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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT SGA PRESIDENT?

Though nobody has volunteered to run for other offices of Student Government, SGA will at least have competition for the presidency. