

Are the Lion Ambassadors really that unnoticed?

By Stacy De Angelo, Editor in Chief

In the last issue of *The Capital Times* (issue 11, vol. 43), the article entitled "Lion Ambassadors seek office and more visibility on campus" raised some eyebrows. Though the ambassadors feel they are under appreciated and unnoticed, many on campus do not share that opinion. Many feel that the Ambassadors are a strong, well-recognized staple of the PSH community.

When asked if she shared the Ambassador's feeling of under appreciation, advisor Laurie Dobrosky said, "No, I don't think they are under appreciated. Not in the least. However, what they do may go unnoticed as a result of poor publicity, but that isn't anyone's fault, publicity on campus isn't the best." Dobrosky goes on to add, "I feel that the Lion Ambassadors have proven to be great ambassadors of Penn State Harrisburg." Lack of publicity is something that all clubs face, not just the Lion ambassadors. This is largely in part to lack of publicity. Students often breeze or rush past flyers in the halls, throw away the bookmarks that student activities provides, delete the this week that is e-mailed to them and some didn't even realize there is a calendar portion of *The Capital Times*. This is a campus wide problem with no immediate solution.

In fact, the Lion Ambassadors have not been completely over looked; at least not in the 3 years that Dobrosky has been advisor. In that time the Lions have received awards ranging from first place in the Halloween 2002 pumpkin-decorating contest, to awards for excellence in community service and also the "Outstanding Club" award.

One of the main focuses of last issue's article was that of the need for office space. When asked about this, Dr. Janet Widoff of Student Affairs had this to say, "In the new Town Square area, assigned space has been designated for specific clubs that have equipment needs. As the body representing student governance

on campus, the Student Government Association has always had individual office space and this continues. While assigned space has been made for the Capital Times, Photo Club, the Radio Station, and Student Government Association. Individual office areas for each club on campus are not a reality." Dobrosky did agree that the Lion ambassadors could use more office space. "Their blazers, uniforms, lion suits, community service materials, paper work, files and other such things need storage," says Dobrosky. She also added, "they have storage in the alumni office, but they do not have access after the office closes for the evening. After that, they must carry around all need materials until their meetings start. The need more room and better access."

"To assist clubs and organizations, the Student Activities office is looking to consolidate some materials in the existing club workroom cabinets to create more storage space. In addition, the office will investigate the possibility of adding an additional cabinet for expanded storage. All of our student clubs and organizations continually look to marshal resources such as space, money, and supplies to best serve their endeavors. Student Activities, too, will continue to look for ways to provide support for the variety of PSH clubs," said Widoff.

Dobrosky had one last thing to add in regards to the treatment of the Lion Ambassadors, "They are here to serve the campus, what they do goes to further the name of Penn State Harrisburg and they are a great group who does that through leadership skills and team building" Office or no office, the Lion Ambassadors will continue to be a strong force in the PSH club community.

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