Mo’ Money? No Problem!

I am sure many of you are aware of Student Government Association’s existence, but know little about our members or our mission. This year, Student Government has been more active than ever before. From ratifying a new constitution, to implementing the Student Senate, this year’s SGA has been dedicated. The establishment of this newsletter supplies the student body with the information that they need to know, coming directly from your student leaders. It is completely operated and funded by the Executive Branch of the Student Government. The editors, writers, and layout team are students who have graciously dedicated themselves to making this publication happen. All will serve to bring you up to date on what Student Government is working on currently and what successes we can report. It is our hope that this newsletter will aid us in addressing the needs of each De Sales student. There are numerous interesting features which include SGA activities and sponsored events, Meet the SGA, and student editorials. We are only twenty people—and thus need your opinions to help us represent your needs. Have an idea for what SGA should work on? Submit a short (250-300 words) opinion piece to the SGA Office, located in Mc Shea, and help improve the University!

Need funding for your club/organization? Contact SGA!
Where Have All the Inquirer’s Gone?

By: Brian Radziwill, Vice President, Class of 2007

As most of you have probably already noticed, daily newspapers are now available for students in the D.U.C. S.G.A. spoke with the powers-that-be, requesting that the campus provides these as a daily resource to all students.

Last semester, daily newspapers were only available in the Trexler Library and the freshman residence halls. Therefore, only a small percentage of students were using this resource. S.G.A. felt that newspapers should be provided for the campus community in areas more accessible for all students, namely, the D.U.C. We requested that the same variety of daily newspapers (the local Morning Call, the larger Philadelphia Inquirer, and the national USA Today) be offered to provide students with a well-balanced news base.

Offering diverse news outlets is important so that the campus community is educated on current issues in our society and the world at large. Information on world affairs is certainly necessary for students to become more knowledgeable on global issues that affect our communities.

With this accomplished, I expected to see stacks of each newspaper available when I walked into the D.U.C. each morning. Instead, when I walk into the cafeteria, I am shocked to see that by around 11 a.m., the Inquirers are always gone. Where have all the Inquirers gone? While I’m not sure I care where they are going, their rapid disappearance each morning is rather bizarre.

So if YOU reading this are responsible, there will be severe disciplinary action taken if we find you. Actually, not really, but just don’t take more than one please!

How Close is Too Close?

By: Lauren Greene '09

On August 21st, 2005, many members of the Class of 2009 opened their eyes to an unfortunate reality of dorm life at De Sales University: living in a triple. I lived in a triple in Tocik Hall for the first semester, but I am lucky enough to have been de-tripled for this semester. And now, knowing both sides of the living situation, I wonder how I kept my sanity living in a triple.

The rooms in Tocik and Conmy Halls are 18' x 11', but that includes closet space. So in reality, the actual living space is 18' x 9', making a grand total of 162 ft². However, when you divide the room by 3, each person gets only about 54 ft². Then, when you take away the desk of 7 ft², the dresser of 4 ft², and the bed of 24 ft², each person is left with roughly 19 ft² of the room. So, lack of personal space is certainly an issue for freshmen living in triples, even more so than for those living in doubles.

A bathroom between 4 people becomes a bit more crowded when a fifth is added, as well. According to the De Sales University website, Tocik and Conmy Halls house about a total of 360 freshmen. In reality, the majority of the 438 freshmen lived in those dorms in the fall (excluding the small number living in De Chantal Hall). There were 27 triples in Tocik alone last semester, meaning that 81 girls were living in a tripled room. It is clear, therefore, that this is not a problem for only a few students.

What is going to happen in the next few years? Freshmen have already been placed in De Chantal, so unless a new dorm is built, where will the increased numbers be living? I know everyone is crossing their fingers that no more freshmen have to get tripled and that the freshmen don’t invade the other upperclassmen dorms, but what other option is there? Something needs to be done, because the upperclassmen deserve their own dorms, there is no more room in Tocik and Conmy, and 19 ft² leaves much to be desired.
Meet The Executive Board

**Patrick R. Kilcur ’06**
Executive Board President
Business Communications Major

**Post Graduation Plans:**
Hopefully getting a job in Washington D.C. working in politics. Also, I would eventually like to go to law school.

**Greatest memory from DeSales:**
Slow Joe, Drunk Mike, J. David James, Dr. Burrows.

**Any words of wisdom for the University?**
This University gives students the unique chance to figure out for themselves how to have a good time. If I could have done it all over, I would have done something like this:
- Take 4 classes a semester.
- Have 2 majors and 2 minors.
- Enroll in every art class.
- Graduate in 6 years.

