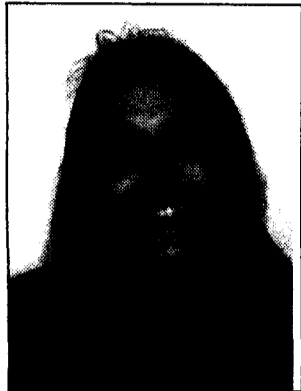




What do you think of the new cafeteria?



...d better here than at other branch campuses. I like the atmosphere too. The new tables are very artsy."

Steve Trott
SDCET

"It's interesting. I like the layout- a lot of windows. The food layout is great too. I don't like where the cash registers are. You just kind of stand there."

Jason Julseth
Criminal Justice

"It's about time. Most people were tired of eating in that dungeon. It attracts a lot of people."

Jason Komykoski
Criminal Justice

"Good stuff. Everything's cool."

Jackie Moroch
Nursing

"I've been in it once. It's better than Hazelton's. They have a nice grill."

Good turnout at clubs' OAB meeting

By LISA O'MALLEY
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, student representatives from 14 Penn State Harrisburg organizations came together to discuss the extracurricular future of PSH at the first Organization Advisory Board (OAB) meeting for the 2003-04 school year. Despite the early morning hour, the student leaders were bright-eyed and ready to breathe life into Penn State Harrisburg.

"The main thing is to get clubs to work together and to give them information," said Anthony Strayer, vice president of the Student Government Association and chair of the Organization Advisory Board. "I'm very pleased with the turnout."

Among those in attendance were Lee Cutchall, SGA president, Rachel Shepherd, Circle K president, Robert Garrett, Psychology Club president and Charlotte Spector, advisor for Alpha Sigma Lambda. Everyone who attended the meeting was informed about the Student Leaders Information Guide, and plans for fundraising were discussed, including the Magical Night of Giving, which takes place at Colonial Park Mall in November, and THON, which was incredibly successful last year.

Every club in attendance had some exciting plans for the year. The Snowboarding and Ski Club is planning ski trips that are open to all students at PSH. Alpha Sigma Lambda will induct its newest members this month and plans to continue its Fox's Market Save and Share rebate program. Alpha Sigma Lambda is also responsible for successful career forums and will continue to host them in the spring. Robert Garrett, president of the Psychology Club, has planned a concert in November. Four bands have signed on for the event thus far.

In addition to fundraisers, school organizations must fulfill a community service requirement. The Penn State Professional Engineers and Contractors will be involved with Habitat for Humanity this year, and Circle K will make dinner at The Ronald McDonald House. Clubs can also volunteer at Fall Fest '03, which will take place on Oct. 21. Volunteers are needed for

face-painting and pumpkin carving, among other activities.

With so many plans in the works, the overall feeling among organization leaders is one of optimism. Last year, the Organization Advisory Board had a difficult time getting student leaders together. In fact,

they had to settle for e-mail correspondence. There are over 40 student clubs and organizations at Penn State Harrisburg, many of them are dormant. For example, the Young Republicans and Democrats Association are not active until an election year. However, despite the grim statistics, things are looking up this year.

"A lot of clubs seem to have several events planned already with a good amount of student participation. Some clubs are already working together," said Strayer. "This is outstanding. Much better than last year. Everyone is happy and motivated."

Shepherd is also excited about the events planned for the upcoming year and credits the SGA with the success of the meeting.

"We have a great SGA, and that makes for great leadership as a whole," said Shepherd.

With such an overall optimistic attitude, this year is destined to be one full of excitement, thanks to the students and leaders.

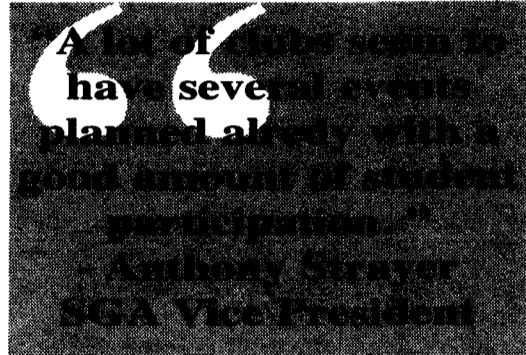


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SGA Vice President Anthony Strayer and SGA President Lee Cutchall listen intently as Janet Widoff speaks to the club representatives