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## Library space up for grabs Meetings to discuss options for use

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On Tuesday, January 23, the Gallery Lounge played host to a meeting to discuss the future of the space which will be made vacant by the Heindel Library when it moves to its new location across from the Olmstead Building. When the new library will be built is, "in the hands of the commonwealth," according to Dr. Harold Shill, head librarian. "We are hoping a groundbreaking will take place in the fall of '97."

Shill said, the new library will cost approximately \$17.33 million, but the funds for the building project are coming from the state instead of the university, so there is no way to know for sure exactly when those funds will be released.

Nonetheless, discussions continue as to what the 37,000 square feet of empty space should be used for.

Many clubs, departments and special interest groups have submitted proposals on how best to utilize the space.

Dr. Tom Streveler from enrollment services made a proposal for more classroom space. He stated, that he was not necessarily interested in the library space per se, but other space in the building that was vacated by others moving into the library space. The reason behind his request is the simple fact, "enrollment for evening graduate classes is growing. If we would have had to offer one more evening class this semester, there wouldn't have been any room," Streveler said. "We would like to see three additional classroom that are technologically enhanced with computers and video equipment."

Other proposals that were submitted included request for more office space, more space for food services and various lounges for everyone from the students to alumni

to graduate students. The deadline for the committee to submit their recommendations to the provost office, which will make the final decision is March 1, according to Dr. Rob Larson, committee member. Larson admits, "We can't make everyone happy because there is just not enough space. We have request for almost 50,000 square feet and maybe half of that to occupy. Our goal in choosing what requests will be submitted to Dr. Bruhn is to bring the faculty, students and administration together so they feel a part of the college community."

Many students had an opinion on what the university should replace the library with, but were not aware that proposals were being accepted, so we gave them a chance to speak their mind. The consensus seemed to be that the empty space should would

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## Students meet the Provost at Open House

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Staff Reporter

An evening with Provost John Bruhn was held Tuesday February 4, from 7:00 to 8:15 in the main lobby of the Olmsted Building.

Dr. Bruhn and Student Government Representatives held the "Stop In Drop In" reception as an on-going effort to communicate with students who attend college in the evenings.

Bruhn said, "We have an entire market of evening students that we need to have feedback from. I want these students to know my door is always open to problems and suggestion."

According to Bruhn "Stop In Drop In" with the Provost started last semester and will continue, to keep the lines of

communication open between students and faculty.

"The goal is to create harmony and good-will within the community at Penn State, Harrisburg," said Bruhn.

Students gathered in the lobby to enjoy food and conversation, airing their questions about problems and ideas concerning life at Penn State, Harrisburg.

Tony Mondy, information systems major said he was there during a break from his evening class. "I think it is a good idea to have something like this, because I only have classes in the evening and most of the administrative offices are

closed by the time I get on campus."

Another student Mark Aguiler was waiting to speak with Provost Bruhn. "I want to ask Dr. Bruhn what he thinks about Governor Ridge's proposed budget plans and how it will affect Penn State, Harrisburg."

Jackie Moyer, communications major asked Dr. Bruhn about the high mark-up on used books at the book store on campus. Bruhn stated that the book store is under contract with another company. See Provost pg. 2



Provost John Bruhn at the open house held for students on Feb. 4.

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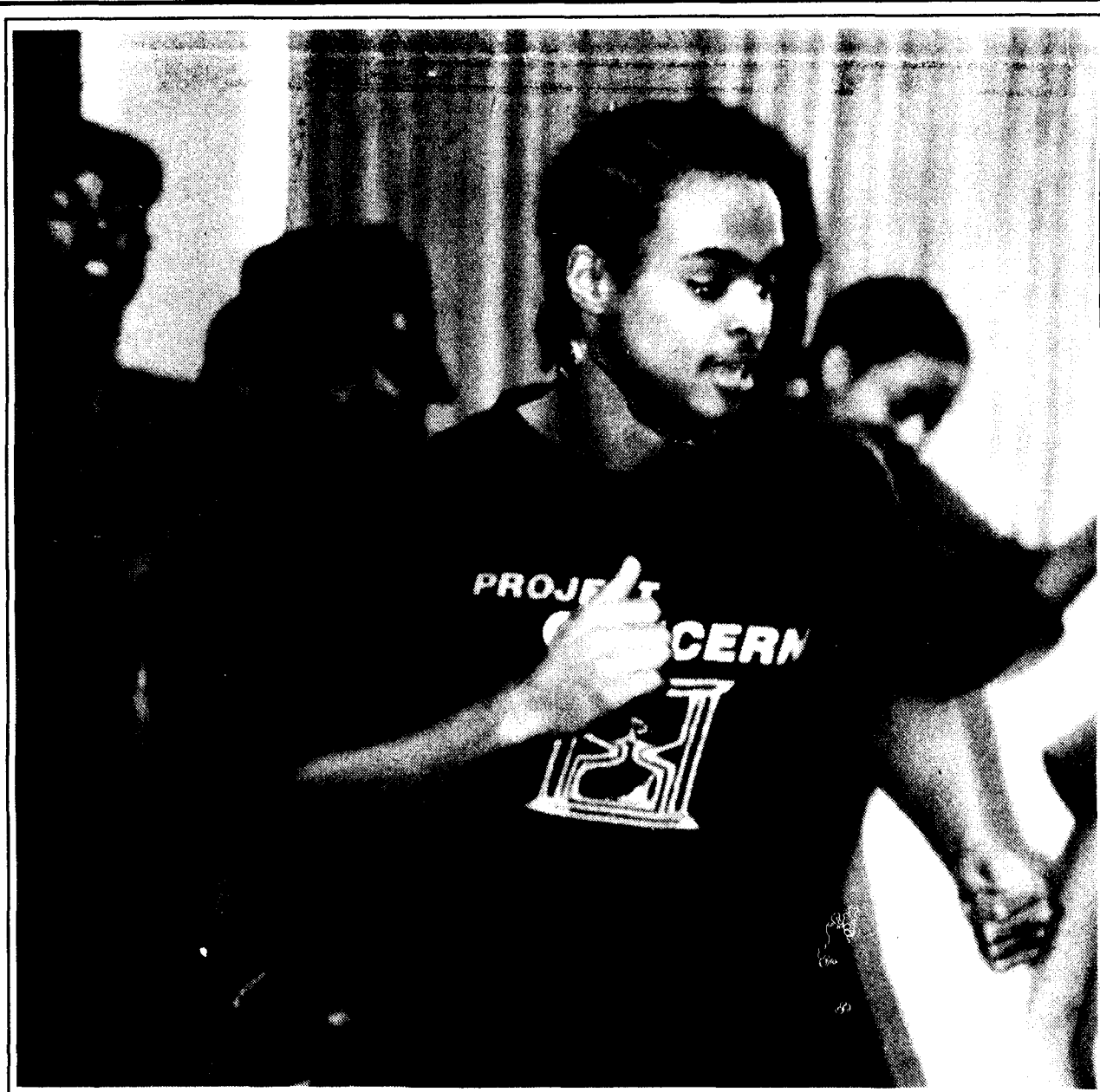


