GENERAL NEWS

SUCCESSFUL CLUB RECRUITMENT



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Penn State Harrisburg held its annual Clubfest in the Gallery Lounge of the Olmsted building on Thursday, August 30. A total of 26 clubs were on hand to recruit new members for the current semester.

Janet Widoff, Director of Student Activities at Penn State Harrisburg, described the event as "probably the biggest turnout I have seen in recent years."

In the past, Clubfest was held during orientation. When asked why the change was made, Widoff said, "During orientation, there wasn't enough time to complete the sessions and Clubfest. This way, students have more time in their schedules and both new and returning

students can sign up for clubs at the same time."

Most of the clubs reported good turnouts, and most students said the clubs they signed up for are flexible-allowing them time to participate. Mark Malloy and Chris Messner, both Structural Design Engineering Majors, said, "in PSPEC (Penn State Professional Engineers and Contractors) there are a lot of activities going on, but not all of them are mandatory, thus allowing the students more freedom." Some students said they will "make time" for their favorite clubs.

Some clubs provided food and drinks, including coffee, soda, candy, and assorted cheeses to attract new members. A drawing for a free nightshirt was also held. In addition, free pizza was provided, courtesy of Domino's Pizza.

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COLLEGE WITH A CONSCIENCE

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Yes Virginia, it's true! Penn State is a college with a conscience. A conscience which is addressing the important environmental issues of today. What am I babbling about? What has gone relatively unnoticed by the student body is the university's decision to stop using styrofoam products in the dining hall and Lion's Den.

All the styrofoam products have been removed from the Lion's Den and little remains in the dining hall said Joanne Coleman, manager of food services. The university-wide decision was largely based on student requests for paper product usage. It even costs the university more to buy paper products. An example Joanne gave was plates. A nine inch styrofoam plate cost about .026 per plate. Paper plates of the same size now cost nearly .06 a plate.

Joanne also said the switch to paper will hopefully be followed by a full recycling program. There is already a bin for the recycling of aluminum cans in the Lion's Den. A recycling program would include all cans, plastics, etc... used in the dining hall. The workers there are already accustom to separating

the items and would welcome a recycling program, Joanne said.

Besides the move to paper, other changes occurred in the dining hall before students arrived. Fryers and steam equipment were replaced and new lighting was added to the kitchen. The hall also took safety measures in replacing exhaust hoods and installing a new fire suppression system. For students, the hall now offers a microwave for reheating purposes.

In retrospect, the purchase of paper products is a step in the right direction, but with a system the size of Penn State's a recycling program must begin. Maybe with enough student support...(Hint! Hint!) Penn State will initiate a recycling program. I think it would be the best way they could spend my tuition!

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