

PSY Student Charged in Vacation Scam

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Penn State York officials could not even say his name. Employees, faculty, and students were told not to talk to anyone about former student body president Aaron West.

West has been brought up on charges concerning a vacation scam involving fifteen Penn State York students. West told students that he was working for a company to organize a spring break trip to Florida. He collected \$50 deposits from thirteen students and \$239, the full amount of the trip, from two students.

"I knew this (trip) was not Penn State funded, but I believed in Aaron, he was my friend," said Paige Arendt, sophomore Hotel-Restaurant major.

Instead of being in sunny Florida for spring break, however, fifteen students were worried whether they would see their money again.

"It was a shock to hear about Aaron West. I voted for him last year to represent Penn State York and thought he was honest," said Julie Noel, former Penn State York student.

"There is a hearing date set," stated Walter Groom, Chief of Spring Garden Police Department, "but as far as I know the money has not been returned to students."

This is not the first time Aaron West has been questioned by the Spring Garden police. He has also been rumored to have written threatening notes to himself.

Racial graffiti was found outside Penn State York's student affairs office late last year.

"White Power" and "Aaron West is a nigger" were spray-painted on the sidewalk. West received threatening notes in his mailbox as well.

West declined to provide a handwriting sample to be tested by the Spring Garden Township Police.

"We have no idea why West would write his own racist remarks and threaten himself," said Chief Groom.

"I feel that some outsiders (meaning other than PSY students) will think our campus is racist," said Arendt.

West still claims that he was "embarrassed" and "ashamed" by the rumors and accusations brought against him.

West claims that the vacation scam was just a misunderstanding. He said he will try to pay each student the amount back even if he has to do so from his own accounts.

"This matter is a very touchy situation and we're trying to keep the facts straight," said Chief Groom. "We hope this will be a learning experience for everyone."

STD Program Presented

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Dr. David Haverstick presented a program focused on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) for Penn State Harrisburg students on Thursday evening March 23 in the Dining Commons.

A graduate of the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Dr. Haverstick used a quiz to determine the level of knowledge students have about STDs. He was assisted by Marylou Martz, the Coordinator of Health Services at PSH.

Dr. Haverstick said the program was not to scare students but allow them to leave with a better understanding of STDs.

Graphic slides were used as illustrations during the presentation.

"One of theories back in high school is that they try to stay away from scare tactics, (but) sometimes that's really the only thing that sends the message across," Martz said.

Students who attended the program agreed that the graphic nature of the slides were beneficial.

Amy McCarthy, a resident assistant in Church Hall who helped to co-sponsor the program, said that the slides with actual pictures of what the diseases look like were informative and helpful.

Dr. Haverstick described various

STDs and their cures. He noted that there is no cure for herpes or the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Although only a handful of students attended the program, those who did left with a better understanding of STDs, their prevention and possible cures.

"It's a shame more people didn't come out, someday they'll be sorry," Jennifer Petrozino, a community resident assistant in Meade Heights who helped coordinate the program, said.

Any student with questions or concerns about sexually transmitted diseases can be advised by Dr. Haverstick during his office hours Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 until 10:30.

Dr. Haverstick has provided free medical services for Penn State Harrisburg students since September of 1994. He is employed by the Family Medicine Center of Middletown.

Marylou Martz has been with PSH for five years as the Coordinator of Health Services. She is also employed by Capital Health System, a women care resource center.

Martz is a registered nurse, has a bachelor's degree in nursing and is three credits shy of completing her master's of education in health education degree.

Changes to Occur in The Lion's Den

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The proposed "Library of the Future" at Penn State Harrisburg could bring major changes to the campus hangout. The Lion's Den.

Greg Schiavoni, assistant manager of food services at Penn State Harrisburg, said that in three to four years after the completion of the new library, The Lion's Den may be relocated in part of what is now the Heindel Library.

The Lion's Den, the small basement snack bar, needs space to expand, but construction on the new library will not start until early 1997.

Schiavoni admits that many departments at Penn State Harrisburg have put in bids for space in the library and is unsure if The Lion's Den will even be relocated.

"Many other departments have put in bids for space but if we do not get space in the library, the University has said they will help us to expand" Schiavoni said.

The Lion's Den would like to have a space in the library for several reasons. Exposure is one of the reasons because there is no outside access to the snack bar which is located in the basement of the Olmsted Building and many visitors do not even know that it exists.

The expansion could also mean better ventilation in the cooking area which would assist in smoother operation of the equipment.

Schiavoni also said that the main plus in the expansion would be for the students

and faculty because The Lion's Den could offer more products.

"We would like to offer more grab and go and prepackaged items like salads and a large deli case," Schiavoni said.

Currently, there has been changes in The Lion's Den and next fall students and faculty will see even more when they return to classes.

New flavored coffees have appeared recently and more changes will be made by Schiavoni and Lois Hampton who is also an assistant manager of food services.

Their new perspective has come from their experiences at other Penn State campuses.

Schiavoni came from the Berks campus and has been full-time at Penn State Harrisburg since December 1994.

Hampton came from the Altoona campus which recently received an overall update in the construction and modernization in the food service department.

They both have new ideas to update the look of the Penn State Harrisburg Dining Commons and Lion's Den.

Schiavoni said that it is difficult to make changes during the school year, so renovations will be completed in the summer.

"Changes will help the staff to serve the students better," Schiavoni said. "Students may not initially notice the improvements, but the staff will."

