

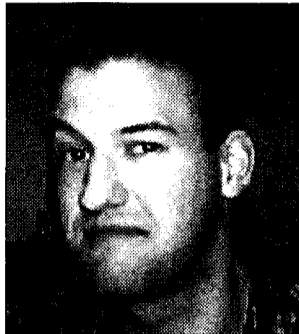
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SGA ELECTIONS?

Survey and photos by Debra Glass
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Kelly Brubaker
Criminal Justice

I think it's great that Tramaine won! I can't wait for pajama day.



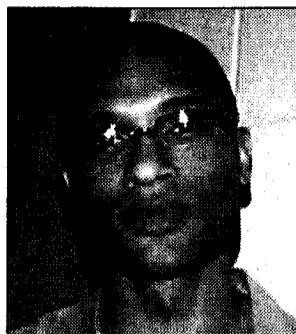
Jason Herscheck
Str. Design Con. Eng. Tech.

I think SGA is for regular traditional students going for their bachelor's degree. Let them use the SGA money since graduate students are rich and can afford to do their own thing!



Kelly Mandalino
Sociology

I think it's necessary that all the rules are followed so the candidates feel like the election was fair.



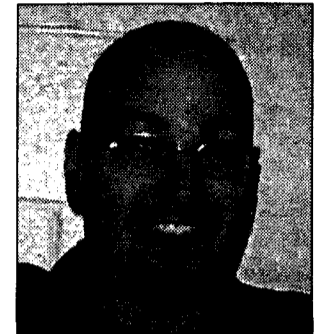
Donald S. Pollard
Communications

I feel confident that Ms. Harrison will do a good job and live up to the expectations and re-define the position of SGA president. Overall, the best candidate won!



Diane McDonough
Literature

I think it's inappropriate for graduate students to take part in undergrad elections inasmuch as it's important for grad students to support their own organization.



Rodney Naugh
Communications

The most important thing is to assure that all rules of the process are followed. This will help maintain validity in the SGA and its officers.

Washington field trip group celebrates Shakespeare's Birthday

By Joanne Catherson
Capital Times Staff Writer

On April 3, Dr. Margaret R. Jaster, associate professor of humanities and literature, accompanied a group of Penn State Harrisburg students to Washington, D.C. to attend a lecture at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

The Folger Shakespeare Library is located on Capitol Hill and contains the world's largest collection of Shakespeare's printed works, along with other rare Renaissance books and manuscripts.

The building also houses The Folger Institute, a center for advanced study and research in the humanities. The Folger Institute is sponsored by the Folger Shakespeare Library and a consortium of 38 universities, including Penn State.

Every spring, The Folger Institute celebrates the April 23 birthday of William Shakespeare with its Annual Shakespeare Birthday Lecture. This year's lecture, "Jessica's Daughters," was presented by James Shapiro, professor of

English and comparative literature at Columbia University.

Shapiro's lecture, which he called a "work-in-progress," focused on the derogatory use of Jews in Renaissance literature, such as in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, Christopher Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*, and selected children's ballads.

The significance of the lecture's title, "Jessica's Daughters," refers to Jessica, the daughter of a rich Jew in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, and the fact that Judaism is matrilineal, descending

through the female line.

Overall, the students enjoyed their trip to the nation's Capitol. However, many expressed dissatisfaction with Shapiro's lecture. They felt Shapiro introduced numerous quotes and facts but failed to analyze the information he presented.



Dr. James Shapiro met with other visiting scholars after his lecture at The Folger Institute on April 3

Gamers rise to challenge

Meade Heights crowd competes for Playstation 2

By Amy Kurtz
For The Capital Times

One lucky student recently received a graduation gift, compliments of PSH. After competing for over two hours in a hotly contested tournament, Richard Carman got to take home his hard-earned Playstation 2. Carman, a computer science major set to graduate in May, said the Playstation 2 was a nice graduation present from the school.

Carman said, "winning the contest was more luck than anything, but congratulations to everyone who tried their best." What does Carman plan to do with his new game system? "I'm probably giving it to my brother for his birthday. He's been looking to get one."

The tournament took place in the Meade Heights Community Center on March 23 and was open to all Penn State students and residents of Meade Heights over 18.

Twenty-four players arrived around 7 p.m. to find two things that many college students enjoy: food and fun. Two televisions were set up, each with a Playstation 2 hooked up to it. The name of the game was *Need for Speed: High Stakes*. In this game, players have a choice of which car they would like to race. They race other players and against the police. If caught by the police, the player is "fined." After

being "fined" three times, the player gets "arrested" and the other player wins the game. If no one gets "arrested," the first player to cross the finish line wins.

The races began around 8 p.m. with the first four competitors, two on each television. Those not playing watched the intense racing that was taking place, waiting their turn. Two by two, players took their chances against each other and the police. While racing, a fierce look of determination could be seen in some of the players' eyes.

Around 10 p.m., the competition was down to four players. The crowd had dwindled, but those who remained gathered excitedly around the four players left. Ironically, two of the four, Hanchul Cha and Richard Carman, were originally cast into the "losers' circle" after their defeat in the first round. The other two, Edwin Palm and Damon Walton, were undefeated.

Two more races narrowed the tournament to two final players. After many treacherous corners and avoiding numerous attacks by police, Walton and Carman were the final two competitors. Walton and Carman competed neck-and-neck in the last race before the winner was announced. Carman had been beaten in the first round, but he still pulled out ahead of Walton in the final round and happily received his new Playstation 2.

Although there may have been a "winners' circle" and a "losers' circle," there were no losers, only winners. Everyone present had a good time, even if they did not take home a Playstation 2.