

Department of Student Affairs seeks student opinion How should the new student activity fee be spent?

PSH students voice opinion on new \$25. activity fee



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Dr. Donald Holtzman, director of student affairs and Duane Brooks, student government president host open forum to get student opinion on activity fee

By Jody L. Jacobs
Staff Reporter

Funding for intercollegiate sports, parking fees, campus media, scholarships, a film series and a MAC machine were some of the student's suggestions for the new student activity fee.

Director of Student Affairs, Donald Holtzman and Student Government Association President, Duane Brooks led the discussion with students at an open forum in Room 216 of the Olmsted Building February 8.

Holtzman told students that the purpose of the forum was to obtain their opinions on which organizations and activities should receive funding from the fee, and who should have the authority to

allocate those funds.

The \$25 student activity fee was approved last year by the University Board of Trustees, but guidelines have not been set on how campuses can spend it, Holtzman said.

"It is important that main campus is aware that we are interested in how these things go," Holtzman said.

Holtzman assured students that the funds would remain at Penn State Harrisburg.

"What money we raise, we get," he said.

President of Residence Student Council, Amy Deetz, was concerned that there was not enough representation from clubs and campus departments at the forum.

"There was a very poor show of students at the meet-

ing," Deetz said. "It shows students aren't interested."

Director of Public Information, Steve Hevner pointed out that having more than 20 students show up to discuss this is a fairly good turn out for a forum like this. Sometimes only one or two students show up for these discussions.

Students have until April 1 to give their suggestions to Holtzman in order to have an impact on the activity fee guidelines. He can be reached at 948-6018 or in his office, Room 200 Olmsted.

"Whatever the students want to do with the fee, they should be able to. It's their money," Holtzman said. "My job is to make sure they get their voice."

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"I would like to have student mailboxes like we did at Penn State York. I would also like them to do something about the downstairs cafeteria," said Mandy Myers, psychology major.

"I don't think it should be the same amount for part-time and full-time students. Maybe they should give part-time students free parking." Cindy Brown, communications major said.

"I don't think they should be charging the fee. They already charge enough," said Ed Miller, criminal justice major.

"I believe it should be a scaled amount depending upon credits." Sherry Bartush, American studies major said.

"I don't understand why non-traditional students should pay for something that benefits traditional students," said Cindy Linden, literature major.

"What's the use of an activity fee if you're not involved in any activities?" said Joann Sieber, nursing major.

"I think it should be spent on student organizations, student projects and cultural events. I like those ideas," said Ryan Munley, American Studies major.

"I think a certain percentage should be taken from the student activity fee for student media on campus," Gordon Moon, Social Studies Education major, said. "That way it would free up the SGA money for other clubs."

Model United Nations tackles serious world problems Area High School students offered unique learning experience

by Brian LaBonte
Staff Reporter

Last week major issues such as nuclear weapons testing, narcotics trafficking, and international arms sales were discussed at Penn State Harrisburg by the United Nations...the model United Nations, that is.

From Feb. 22 through the 24, twenty-five high schools from the Central Pennsylvania area participated in a model United Nations designed to teach students about foreign affairs, geography, and debate skills.

"We're here to be the U.N. and learn how it works," Dana Goldfarb of Manheim Township High School, said.

Each student who volunteered represented a country and had to research that country. They were forced to debate from the point-of-view of their represented nation, not from a United States viewpoint. Because of this the students learned that it's not easy for underdeveloped or Third World nations to have a serious say in international

affairs.

Kristin Stauffer of Mechanicsburg High School, who represented Yemen, thought it "interesting," and now feels that Third World nations "need to receive more recognition from the U.N."

The 25 schools were sent information on the program last September. Most had finished their

research and returned their proposals by early October.

These students are clearly of the information age. In the auditorium no fewer than fifteen portable PCs were being used.

Dr. Clem Gilpin, coordinator of the social science program and International Affairs Association advisor, praised the students for their preparation, which included the use of official United Nations documents



Photo by Tina Shearer

Area high school students representing nations around the world raised their hands to comment on "whether or not to use nuclear weapons".

and web pages from the countries they represented.

"Some of the students were better prepared than some college students," he said.

The session also included speakers from the U.S. Army War College and PSH.

Speakers from PSH included:

♦ Dr. Allida Black, assistant professor of American studies and history, spoke about Eleanor Roosevelt and the universal dec-

laration of human rights.

• Dr. Carol Nechemias, coordinator of the criminal justice and public policy programs, spoke on the former Soviet Union.

• Gedeon Mudacumura, a masters student, lectured on Rwanda.

PSH students also assisted in leading the various sessions.

The co-directors of the model United Nations were Frank Divonzo, president of the International Affairs Association, and Dr. Gilpin.

Library of the Future Funds "STACKING UP"

TOTAL	\$ 937,307.35
Businesses/ Board related	\$ 555,276.35
Other lead gifts	\$ 246,279.00
Faculty/Staff	\$ 132,302.00
Retirees	\$ 3,450.00

"Good ideas!" prowl through PSH campus

By Christine Brooks
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Dr. John Bruhn's "Good Idea!" contest encourages students, staff and faculty input to improve the college community.

Blue forms found on bulletin boards, residence halls, and the coffee house are there for your comments on how to improve Penn State Harrisburg. You may also submit your "Good Idea!" via E-mail to:

IDEA@PSUADMIN or call Valerie at 948-6101.

Instead of standing around complaining about the imperfections, vent your ideas on how to improve the college. Your voice will be heard.

Every three months Bruhn reviews the new ideas. He then blots out the names on the forms and gives them to a committee to review anonymously.

The committee decides on the best idea for the

current time period. The person who thought of the idea receives a \$50 check.

The first recipient of the award money was Dr. Beverly Cigler, Professor of Public Policy and Administration.

Dr. Cigler claimed the award again during the second quarter for another one of her "Good Ideas!"

The "Good Idea!" contest is continuous. There is no deadline. But, the

sooner the ideas reach Bruhn, the sooner the ideas can be implemented.

"Some ideas are not easy," Bruhn said. "Some will take time."

Bruhn seriously considers every "Good Idea!"

"I respond to each one in a personal letter thanking the person for submitting," Bruhn said.

Suggestions should show how they are cost effective.

Some of the "Good
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