

SGA takes steps to get faculty to attend student activities

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SGA Vice President

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Editor

In an attempt to encourage faculty attendance at Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) student activities, the Student Government Association (SGA) said at its April 15 meeting that a memo will be sent to campus administration asking them to oppose faculty apathy towards such events.

"We feel that we haven't had a lot of involvement from the faculty - this is a drive to increase their participation," Stacie Wentzel, vice president of SGA said.

The memo - which will be sent to Provost and Dean John G. Bruhn; James D. South, associate provost for administrative operations; Donald Holtzman; director of student affairs; and Janet Widoff, coordinator of student activities and manager, college life enrichment - said the SGA was disappointed to learn that majority of faculty members would not be attending the Rites of Spring celebration which reflects an "apparent apathy of faculty in attending SGA events."

SGA president Paul Feenstra said he hoped that the administrators would pass on the memo's sentiments to the faculty members.

"Hopefully, this will help the faculty realize that the students need their support and help increase the sense of community at this campus," Wentzel said.

In other business the SGA:

• Voted unanimously, with one abstention, to make the Thon committee a standing committee at PSH. As a standing committee, it would raise funds, hold functions, and submit proposals for a budget to the SGA and the Student Activity Fee. PSH raised \$3,000 dollars for

Thon - with proceeds benefitting child cancer patients at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. All campuses - Main and Commonwealth - raised over \$1 million this year.

• Voted unanimously, with one abstention, to spend \$70 of the SGA unrestricted account to purchase a Japanese Snow Bell tree to be planted on campus in honor of the Earth Day celebration April 18.

• Voted unanimously, with one abstention, to donate \$850 which was raised for Red Cross flood relief during former SGA president Duane Brooks administration during the 1995-96 academic year.

The SGA - at that time - had a goal of \$1,000 to help the Red Cross with disaster relief efforts for victims of the Susquehanna River flooding. Since they did not reach the goal, Brooks recommended that none of the money be donated.

Treasurer Susan Oshman suggested - with the support of the senate - that since the Red Cross helps areas across the country with flood relief efforts every year, that the money be donated anyway, regardless if it would help flood victims in our immediate area or not.

• Approved an expense, not to exceed \$2,000, to contribute to PSH expense of \$9,000 to block book performance groups on campus.

By block booking, the campus would share the expense of booking performers with other campuses, Janet Widoff, SGA advisor said.

Other campus organizations, such as the Cabaret fund, Residence Living office, subcommittee on cultural diversity and education will also be approached to contribute funding toward this cost.

Chi Gamma Iota treasurer makes a deposit of a different kind



photo by Jeff Warren

"These blood drives are a way of saving peoples lives - and not just outside the Penn State community."

-- Kirk Jacoby
President
Chi Gamma Iota

As Chi Gamma Iota's (XGI's) treasurer, Jon Flickinger is used to making financial deposits - but on April 2, he made a deposit of blood to his club's spring blood drive.

The bi-annual blood drive - held for 28 years - benefits the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank.

This year, 47 pints of blood were collected - which does not include 25 people who were turned away because they did not meet medical requirements necessary to donate, Kirk Jacoby XGI president said.

"A heart-felt thanks to everyone who showed up to give the gift of life," Jacoby said.

Shoulder massage offered during finals week

Jody L. Jacobs
Editor

For students, finals week traditionally means numerous hours hunched over a desk cramming for exams, and tense shoulder muscles from too much stress and anxiety - something the student government wants to help eliminate.

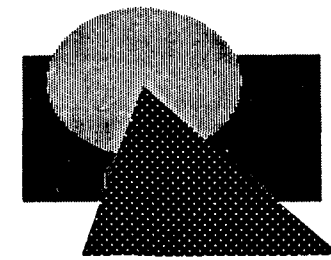
In addition to the traditional "finals food" offered by the Student Government Association (SGA) in the lobbies of the Olmsted Building during finals week, the SGA will also be offering shoulder massage for "students only" in the Gallery Lounge, Janet Widoff, student

activities coordinator said.

Four certified therapists from LMT and Associates in Lemoyne will be giving the massages May 5 through May 8 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge, Widoff said.

Only students - not faculty and staff - will be able to sign up for shoulder and neck massages during those hours, Widoff said.

"We assume that students are going to feel stress and feel uptight - and we're hoping to help relieve that and make them feel a little better," Widoff said.



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Susan Oshman
student government treasurer



Stephanie Wilson
student government secretary

In the March 27 issue of The Capital Times, photos of the newly-elected treasurer and secretary of the Student Government Association (SGA) were not correctly identified.

At right, treasurer Susan Oshman and secretary Stephanie Wilson are shown correctly.

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that it provided them with an opportunity to learn about the field which they want to work and succeed in, as a class was even offered to teach attendees how get in to graduate school.

Baum said it best we he said, "EPA has something for every-

TeSS speeds job search for grads

Diana T. Reed
Contributor

Mark Miller, a math/sciences major, had three job offers in one week.

Miller used TeSS - Total Electronic Scheduling System - more than any other source to find a job.

TeSS contacts brought him numerous interviews - and he said he would have had even more opportunities if he had signed up sooner than late last fall, during the semester in which he graduated from PSH.

But he still got three job offers - and he's deciding which one to accept.

"Once your resume is in the system, it's cake," said Mark.

The TeSS Job Hotline started in January 1996, and on-campus recruitment started in August of that year.

Karl Martz, director of career services, and Jonathan Schultz of Information Systems have utilized the system to develop career opportunities for PSH students and alumni - over 2,258 career and internship opportunities from 1,682 employers have been posted on the Hotline.

There have been 93 on-campus recruitment visits in the past year as well - where employers have interview schedules and come to campus to conduct those interviews. TeSS is "an ongoing, ever-expanding project," said Schultz.

In the future, Schultz said he plans on putting TeSS on the internet for even more accessibility.

Although it is a local call, not an 800 number, the Hotline is

"designed to minimize your time expense," assured Schultz.

"It does the search for you... it knows what you have already listened to," Schultz said.

The system offers 24-hour a day, 7 days a week, and 365-days a year access, plus fast-forward and replay capabilities, add to the convenience, Schultz said.

"It's working for the students and alumni. It's very efficient," said Mimi Wasilewski of Career Services, who vocally records the jobs daily.

Schultz found it "very sufficient" for his own job search - he said he was "too busy" to spend a lot of time to read newspaper ads.

Penn State Harrisburg job fairs and on-campus recruiting through the system have earned him many job offers too.

As long as campus students show an interest in on-campus recruiting and the career opportunities posted on the Hotline, the companies will continue to search for employees here, Martz said. When not enough students are interested, everyone loses - the company doesn't get a PSH recruit, and someone who could have got a job doesn't.

As fast as the opportunities from employers can come for such students as Miller, Martz advises other students to not wait until senior year to register for TeSS.

Those already registered for TeSS should continue to use the Job Hotline over the summer, Martz said. Those who have not registered definitely should.

The TeSS diskette and instruction booklet may be purchased in the PSH bookstore for about \$8.