

The

SGA

Report

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Well, we've been skipping the SGA minutes lately and we feel bad about it. So we're going to try to get as much in from the last two meetings as we can.

So, here's what went on during the December 3rd meeting. There was a problem with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The problem being that they were apparently stolen from Executive Secretary Andrea Nye. We here at *The Capital Times* are curious as to know - who would do such a dastardly deed? On to less depressing news, SGA President Parul Luthra was happy to announce that the new SGA website is up and running. Luthra also added that she would be sending out an e-mail regarding the attendance policy for the SGA. I guess those members absent will just have to be surprised. Also, Luthra would like to meet with each member on an individual basis regarding next semester (somebody's in trouble... nahi, just kidding).

Vice president Mary Anne Nguyen told the SGA about a date auction that will benefit THON. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please see her or Lee Cutchall. The date for the date auction will be announced at a later date. Involved in the date that you will purchase from the date auction will be for bowling and dinner.

Another dark shadow has befallen the SGA. In addition to the theft of the minutes, Treasure Lawrence Leynes has resigned, effective immediately.

The Public Relations Officer, Justin Rishell, was looking for some general feedback concerning his job as PR officer. He asked the senate for sugges-



SGA Treasurer Andrea Nye and SGA President Parul Luthra get down at Fall Fest. Minutes later, Luthra started breakdancing and doing the running man. Unfortunately, our camera person had left the area by that time. Photo by Stacy De Angelo

reported the November food drive had collect 668 lbs. of food.

Carol McNamee reminded the SGA that Operation Soup Bowl would take place from January 20 to 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.

That is all that I have to report on the SGA's reports. Along with the SGA, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and congratulate THON chair and Committee Secretary, Chrissy Meck on her engagement.

tions. Some of the suggestions were as follows: "...how to get the word out on events such as fliers at the resident's halls, establishing and alliance with the CAP Times etc."

SGA advisor, Dr. Widoff, thanked the SGA for their participation and diligence in selling the poinsettias. Dr. Widoff was also inquiring about ideas for the Spring Leadership 2003 series. Anyone with any ideas or topics they would like to have covered should contact Dr. Widoff.

Congratulations to Justin Detig on being voted in as Graduate Senator. He was sworn in at the December 10 meeting.

Also abducted, oops, inducted into the SGA on December 10 was James Feight. Jim will be the new Senior Senator of Engineering. Way to go Jim!

The December 10 meeting was the last meeting of the Fall 2002 semester. Parul Luthra handed out awards to SGA members for a job well done. She also

Harp! the Herald Angel Sing!

Two local musicians put a unique twist on Christmas carols

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Radio stations, stores, and commercials are bastions of Christmas music at this time of year. But there is much local talent on display who bring their own versions of well-known songs to the ears of those who love the sounds of the season.

On Sunday December 8th, Hershey residents Cate Todd and Amy Bingham performed a harp and violin recital at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Lancaster. The recital was part of a weekend-long festival called "The Child of Light," which featured other singing groups from throughout the area such as the Mennonite handbell ringers.

The recital opened up with their rendition of the classic hymn "What Child is This?" set to the tune of the familiar old English folk song "Greensleeves." For the next song, the duo announced that they could not decide what to play, so Todd would play Pachelbel's "Canon in D" on the harp while Bingham played "The First Noel" on violin. The result was a beautiful harmony as Todd strummed away the time-honored tune and Bingham started with "The First

Noel" and actually alternated back and forth between that and "Canon."

Before teaming up for "O Holy Night," Bingham related the story of a French soldier who in the Franco-Prussian war of 1871, came out from behind the firing line on Christmas Eve and sang this hymn. A German soldier on the other side then jumped out and sang a hymn of his own, and the fighting stopped for 24 hours. They chose to tell this story to show that there will still be Christmas carols sung even though the world is at war.

The duo then closed with "Silent Night," again telling a story behind the song. The song originated when a priest in Austria blessed a baby on Christmas Eve long ago. The scene inspired him to write the hymn, and with the help of his friend they composed it and it was sung at the Christmas Mass of his church that very night.

Todd and Bingham's skills on their respective instruments are awe-inspiring. They truly enhanced the sound of these traditional Christmas songs and brought a wonderful spirit with which to ring in the season.

