

PENN STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

Hey there, PSG Newsletter readers!

Ever think to yourself, "Gee, I like, totally want to do student government, but I'm just CLUELESS as to what!" Check out this **totally awesome quiz** to play at your next slumber party and find out where YOU can fit into PSG this spring!



1. It's the first day of school and you have the cutest outfit on. You're strutting your way to your locker when OH NO! You trip! What do you do?

- a. Hop up, laugh, then high-five everyone around you. It was obviously a joke, guys!
- b. Take advantage of the fact that everyone's looking at you to spread the word about an awesome concert coming up!
- c. Brush yourself off, then immediately contact the administration, school newspaper, and any other prominent figures to ensure that this is handled in an orderly fashion and word doesn't get out.
- d. Eliminate all witnesses, mwahaa.



2. You hear your mega-cute crush still doesn't have a date to the Student Government Formal, so you:

- a. Ask mutual friends to feel out the situation. You're totally the most popular kid in school so everyone's got an ear out for you!
- b. Put his/her name on the banner you're hanging up after school- obviously you're helping plan the formal!
- c. Write up a motion explaining why you two should go together.
- d. Get one of your minions to offer him/her an ultimatum... date or death.

3. Bummer! It's the night of the Homecoming football game and the 'rents have totally grounded you! What do you do!?

- a. Wait for the mob of adoring students to sneak you out your window- you're not gonna miss being on Homecoming Court!
- b. Have the principal call your parents and explain that Homecoming probably can't go on without your help.
- c. Hold an emergency Open Forum with your parents where your friends can come and have a chance to express why they think you should be able to go.
- d. EXILE THEM!

4. Must-have accessory:

- a. Super-warm scarf
- b. Headphones
- c. Gavel
- d. Ray-gun



mostly A's You're MADE for **Class Boards!** You like to be out there amongst your class and you're totally into school spirit.

mostly B's Definitely join **SPEC!** You're all about being behind-the-scenes of all the major campus happenings and know how to run the show.

mostly C's **UA!** You thrive on order and getting stuff done. Authority and efficiency are SO in this season!

mostly D's ...you want to be an evil overlord... and that's weird.

PSG Updates — NEC:

The NEC scared the pants off of everyone last semester with **WTF Penn**. Surprise, Fling wasn't really canceled! In December, the NEC hosted **State of the School**, an event where every branch shared their vision for the upcoming year. Piggybacking on the success of the WTF Penn campaign (and free food), we saw a record turnout in College Hall 200 for the evening. More recently, the NEC was busy with one of its most important jobs of the year: appointing mis- and under-represented groups to the **University Council**. And as of late, we've been all elections all the time, gearing up for the **Spring 2010** campaigning season. Good luck to all the candidates!



PSG Updates — SCUE:



SCUE unveiled its 2010 **White Paper on Undergraduate Education** at its **White Paper symposium** on February 16, 2010. The symposium brought together students, faculty, and administrators from across the University to respond to the proposals suggested in the 2010 White Paper. At the event, SCUE stimulated dialogue and action towards improving the academics and culture of the Penn undergraduate experience.

SCUE is also taking nominations for the **Charles Ludwig Award**, which recognizes a School of Arts and Sciences standing faculty member who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the engagement of students as active and interactive participants in the learning process. Information about all this and more is available on SCUE's website (scue.org)!

PSG Haikus!

UA Chair no more
Instead UA President
Yikes, more syllables

UA steering changed
now self-selecting members
Still bosses? Hell yeah.

Transfer kids can run
Thirty-seven UA seats
Makes a nice pie chart

Candidate debates
More exciting than football
Okay, that's a lie.

Committee seats shared
Both UA, NEC pick.
Phew! Load off our back.

White Paper Acrostic

While SCUE's white paper contains more than 10,000 words of academic insight, we've distilled it into an easy to read and oh-so-fun acrostic just for you!

Science seminars: those of us who aren't pre-meds can learn about science without failing

Community service classes: students can stop being afraid of West Philadelphia

Utilize technology: minimize trips to DRL

Emphasize grades less: we won't even need Penn Course Review to know which classes are easy

Wait-lists standardized for all classes: no more desperate begging!

Hold academic residential programs accountable: freshmen need sneakier ways to getting into the Quad

Integrate classes with residential programs; do we get cheaper tuition?

TAs with standardized training: no word on mandating an attractiveness benchmark

Expand study abroad options: spring break's in Timbuktu!

