

Family housing situation improves

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Positive developments emerged over the last two weeks for the ten families affected by the year-end closing of Meade Heights.

Dr. Donald Holtzman, senior director of student affairs and enrollment services at PSH, said that in the past week, he met personally with all but one of the ten families to discuss their particular needs regarding their move from Meade Heights in December.

According to Holtzman, the students were "reasonable and articulate in expressing their needs," which mainly revolved around coordinating moving dates with the end of the school year for young children.

Holtzman noted that each person's situation involves specific issues; therefore, there is "no one-size-fits-all" resolution. The individual sessions will help PSH housing and food services "customize the solution to [each family's] situation," he said.

Holtzman said arrangements have been made with Aldwyn Courts, the apartment complex adjacent to the eastern edge of the PSH campus, to extend a \$200 credit off the first month's rent to families moving into the complex. Although management at Aldwyn Courts usually requires one-year leases, they have agreed to provide month-to-month rentals for students whose program extend a few months beyond a year, and to offer fixed-rent leases to students who will be at PSH for two years completing their studies.

Aldwyn Courts actually "looks for students as tenants," Holtzman reports. "They're mature, responsible family people, and have a goal - they're pursuing their studies. They make excellent tenants."

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A section of the AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed in the student center of the CUB last week. The SGA sponsored the quilt's display through the Harrisburg Names Project.



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Newly inducted SGA members (top) Kathleen Kane, senior senator Humanities, Jason Norville, vice president, Damon Walton, senior senator Behavioral Sciences and Education, (lower) Tramaine Harrison, president, Shante Lumpkin, senior senator Business Administration, Lori Mitchell, treasurer. Not pictured Danielle Shanabrough, public relations officer.

Harrison Wins SGA Presidency

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After eleven days, two protests and a ballot recount, Student Court Chief Justice Jason J. Steigerwalt announced April 9 that the SGA election results of March 29 were final.

Steigerwalt and Associate Justice Mark Messner recounted the ballots by hand on April 4 with an unnamed library employee as an independent observer. Then, under Steigerwalt's leadership and with the assistance of Student Court Advisor Dr. Toni DuPont-Morales, associate professor of criminal justice, Student Court members Messner, Chris Ambile and Danielle Price reviewed the protests raised by presidential candidates Anthony Ottaviano and Jennifer Boger.

The court decision of April 9 states there was no evidence to support any "long-term sus-

tained violations of election procedures," and no "conclusive evidence to support the allegations of the letter protesting the results of the SGA 2001 election." Morales was proud of the court members. "They did their homework. They knew the process," Morales said.

Ottaviano's protest came before the polls closed on March 29 and focused on campaign strategies by Boger and alleged running platform word-count violations.

Boger's April 4 memo to Steigerwalt and Dr. Janet Widoff, director of student activities, outlined alleged election day rules violations and ballot counting that did not comply with SGA regulations. Boger also filed an official request for a recount on April 3.

Boger said she is satisfied that the recount was done correctly, but expressed concern

regarding the security of the ballots between the first and second counts.

The outgoing SGA officers and senators held their last meeting of the year shortly before the induction ceremony for the new officers on April 10.

Dr. Madlyn Hanes, PSH dean and provost, told the eight SGA members present for the last meeting that "the highlights of my first year have occurred in this room." Hanes told the SGA that they "have the attention of my office."

The last days of the SGA sponsored AIDS quilt display and the upcoming Rites of Spring rounded out the exiting SGA's agenda.

Six of the seven new officers were joined by their families and supporters in the first floor student lounge for the induction ceremony marking the start of the next administration.

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