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The Student Voice of Penn State Harrisburg

## Campus Reacts To Presidential Election

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As Washington, D.C. prepares to host the inauguration of the nation's 43rd president later this month, the long and contentious struggle to name the new chief executive remains fresh in the memory of many Americans. The final act of an extraordinary political season that saw election "night" stretch over 35 days and garnered a decisive popular vote majority for the Democratic contender culminates January 20

when the Republican challenger takes the oath of office as president.

General reaction among PSH students and faculty to the initial outcome of the Nov. 7 election was surprise and disbelief. Diane McDonough, a literature major, reports she found the personal conduct of both candidates after election day "disgusting," and that "if my kid had acted that way, he'd have been grounded."

While Dr. Robert Bresler, PSH professor of public policy, acknowledges that political ana-

lysts and observers recognized Florida, along with Pennsylvania and Michigan, as "key to Bush's victory," he adds that "the mathematical chances of an election coming down to one state in the electoral college determining the election are one in a thousand."

Dr. Steven Peterson, director of PSH's school of public affairs, posits that the Gore-Bush contest signals the need for improvement of the tech-

niques and "vote-o-matic" methods of voting in this country, echoing comments voiced by PSH students.

Qiong Liu, a communications major, believes "it should be easier for people to vote," an opinion shared by McDonough, who admits she was "infuriated" by the difficulty she had simply locating her designated polling place. McDonough's resolve to vote was re-enforced by her teenage son's insistence that she cast her ballot. Although he

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## Housing Construction Gets Snowy Start

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So far this winter has been a paradise for school kids, skiers and snow removal companies. However, it has not been helpful to Quandel Group Incorporated, the construction company in charge of building Penn State Harrisburg's new dorms.

After clearing and leveling the space for the buildings, the first major project is to pour concrete and set the foundation. This task is impossible unless the cement can be kept fairly dry. Currently, the foundation is a few inches below snow level. Ed Dankanich, director of busi-

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Artist's rendering of student housing currently under construction east of the Olmsted building parking lot.