The food service department welcomes input about the campus food and service from students, faculty, or staff. They

have distributed questionnaires and will implement new ideas within reason.

"Nothing is set in stone, if something does not sell we will pull it out," Schiavoni said. "We like to hear feedback on the new items."

Schiavoni also tries to coordinate with the Weight Watchers Club on campus by offering a meal entitled, "Healthy Weigh of Life" for a lowfat alternative.

Schiavoni has enjoyed being at Penn State Harrisburg and enjoys working with the students the most.

Students had their own suggestions about improving The Lion's Den.

"I think that The Lion's Den is very good, but I would like to see more of a variety of foods perhaps an ethnic selection," Dorsey Meredith, junior at Penn State Harrisburg, said. "I would also like to see more of a variety of desserts, something besides Tastykakes."

"They need to lessen the cost of the food it doesn't make sense to pay \$5 for lunch when we can pay \$2 at the Dining Commons," Kimberly Roach, senior at Penn State Harrisburg, said.

Rites of Spring is Upon Us

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The Rites of Spring, an annual event set to be held between the dates of Wednesday, April 19th, and Sunday April 23rd, is drawing ever so closer. The event, which is sponsored by the SGA, has had a committee meeting over the last two months finalizing the plans.

This committee headed by Duane Brooks, a junior Information Systems student, has decided to kick off the events on Wednesday by holding a tree planting ceremony behind Olmsted Building at 12:00 noon. Any club which is willing to pay for an evergreen tree will be able to take part in the planting, and all students and faculty are welcome to watch the event. Half an hour after this event, there will be a frisbee fling and an ice cream social. Again, all faculty and students are welcome to this event which will take place in the front of the Olmsted Building.

On Friday, the Awards Ceremony will take place in the Dining Commons beginning at 6:30pm. A separate committee is working on this event which consists of a

handful of awards being given out to the best clubs and organizations on campus. Dinner will be served and all club members are welcome.

Along with Saturday comes the highlight of the Rites of Spring. The main events, which will begin at 2pm and go on until 10pm, will take place at People's Park in the Meade Heights. For the children in attendance, there will be entertainers such as a face painter and a Penn State Lion. For the elders, a surf machine and a bouncy basketball court will be provided. There will also be a beach volleyball tournament between 2-4pm, which will be followed by a picnic style dinner until 6pm.

Also, music will be in the air all day long. When WPSH club members are not DJ'ing, bands will be performing. Some of the bands attending will be Jealous Sun and N'cino Rain, hard rock/alternative acts, Isum, Ill Juvies, and Perfect Flavor, Reggae/Hip-Hop/Rap acts, and Bubba, a cover band.

All students, faculty, and their guests are welcome to the events, which are free of charge.

SGA In Violation of Constitution

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According to Mike Flory, Chief Justice of the Student Court, SGA appears to be in violation of their Constitution, but he can do nothing about it at this point. Flory said the only way SGA can be reprimanded for the violation is if a petition with the signatures of ten PSH students is filed with the Court. At that point, Flory said, the Student Court could then begin an investigation into the allegations and, ultimately, suspend SGA's charter.

Flory said that, if such actions were taken, they would remain in effect until a new Constitution were brought to the Student Court, and a new set of members and officers selected. The reinstatement of SGA would be by the Student Court's approval, based on whether they had addressed the concerns that led to the group's suspension, to the Court's satisfaction.

SGA is responsible for representing the student body to the administration, as well as serving as a liaison between the students and administration. SGA is also responsible for distributing student activity funds to the campus clubs.

New Deadline for Budget Requests

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Clubs and organizations at Penn State Harrisburg will now be required to submit yearly budget proposals by September 1, 1995, in order to receive any SGA funds, according to a meeting made by the SGA at the April 11 meeting.

The new plan, designed to eliminate problems SGA has had with money being unevenly distributed throughout the academic year, will request an itemized list of activities planned by clubs for the entire 1995-96 school year.

In the past, funds have been given out on an as needed basis. The old system sometimes leads to situations in which SGA was depleted of money, unable to meet the needs of some clubs and activities.

All proposals that are in by the September 1 deadline will be reviewed by a committee on that day, said SGA treasurer Erich Schneider. Funds will be distributed within a week, he said.

SGA secretary Duane Brooks voiced his concern about the plan.

"I don't think it's fair for some people to plan things that a new administration doesn't want," Brooks said. "I think we should make the deadline at the end of September 1."

Schneider said the deadline should be Sept 1.

"That way people can't come to us all at once requesting money that we may not have because other clubs have requested

their amounts earlier and there are no more funds," Schneider said.

Schneider said any organization not submitting a budget request by September 1 will have until September 30 to apply for money. Requests turned in after September 1 will have less chance of getting met, he said. No proposal received after September 30 will be honored.

Club presidents should be receiving a copy of their budget proposals soon.



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received several academic appointments. He then moved on to the University of Oklahoma Health Services Center. In 1972 he was appointed associate dean for community affairs at the University of Texas Medical Branch. In 1981 he was named dean of the medical branch.

Dr. Bruhn has received five prestigious fellowships in his career. He was a Yale University Fellow, a U.S. Public Health Ser-

vices Fellow, a U.S. Fulbright Fellow, a John E. Fogarty Health Scientist Exchange Fellow, and a World Health Organization Fellow.

"I really can't wait to get here and get going," Dr. Bruhn said. "I think that it is going to be an enjoyable experience and I hope to make a difference."

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