PURM: because SCUE needs a new hair-do

Advising for all schools will be under one roof: Wharton kids will still be snooty about theirs

Problem-solving learning: surprisingly not a reference to math

Electronically shop for classes: I'm grasping for proposals that start with "E"

Revitalize Benjamin Franklin Scholars: then maybe the engineers will revitalize Ben Franklin



PSG Updates — SPEC:

In December 2009, SPEC's **Special Events Committee** moved its annual **WinterFest** outdoors to Wynn Commons, inviting students to warm up with free hot chocolate and coffee from the Hubhub coffee truck and test their ice skating skills on a mobile rink! In February 2010 Special Events hosted the beloved **Love Fest** in Houston Hall. 3 flavors of Buttercream cupcakes were available for students to decorate and take home in boxes, root beer floats were plentiful, and good feelings were in the air. In March, SPEC **Jazz and Grooves** welcomed Philly local **Dr. Dog** and **Kurt Vile** to the Rotunda, and SPEC brought comedian, actor and former rap artist **Tom Green** to co-host the annual **ComFest with Mask and Wig**. Comin' up: **Seth Myers**, **SPEC-trums Comedy Show**, and **SPRING FLING!**



PSG Updates — Class Board 2013:

Recent scientific studies have shown that this past year has been awesome. For you, it was more than exciting to put together **Econ Scream**, **Homecoming**, **Cram n' Jam**, and all of **NSOver Again** as well as **Campusfood Free 4 All**. Our goal is simple: we're here to build events that will build lasting memories. We've done it big in the past, and now that we have \$1,000 more in our budget for the coming year, things will be taken to an even higher level. In the meantime, get pumped for Spring Fling because Class Board 2013 will have **signature giveaways** exclusively for our class. It's going to be beyond belief. Guaranteed.



Rejected Fling Lineups Part I:

*The "If Penn was located in Kansas" Fling:
Nickelback, Korn,
w/ Puddle of Mudd*



hipster fling 2010:

watson twins

w/ the xx, beach house, and the editors



Pseudo-Hipster Fling 2010:

Spoon w/ Broken Social Scene & Bon Iver

PSG Updates — Class Board 2012:

Sophomore Class Boards have been ballin' as usual. Everyone is looking great in their new 2012 sweatshirts. And coming up on March 26th is the annual **Sophomore Skimmer**. We promise you its going to be the illest skimmer this school has ever seen. Keep it real 2012!



sophomore speed dating!

PSG Updates — Class Board 2011:

Kicking off the semester, the Junior Class Board welcomed back all of its members who had been abroad with an epic night of bowling, food, and fun at Strikes. We thought the weather was bad in January, but little did we know that February would bring the most snow Penn's seen in decades. While we couldn't warm up the temperature, we definitely warmed up some hearts with our **weekend of love** which included a trip to the PMA, Candy Grams, and free ice skating! Now that the semester is half way over, there's one thing left on the Class Board of 2011's mind: **HEY DAY!**

PENN 2011

PSG Updates — Class Board 2010:

The 2010 Class Board is wrapping things up from a long, and quite snowy **Feb Club!** Looks like there will be a good 70+ names on the plaque at Smokes! Nice turnout seniors!!!

We're shifting into gear to prepare for **Hey Day** and the **Final Toast**, a new rite of passage tradition for Seniors that takes place concurrently with all Hey Day activities, as we celebrate our graduation and entrance into alumni life.

Our last task at hand is to plan **Senior Week** during the week of May 10th through May 14th. **Senior Formal** at the Hyatt Bellevue, a luau at **Gutmann's** and a **senior trip to Atlantic City** are just a few of the festivities we have planned! Its going to be ridiculous—and that's an understatement.



Rejected Fling Lineups Part II:

Sorority Girls Who Think They're Hispters Fling 2010:

MGMT w/ Vampire Weekend & Chiddy Bang



Spring/ Fall/ Summer Fling: The Offspring, Fall Out Boy w/ The Rocket Summer

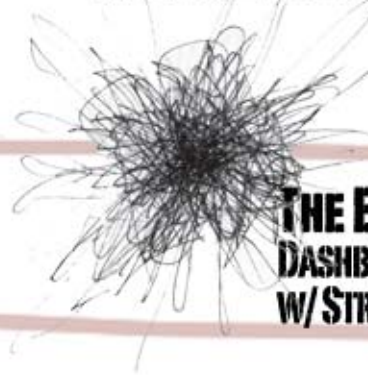


The 'Back From the Dead' Fling: Tupac w/ Jeff Buckley

The "OMFG SO TOTS 90s" Fling: B*Witched, S-Club 7 w/ DreamStreet



Fling by the Numbers: 2gether, 3OH!3, w/ 4 Non Blondes



THE EMO KID FLING: DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL W/ STRAYLIGHT RUN & MAE

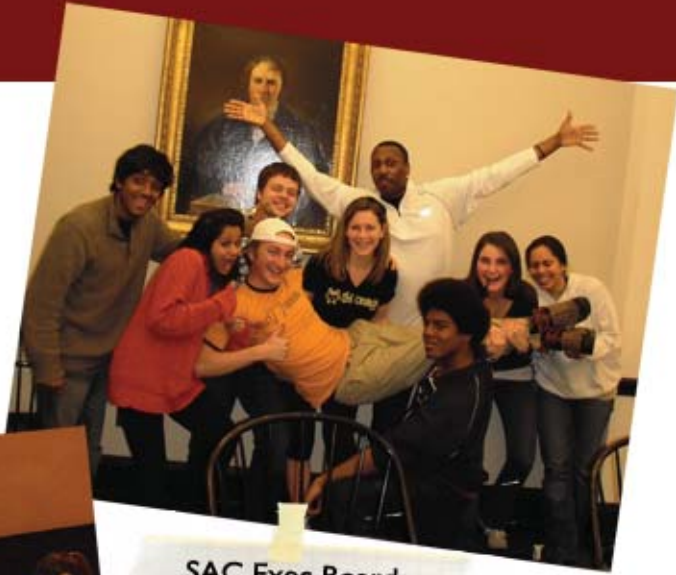
PSG Updates — UA:

Whether it was increasing SAC funding by \$64,000, putting a recycling bin in every dorm room, launching Penn Ambassadors in Philadelphia and abroad, massively increasing the number of online syllabi, or keeping student social security numbers safe from identity theft, the UA is putting the finishing touches on a year of stellar achievement. It is a testament to our success that both UA Presidential candidates have called for more work, not less, on our priorities for this academic year. Much more remains to be done, of course, but this year we have come ever closer to that aspiration to respond to any request, problem, or crisis with a very simple "Yes We Can" (Barack Obama, eat your heart out). For many more details on our projects, check out our website at www.pennua.org, and vote in the upcoming Body and Presidential Election!



PSG Updates — SAC:

SAC has had a busy few months! In January, we planned and hosted the Spring Activities Fair, which was attended by over 200 groups. We have also been meeting regularly to recognize new groups and provide contingency funding for existing ones. This month, SAC welcomed new Exec members Arden Rienas and David Nadle, who replaced former chair Natalie Vernon and former vice chair Jotham Klein. SAC also held internal elections, and Ali Huberlie, Sean Flanagan, and Vinay Rao were elected as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively. Finally, SAC is beginning the budget season, so groups will find out their budgets for the 2010-2011 school year on April 1st!



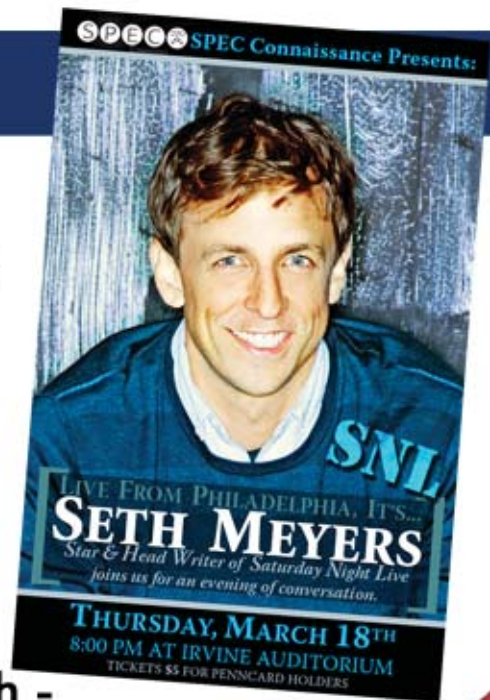
SAC Exec Board



Spring Activities Fair!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, March 18th -
SPEC Connaissance presents: Seth Meyers



Friday, March 26th -
Sophomore Skimmer

Friday & Saturday, April 16th & 17th -
Spring Fling



Friday, April 23rd -
Hey Day



How did Natalie Verson single handedly conquer the entire Penn world? Check out her rise to awesomeness with the handy flow chart tracking her success from when she was just a youngen' in Iowa:

