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"SGA provides an excellent avenue for information and communication for all students within CGPS," said Allison Dean Love, a 1993 MBA CGPS graduate and member of The Citadel Board of Visitors. "SGA has gained considerable credibility by soliciting opinions from students through a variety of surveys, then taking action to make improvements based on feedback received from those surveys."

The organization is headed by a four-member executive council, including a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Elections for these positions are held annually at the end of the spring semester. All students are eligible to make nominations and vote, which can be done online.

"The website is essentially the one-stop place to find out what is going on in CGPS," said Treat.

Most communication is conveyed through the website. Information on events, such as cookouts at the boathouse, upcoming meetings and graduation commencement news, is posted. The website also features a forum where students can post questions, comments or complaints. Plans are underway to include campus tours and information for prospective students as well as to use the web as a tool to give new students a sense of camaraderie before they begin classes.



Since his graduation, Treat's work has been taken over by Sean Waterman, the 2006-2007 SGA president. Waterman, a 2002 Citadel graduate from Golf Company who

majored in political science, is currently pursuing his master of arts degree in social science.

Waterman's first project is to raise scholarship funds. Currently, no CGPS scholarships exist. The idea behind this goal is to make the campus work for the students.



In addition, Waterman feels that a tuition break for graduate assistants, like that offered at other colleges and universities, would make CGPS more competitive.

Also going into effect this fall is an intramural sports program for CGPS students, including soccer, softball, volleyball and flag football. And, of course, after such a successful celebration at the McCormick Beach House, 2007 CGPS graduates can look forward to one held in their honor in the spring.

"The event was a success because we had support from graduate students, their friends and family, as well as The Citadel. This is an event that we look forward to having annually," said Waterman.

Ray Jones, associate dean of CGPS, is pleased with the success of the association.

"SGA built a much-needed bridge between the students and the college. Communication is improving which is conducive to learning—and the social atmosphere is an added bonus. Students are getting their degrees and leaving with positive memories."

