

# SGA Elections Start Tomorrow

## Write-In Votes Encouraged

By **Cathie McCormick Musser**  
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Students can exercise their democratic rights on campus Tuesday and Wednesday by voting for students to fill several student government positions. Ballots will be available in the lobby of the Olmsted building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. both days.

According to information from the ballot, nine openings exist. Eight of those openings are for SGA senator; one is for SGA secretary. However, only five students have registered their willingness to serve in the open positions. Write-ins are encouraged by the ballot, but a minimum of seven votes is needed for election.

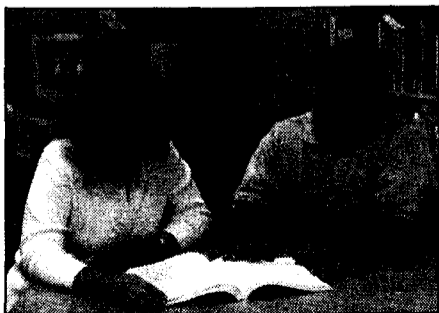
## PSH Career Services Offers New Options

By **Christine Dixon**  
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There are two new ways to find jobs and internships through PSH Career Services: the Career Management System and College Central Network.

All on-campus recruiting is now web-based through the Career Management System. The site features an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 recruiters who will conduct interviews at Harrisburg, University Park

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Lorie Conrad, PSH senior majoring in applied behavioral sciences, and Karl Martz, career services coordinator, review a book in the career services library.

Positions without candidate volunteers include junior senator-at-large, junior senator for the school of behavioral sciences and education and junior senator for the school of business administration.

### Candidates



**Jennifer Scharff**  
*SGA Secretary Candidate*

As the secretary of student government and as a student of the school of business, I plan to work hard to protect the interests of my fellow students. I believe I will be beneficial to SGA, since I already have experience as a junior senator.

**Anthony Ottaviano**  
*SGA Junior Senator Humanities Candidate*

I interned for a state senator this past summer. I feel that I am the best young



man/candidate for the job. I will listen and fight for the humanities department. I intend to take all peoples' views into account when an issue arises.



**Jonathan Tangara**  
*SGA Junior Senator Public Affairs Candidate*

As a senator, I will do my best to give the student body the opportunity to take advantage of every facet available academically and socially. I promise: to be the voice for the student body; to act as a liaison between the student, faculty and administration; and to address the questions and concerns of the student body. In conclusion, with my experience with SGA at my other campus I have learned many beneficial skills and attributes that will help me excel in any field I choose to pursue. Hopefully, this learning process will continue at Penn State Harrisburg. I believe we as the SGA are the hands and feet and the student body are the heart and soul.

**Nydia Vazquez**  
*SGA Junior Senator Science, Engineering & Technology Candidate*



I have been paying my way through college for the past couple of years. During those years I've experienced and seen things that could be made better or needed changed. Now, by representing the school of science, engineering and technology, I want to take the opportunity to do so.



**Megan Durkin**  
*SGA Graduate Senator Candidate*

Having been at Penn State Harrisburg for three years, I know the ins and outs of campus. I will work for the student body and make sure the graduate student population is not forgotten. I will implement policy that works FOR the students, not just in the short term but for the long term. I will work to increase student accessibility to services when they need them, not only when it is convenient.

## Campus Hosts Russian Visitors

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Two worlds, geographically and culturally miles apart, came together Sept. 13 on the PSH campus. Groups of campus leaders met with five Russian leaders visiting the United States as part of an exchange program.

Students Peter Fedorchak, Roderick Lee, Myra Miller, Judith Banks-Baumbach, and Daniel Hyder met with visitors Nina Vladimirovna Novikova, Natalya Borisovna Kuznetsova, Larisa Nikolayevna Plyusnina, Andrey Leonidovich Smirnov, and Lyubov Grigoryevna Vereshchagina in the Gallery Lounge. The visitors are participants in the Russian Leadership Program which is sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress and coordinated by Peace Links.

The topics of conversation between the students and visitors included the differences in maternity care and family-leave policies between the two countries and the retrofitting of a factory from



PSH students and Russian leaders discuss differences in health care and family leave policies during a brief round table discussion sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress and Peace Links.

Soviet weapon to industrial manufacturing. Interpreter Nina Novikova, assistant dean of international affairs at the International University of Moscow, explained the five-day hospital stay for new mothers and the 140-day paid maternity leave Russian mothers enjoy. The

group continued to describe the standard three-year leave of absence available to new mothers. The program is designed to encourage parents to stay home with preschool children. The PSH women, all of whom are parents, wondered aloud if

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