

# WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS?

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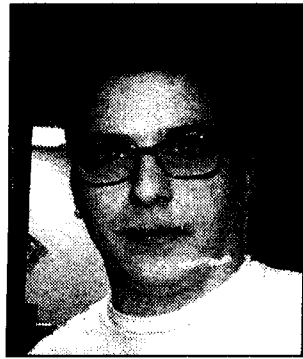
I would like to see abortion stopped. Too many innocent lives are killed each day. Adoption not abortion.



**Liya Arustamyan**

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More women to be promoted into leadership positions.



**Justin Anthony Lutz**

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If John D. Ashcroft is elected Attorney General, then it will be left for him to decide.



**Suzanne Caldwell**

*Gen. Hum/Women's Studies*

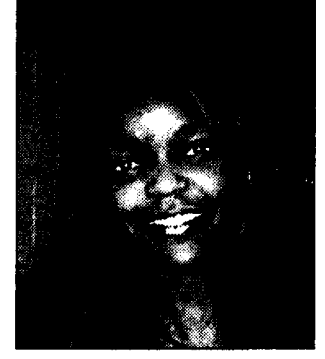
I believe that the focus should be turned to facilitating child care to working women.



**Nathan Cross**

*Sec. Ed/Soc. Studies*

I feel an equal rights act must be passed to ensure women's rights.



**Tramaine Harrison**

*Management/Int'l Bus.*

I would like to see equal pay for women in America because now we make 70 cents on a dollar as compared to men.

## Advising High On List of Key PSH Issues

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tinue this semester. The shift will not be complete until next summer after the new Food Court and Town Square occupy the former library space, but students who need to use the labs can breathe easier while they wait for the computers to be relocated. Richman said that as of this semester, all PSH computers can now be easily and reliably scanned for viruses.

Although Richman sees many positive changes starting this spring, she knows some problems still loom. One of the toughest challenges pertains to academic advising and degree audits that could pose problems this semester with class scheduling. Richman reports that many students complained about scheduling last semester but did not give specific criticisms. For instance, she doesn't know if students prefer more or less evening classes. Richman encourages students to give more detailed feedback this semester to smooth the wrinkles in scheduling.

PSH is now developing a plan to make general education courses, which are normally fulfilled during a student's first two years of college, part of every major offered here. This will likely mean big changes to some of the programs offered within each of the college's schools. One example is PSH's school of public affairs.

According to Director Steven Peterson, the school is considering ways of restructuring its programs to better serve its students' needs along with reworking its Ph.D. and MPA programs. The criminal justice program is also discussing the possibility of allowing students to pursue a master's degree at PSH. Peterson says the college is currently developing a timeline delineating when these types of changes, and others, will take place.

Richman concedes that "with all the changes that have taken place in the academic programs in order to incorporate the general education requirements in each major, there is potential for even more confusion and anxiety." To lessen student and faculty concerns, Richman and her co-workers are looking at ways to start a more complete system of academic advising and a more universal, user-friendly way to change or correct degree audits. As of press deadlines, information on when this new system might be ready was unavailable.

The SGA will focus on teamwork to

start 2001. This group, whose main focus is to represent student affairs and concerns, has grown to 20 members, and they look forward to their role as advocates for their fellow students' needs and wants. SGA especially hope to communicate bet-

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ter with adult students and computers. To help achieve these goals, all

SGA members will serve office hours. The SGA Web page will soon have photos of each member and hyperlinks to their e-mail addresses

"I would like to provide a better liaison for students to the administration and to other students," says SGA President Carissa Herwig. "Once students realize that the SGA is there to represent them and to voice their concerns, I think that things in general at PSH will begin to look up."

One of the most talked-about changes this semester is the grand opening of the new location for the Learning Center, the Advising Center and International Programs. These services moved to their new home in Olmsted 216 in November, but the college will hold a reception this

semester to celebrate the official opening of the facility where students can go for tutoring, group study, academic clinics, academic advising and international information and advising.

Construction of new student housing is something else the PSH community can look forward to this spring. Peterson says the start of this project is "symbolically an important step for the campus. It suggests exciting possibilities and the creation of something more like a standard college environment and experience."

Of course, no semester could officially kick off without some words of wisdom for new and returning students. Peterson stresses that education is not just a "meal ticket," and that "students have the opportunity to think, to play with ideas," he said. Lott agrees, saying that students should have high expectations for themselves and their instructors, and that all people in the classroom should freely challenge themselves and each other. Lott concludes "education should not only prepare one for the future, but should free one to imagine and create the future." Finally, Herwig offers some advice any student can appreciate. "Get involved and make the most out of your college experience," she urges. "You only go through this time in your life once."