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Penn State's Life Lion helicopter attended PSH's Blood Drive for the second consecutive year. Every fall semester, the Chi Gamma Iota (XGI) Fraternity, with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank co-sponsors a Blood Feud with Penn State's York and Allentown campuses. The feud is based on the number of students enrolled and the number of actual donors. This year PSH students donated 117 pints or 9.6% of enrolled students gave blood. There will also be a spring Blood Drive to support the Central Penn Blood Bank.

Students Express Concern about Four-year Plan

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Penn State Harrisburg students have expressed some concern over the idea of joining University Park and Behrend College as Penn State's third four-year graduate school, but at the same time, most students generally liked the idea.

Concern over expanding the size of the school specifically land, housing, classroom space, enrollment, and coursework was in the front of some students minds.

"They definitely have to buy the Fruehauf land," said Chile Kienzle, a Humanities major. "Where else are they going to go?"

"I also think most teachers don't like the idea of teaching basic courses to freshmen and sophomores," Kienzle said.

Some students like the idea of having most of the same professors for four years.

"At a four-year school I think the advisors would give the students more of the time they need," said Sean Prendergast, Electrical Engineering Technology (EET) major.

Beth Pincher, an Elementary Education

major, wished that as a student who has switched majors, she would have had the same professors for four years to help her make sure she was going into the right major.

Another concern raised was breaking up the existing atmosphere at PSH.

"With all of the older students here, there is a more mature atmosphere," Rich Zimmerman, an EET major, said. "Plus there's more concentration on education than at some four-year schools."

Cheryl Beers, an Elementary Education major, said she enjoys the small classroom situation and that would probably change as the school increased enrollment.

Many students saw some advantages to becoming a four-year school, especially EET majors.

PSH, the only accredited EET program in the Penn State system, makes engineering majors repeat some basic courses they had already taken their first two years caused by having to transfer. As a four-year institution this would not occur.

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Thomas visits PSH Expansion Depends on Legislators

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Penn State President Joab L. Thomas talked with students about such issues as racial insensitivity and the proposed plan of expanding PSH to a four-year institution on his visit this past Wednesday.

Thomas emphasized that racial insensitivity will not be tolerated at any of the campuses.

"We have put together a series of procedures that are enacted vigorously for incidents like these."

Thomas assured students that measures have been taken against any persons guilty of participating in racial events.

A final decision about PSH expanding to four years "is dependent on funding from the legislature," Thomas said.

Penn State does not possess the necessary resources to expand without additional funds, so PSH cannot become a four-year institution until state legislators decide whether to build a university in Harrisburg or to give additional funding to an existing institution for expansion and improvements.

"There is a real need and opportunity for economic development in the Harrisburg area that could be gained from

a significant four-year institution," Thomas said.

Thomas also asked students what they liked best about the PSH atmosphere. "I need to know what you like best about various things so we can perhaps duplicate these elsewhere."

"This college is different, because you have some very interesting advantages that don't show up elsewhere."

Thomas said in agreement with students that the small number of students in each class provides a better learning experience.

Thomas also addressed other student concerns about minority funding programs and future plans for the commonwealth campuses. The black incentive programs are not being phased out, but merged together, Thomas said. The resources will still be there and anyone being funded under these programs will still receive the same aid.

"We did not eliminate any funding. We are just trying to streamline and merge programs."

Thomas said he plans to visit all of the commonwealth campuses within the next year in order to seek ways to improve their status in the Penn State system.

President Thomas also met with administration, faculty and staff during his sessions at PSH.

SGA Implements Controversial Policy

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In an attempt to unify student clubs and organizations, the Student Government Association (SGA) recently passed several motions which for the most part were met with resistance instead of cooperation.

Next semester club presidents cannot miss more than one Presidents' Council meeting or the Finance Committee will freeze the club's funds for one month--until the next council meeting.

"This rule is to emphasize communication," said Andrew Hilt, SGA President. These meetings provide an "informal way of exchanging information between clubs and SGA."

SGA also passed an amendment to this rule, stating that clubs may submit written excuses to the Presidents' Council.

"Excused absences will be for any activity that requires all club members," said Melissa Major, Vice President of SGA.

One student cannot represent more than one club at Presidents' Council meetings and no more than one member from each club can attend because of voting reasons, Major said.

She said that when the presidents vote on awards, for example, one club should not have an advantage over another. Presidents' Council files contain

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