

## Herwig & Co. Elected to SGA Posts with Low Voter Participation

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made to the college's curriculum.

"It was a powerful senator position," Herwig remembers, "If someone wanted to add a new course, they had to go through us."

After leaving West Chester, Herwig attended one semester at Dickinson. While there, she served as student government parliamentarian and changed her major from music to public policy.

But Herwig wasn't crazy about Dickinson and made the decision to finish her degree as a student of Penn State Harrisburg.

Herwig said there are many things she wants to accomplish in her term as president. At the top of the list is her desire to have "everyone represented."

"The student government at West Chester requires student organizations to have a representative attend meetings," Herwig said.

While she doesn't anticipate acceptance of a similar mandate at PSH, she will encourage organizations to take advantage of the opportunity.

"It would help [their] group to be represented," Herwig added.

Herwig also plans to continue current SGA President Roderick Lee's policy of visibility.

"Rod was always there. He did an excellent job of reaching out to the students," Herwig said.

According to Herwig, only about 200 students voted in the recent elections. This lack of student involvement at PSH concerns Vice President-Elect Joe Werner.

Werner, a former student at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, sees the commuter status of most PSH students as the biggest barrier to involvement.

Like Herwig, Werner has been an SGA senator at PSH for the spring 2000 semester. In addition, he served as SGA senator for two semesters while a student at Wilkes-Barre.

According to Werner, the new executive board plans to hold monthly open forums and regular evening question and answer sessions to encourage evening student involvement.

Werner also sees radio station WPSH as a potential tool for keeping students informed and involved.

"There should be speakers

here in the student lounge," Werner said, "and regular programs like 'Hear the President' on the radio station."

Werner remembered that the radio station at Wilkes-Barre had a much larger presence on cam-

pus. He will encourage expansion of the station's presence at PSH during his term.

Werner is aware of the challenge of following former SGA President Roderick Lee on the executive board.

"Rod's done a great job this year. His footsteps will be hard to follow. We'll make every attempt to follow his lead," Werner concluded.

All newly elected student representatives were sworn in dur-

ing a ceremony on April 11.

They take office immediately. Lee will be stepping down as president after the swearing in ceremony.

"I'll be turning in my keys," Lee said.

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