

Fall Voting Decides USG Membership

Fall is election time at Penn State. Soon students will go to the polls to elect representatives to the Undergraduate Student Government Congress.

Congress is the legislative branch of USG. All undergraduate students are represented on Congress through congressmen elected from the various living areas. Students elect the representatives from their areas in a ratio of one congressman for every 500 students.

The congressmen serve one-year terms. They are responsible both for informing their constituents about student government proceedings and for representing these constituents.

ANY UNDERGRADUATE student may run for a seat on Congress, providing he plans to be at the University for one consecutive school year after he is elected.

Congress meets regularly every week. The meetings are open to any student who wishes to attend. Anyone may speak from the gallery, provided he is either recognized by the chairman or a congressman yields the floor to him.

The USG executives are elected in the spring. Dean Wharton is president, Morris Baker, vice

president and Margo Lewis, secretary-treasurer.

THERE ARE presently three political parties: Campus, Liberal and University. These parties, headed by party chairmen and their committees, nominate candidates for the USG executive offices and for Congress. A candidate may also run independent of party backing.

The political parties hold mass registration meetings before each election, at which time any student may register to become an active party member.

In past years, student government has been instrumental in initiating the Book Exchange, check cashing agency, the tutoring service and the Artists' Series. Student government also sponsors Orientation Week and Spring Week.

Student Activity Budgets Set

A total of \$149,354 was approved by the committee for student activities budgets for this year, William Fuller, manager of the Associated Student Activities, said yesterday.

The Daily Collegian and the LaVie will receive the largest share of the budget with LaVie getting \$49,000, and The Daily Collegian \$35,700. The smallest allotment is the Nittany Halls Council's \$300.

MONEY FOR student activities comes from the student affairs fund administered by Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president for student affairs. The Undergraduate Student Government budget committee heard and reviewed all budget requests and made recommendations to Bernreuter, who then approved the appropriations.

Three organizations did not receive an allotment this year and five did not receive the full amount that they requested. The

Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council and the Division of Counseling Student Council did not receive funds.

Those organizations whose requests were partially cut were the Graduate Student Council, Forensics, the Agriculture Student Council, the Liberal Arts Student Council and the Business Administration Student Council.

Fuller explained that in reviewing the requests the budget committee considers how much the

organization needs to operate and how much is in its treasury. He said the reason some organizations did not receive allotments is "because they have plenty of money to start with."

MOST ORGANIZATIONS have the same amount of money to work with each year, he said, since "at the close of the year everybody's money isn't taken away."

A total of almost \$168,000 was requested, Fuller said.

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