**Mary DiFebo ’06**
Executive Vice President
Biology Major

**Post Graduation Plans:**
Obtaining a job of some sort, traveling like a nomad for a little while.

**Greatest memory from DeSales:**
Meeting the best friends I have here now... I can remember the exact moment during which I met each one of them.

**Any words of wisdom for the University?**
Rule #76: No excuses. Play like a champion! - "Wedding Crashers" (hopefully, you can see the underlying meaning of this quote).

**Erin K. Begley ’06**
Executive Secretary
Marketing/ Accounting Major

**Post Graduation Plans:**
To work in Account Management, and go to Graduate School.

**Greatest memory from DeSales:**
Getting written up first night of freshman year.

**Any words of wisdom for the University?**
It goes by faster than you can even grasp. Enjoy the ride and don’t look back.

**Ernest R. Justice ’07**
Executive Treasurer
Computer Science Major

**Post Graduation Plans:**
Find a programming job working with security, or become an IT or DBMS administrator.

**Greatest memory from DeSales:**
Just hanging out, playing loaded questions, and CJ.

**Any words of wisdom for the University?**
Don’t try and be something you’re not. Just be yourself, that’s what’s really cool.

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New Government For A New University

By: Achille Scache ’07

With the upcoming ratification of its new constitution, the Student Government Association of DeSales University will undergo its first facelift since the current constitution was accepted in 1994. Executive President Patrick Kilcur has championed the changes as a way of keeping pace with the ever-changing climate of the University. “Student Government has in the past been perceived as lacking perspective on the needs of the students. By expanding and diversifying the voices heard at meetings, we can more accurately understand and represent the interests of the student body,” said Kilcur in an interview.

The new structure of Student Government will include the creation of a Student Senate in addition to the pre-existing executive branch. They will meet separately. Elections for Senators were held in October. The role of the Senate will be to propose initiatives and vote on all bills.

The Executive President has veto power over those proposals which are deemed ill-advised. “While it seems complicated,” Kilcur admits, “I am confident that the new system will allow students a hand in shaping DeSales University as we move forward. It is vital that students feel that they play a role in defining what the ‘college experience’ will be for them.”

Junior class officer and Director of Student Initiatives, Brian Radziwill, is enthusiastic about the changes, stating "It is time for Student Government to get involved in increasing communication between students and administration.” Kevin Gardner, Junior Class President and an architect of the new constitution echoes this statement. “I believe this will cause the administration to take us more seriously.”

Look for the Student Government Association to take a more active role on campus this year. As a reminder, all meetings are open to the general population of the University and attendance is encouraged. Meetings are held in the McShea Student Union, on alternative Sundays, following the Student Body Mass.
The Glory Days of McShea

By: Mary DiFebo ’06, Executive Vice President

To capture the true glory of the McShea Center during my freshman year and the fall semester of my sophomore year is a difficult task. I cannot do it justice in a short article, but I will definitely try. I am now a senior here at DSU, and I love every minute of it. However, sometimes I find myself missing the OLD McShea. Freshmen and sophomores: I’m sorry… you missed something truly special. Juniors, you only caught a short glimpse of the spectacular phenomenon which results from having the cafeteria and Subscape in the same building as the bookstore, ResLife, Student Activities, etc.

Freshman year, I first beheld the beauty of the McShea cafeteria on my second day of school. This was the morning after freshman move-in day, during which we had eaten our meals outside in a picnic-type fashion. The first thing that struck me was the fact that the cafeteria wasn’t very technologically advanced. In no way did I turn my nose up at this; rather, I embraced it wholeheartedly. From that moment on, I thought checking my name off of an extensively long list with a pencil upon entering every meal was the norm, as well as an adorable characteristic which would probably only be found at tiny universities like DSU.

The DUC is glorious, don’t get me wrong. I just miss the old, rustic McShea way of eating.

“...McShea cafeteria. Never once did I hate the cafeteria… I found its ridiculousness to be unlike anything else I had ever experienced. Subscape was another delightful McShea commodity. During the lunchtime hours, the McShea commons (most familiarly used for Club McShea, which deserves its own article in this newsletter) turned into a Subway-type sandwich station. We had the option of a myriad of meat types, as well as a mind-boggling number of condiments and veggies to top them off. The desert table often featured 9,000 types of cookies and Rice Krispie treats, too.

McShea will be undergoing numerous renovations in the coming years. Without a doubt, it will be turned into a fabulous building for student life. However, the McShea I knew during my first year and a half was wonderfully archaic and charming. I’m pretty sure that the quantity of people in the cafeteria broke some sort of fire code, but I had faith that no one would try to set the building on fire. It only makes sense that they built the DUC with the growing student population, but wistful thoughts of the 2002-2003 McShea will live on in my heart forever.