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In celebration of Black History Month, dancers from Project Concern - a youth hip-hop dance company - appeared on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Gallery Lounge of the Olmsted Building.

The youth organization -who's members are 9 to 20 years old - has performed throughout New England with a "Black History Month College Tour."

The group, which was founded over eight years ago, promotes "delinquency diversion through talent development" has also performed nationally at locations such as Walt Disney World.

## Rep. George Gekas speaks at campus leadership workshop

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The "Links to the Future" Leadership Workshop '97 attracted about 70 participants February 1. The four-hour event featured area leaders and free workshops that taught students about community service, leadership skills, the use of technology for group initiatives and time and stress management.

"To lead, one must serve," said the Honorable George Gekas who was the luncheon speaker. He is currently

servicing his eighth term in the United States House of Representatives and came from "the Capitol to the Capital Campus" to speak at the workshop, held in the Gallery Lounge of the Olmsted Building.

The Congressman, a graduate of Dickinson College, told the lunchtime audience that leadership and service "are intertwined inextricably."

Karl Martz, career coordinator of the student assistance center - a friend of the representative - introduced Gekas as "a great piano player" who ceaselessly

"gives back to the community" and "has used his leadership skills to the fullest."

Gekas emphasized that leading involves setting an example for others. He mentioned his participation in the Older Americans Act as an example, and he hoped that would inspire others to take action on similar issues. He said that it is important "being out front on issues,

and promulgating a certain idea" are important concepts.

Each term he receives about 3,000 topics - like the Older Americans Act.

According to Gekas, dealing with the troubles of the time require not only personal ambition but the push and call of others.

He used presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as examples of people who were called to serve or "had the feel, the will, to serve while leading."

Gekas, a Republican, said that elections are a "gamble, a roll of the dice; we do our best to elect the best person. It is not scientific. But maybe that's good."

As he closed his speech, he mentioned a quote See Gekas pg. 3

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--- Congressman George Gekas "Links to the Future" speaker

## Student Government loses vice president

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Penn State Harrisburg Student Government Association (SGA), voted to accept the resignation of vice president Liane Bankos at their Feb. 4 meeting. Bankos' resignation was sparked by an "educational conflict."

Bankos is unable to attend scheduled SGA meetings this semester because they conflict with her study/Internship schedule.

The SGA discussed allowing Bankos to miss meet-

ings by issuing an "educational conflict" excuse.

However, upon further investigation, SGA discovered that this type of measure would violate their constitution and by-laws.

Members also discussed alternating meeting times, so that Bankos could attend meetings at least every other week but they decided that, at this stage, such a decision would not be prudent, and it would not solve the attendance conflict problem for future members.

Tarik Griggs moved that Bankos' resignation be accepted, and that SGA make a recommendation that next year's group amend the constitution to allow for "educational conflict" absences. Griggs' motion was accepted.

Rights of Spring is scheduled for Saturday April 19. The committee will meet Thursday Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. in room E202. The meeting will focus on defining a target audience for the event.

SGA has received sev-

eral applications for new members. The applications are being reviewed by the group, and meetings are being scheduled to screen applicants.

The Association approved the purchase of two banners announcing SGA elections in order to promote student participation.

Penn State Harrisburg is ranked in the top two campuses for their 'Thon fundraising efforts. SGA has

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