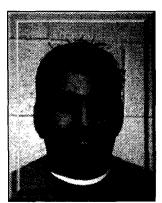


What do you think about the U.S. going to war?



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# Jodi Preisler

Communications

"I think we need to curb terrorism so that we don't have another 9/11, but I am not sure we have reached the point that it should be through war."



### Tina Bertoncini

Marketing

"I think war is an absolute last resort. War may not stop the terrorism, and it may actually increase as a result."



# **Steve Gemmill**

Communications

"I feel that the U.S. is prolonging this war. All we are doing is sitting on our asses waiting for their next move. How long are we going to wait?"



## Jackie Jones

Masters in Health Education

"I understand that war is a part of being the United States, but it makes me sad to think that so many lives will be lost."

# Lion Ambassadors seek office and more visibility on campus

By Rachel Shepherd
Capital Times Staff Reporter

It has been said that no good deed goes unnoticed. This is not so true for the often-unrecognized Lion Ambassadors club of Penn State Harrisburg. The service they do for others is largely unseen by the Penn State community, despite the rigorous volunteering and hard work put in by the members. Despite the lack of public knowledge of its existence, the club shows no signs of weakening its commitment to better the lives of those around it.

The club offers services such as giving tours to prospective students, raising money for the Penn State children's hospital, volunteering at the Middletown Nursing home, participating in the American Walk for Diabetes, holding Easter egg hunts for children, working hand-inhand with the Alumni Association, participating in Thon and canned food drives as well as assisting with mentor programs.

"I love the community service," said Jessica Schally. "I enjoy getting to know people on campus and interacting with the younger crowd, since I am a non-traditional student."

Schally is a third-year member and current president of the club. She said she loves what she does; but being a non-traditional student poses a challenge to her and the club. "It's tough organizing everything," she said. "I work full-time and I am not on campus enough."

The members often choose what projects they want to do. Schally said it is difficult

getting members to do things that are not "fun."

"The same people will volunteer for the tougher projects." As a solution, she plans to assign future projects to help diversify the people working on them.

Overall, Schally says her biggest challenge is gaining recognition for the club. "At present," she said, "we are trying to recruit new members and get the word out about what we do. But it's hard to get people motivated and they have to be interested."

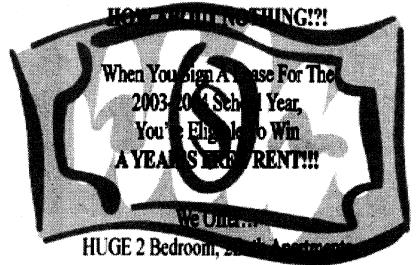
She explained that clubs like SGA carry the bigger name, so they are more widely recognized. Meanwhile, the 35-member ambassadors club does not even have an office and is forced to hold meetings in a vacant classroom. This makes it difficult to recruit members.

"We are active but we are representing PSU outside, not just here," explains treasurer Valerie Crown. She says the majority of the activities happen off campus, so many people do not know about them. However, they believe they should still have their own office, not just a small drawer-size storage facility in the club office.

Jo Ann Coleman, Director of Housing and Food Services, did not respond to our requests for comment about why the Lion Ambassadors do not have an office.

Whatever the future for the ambassadors, they hope to gain new members and continue working within the community. If you are interested in joining the ambassadors, contact Jessica Schally at <u>jls543@psu.edu</u>.





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