected to be treacherous early today.

No break in the unprecedented spring cold snap is expected for at least three days. Temperatures have averaged nearly ten degrees below normal during the past two weeks.

The snow that swept into Pennsylvania late yesterday is part of a severe spring storm that brought snow, sleet, rain, heavy thunderstorms and even tornadoes to a wide section of the nation late Tuesday and yesterday.

As the storm passes to the northeast of Pennsylvania today, the precipitation should diminish to light showers and snow flurries.

Gradual clearing should return to this area tonight and some sunshine is forecast for tomorrow. However, another storm is expected to bring more snow and rain to this area late tomorrow night and Saturday.

The local forecast calls for wet snow, mixed with rain and sleet, diminishing to light showers and snow flurries today. Strong winds and cold temperatures will continue and a high of only 38 is expected.

Gradual clearing, windy and cold weather is in prospect for tonight and a minimum of 30 is expected.

Partly cloudy, breezy and unseasonably cold weather is seen for tomorrow. The high temperature will be about 46 degrees.

## Spaceman Orbits Earth In 1 1/2 Hours

MOSCOW (AP)—A Soviet astronaut's orbit around the earth at five miles a second sent humanity across the frontier of space yesterday and left the Soviet Union challenging the West to try to catch up.

The pioneer astronaut, Maj. Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin,

27, plumbed the cosmos for an hour and a half, sending back messages of reassurance as he passed into the realm of weightlessness.

His feat taxed the Soviet Union's supply of superlatives and won the plaudits of scientists everywhere — including experts in the United States.

Last night Soviet Premier Khrushchev, who promised a few weeks ago that the first human flight into space was soon to be realized, declared, "Let the capitalist countries try to catch up."

By Soviet account, the flight occurred between 9:07 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. yesterday.

Gagarin—already fondly dubbed "Gaga" by a feverishly excited Soviet public—was in the air for one hour and 48 minutes.

He was in outer space one hour and 29 minutes, the time it took his five-ton space ship to whip around the earth. That was at a speed of about 17,000 miles an hour, or six times as fast as man has ever flown before.

Man's fastest previous speed was 2,905 miles an hour, achieved by the U.S. X15 rocket plane.

President Kennedy called the feat "an outstanding technical accomplishment."

The Soviet government and Communist party, in a statement, promised to "place our achievements and discoveries not at the service of war but at the service of peace and the security of peoples."

Then it added: "Let us put an end to the arms race!"

## Graduate Involved In Fatal Wreck

James H. Harris, an employee of the Department of Geology and a recent graduate of the University, was killed instantly early yesterday morning when the car he was driving ran head on into a bridge abutment near Tyrone.

Harris received his bachelor of science degree in geology and mineralogy on Jan. 28.

Cambria County state police said that Harris died of a fractured skull, broken neck, broken leg and internal injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Harris was hurled 60 feet when the car crashed head on into the center of the bridge abutment, police said. According to police, Harris apparently fell asleep while driving.

The only parts of the auto remaining intact are the four tires, police stated. Car parts were scattered for more than 200 feet along the road, they added.

The accident occurred on Rt. 220 about three miles south of Tyrone about 2:15 a.m. when it is believed Harris was returning to the University.

## Six Councils Will Conduct Elections Today

Six student councils will hold elections from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow John Jourdan, Inter-College Council Board elections chairman, said yesterday.

Students may vote at their college council to elect sophomore, junior and senior representatives, he said. The Mineral Industries Student Council will hold elections in Mineral Industries, Chemistry-Physics in Osmond, Engineering-Architecture in Sackett and Hammond, Liberal Arts and Education in the Hetzel Union Building, and Business Administration in Boucke.

Jourdan said the Physical Education and Agriculture Councils will not hold elections at this time, but will elect representatives during classes. The Division of Counseling will appoint council members, he said.

## Dixons to Present Arias

Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, of Evans City, will present a program of French, Italian, German and English arias and songs for the Alliance Francaise of the University at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the main lounge of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

## Soviet May Have Uncle Here



By VICKI WENTZ

A retired Penn State riding instructor may be the uncle of the Russian sent into orbit.

Gregory A. Gagarin, former captain in the Russian cavalry in World War I, said yesterday that he has two brothers in Russia whom he has not had direct contact with since 1932. Major Yuri Alakseyevich Gagarin, the Russian who orbited into space yesterday, may be the son of the younger brother, Gagarin said.

Gagarin escaped from Russia in 1918 after he was imprisoned and sentenced to death by the Bolsheviks. After living in various parts of the world, including Egypt and France, he came to the United States with his wife in 1924.

The Gagarins are a noble Russian family whose history dates back to 1862, according to Gagarin. It is not a common name in Russia, although the family is very large, he said.

Major Gagarin is a relative, if his name is correct, Gagarin said. However, it is possible that he changed his name or that his name was changed. After the peasants were freed in Russia, he said, they often took the name of their landlords, since they had no last names themselves.

Gagarin said he had read that the major's father was an

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## Hays Foresees Hike In Education Taxes

By PAT DYER

The combined pressure from local school districts and groups concerned with higher education may "compel" the legislature to raise additional taxes for education, Senator Jo Hays, D-Centre, said last night.

In commenting on the reaction in the General Assembly to the report of the Governor's special committee on education, presented to the legislature Monday, Hays said the report was received with "cautious enthusiasm."

"Most legislators approved the report as a refreshing new look at education in Pennsylvania," the senator said. However, he added, they "get cautious when they see that the program will be expensive."

The long-awaited report included recommendations to improve education in Pennsylvania which would add \$361.8 million to the total cost of 1969-70.

In presenting the committee report to the legislature, Governor Lawrence urged the Assembly to "act speedily on the items in the report," Hays said. "This is what we should do," he commented.

As for the effect of the report on the University request for \$23 million in state appropriations for next year, Hays said, "Whether or not the University appropriation

will be \$23 million, I don't know." "I'm still plugging for \$23 million," he added.

Senator Hays had introduced a separate bill in the upper house for the full University request.

However, Hays said, if no new revenues are found, the appropriation passed will probably be for the \$17 million (or \$18.5 million for a 13-month fiscal year) originally recommended by the Governor.

The education committee's report included recommendations for improvements in all areas of Pennsylvania education, but did not rank areas in order of priority. Hays said this was "no serious omission." "The General Assembly will have to set up its own priority," he said.

The governor has indicated that he will set up a special committee to see which of these things can be done by executive order, Hays said. He added, "These things should be done first."

"Besides," he said, "higher education and elementary education go together—neither can go before the other."

—Collegian Photo by John Beauge  
RELATIVE OF FIRST SPACEMAN? Gregory A. Gagarin, retired riding instructor, reads the headlines of the Soviets sending a man into space and wonders if it is a relative of his. The spaceman, Major Yuri Alaseyevich Gagarin, might be the son of a younger brother from whom he hasn't heard since 1932.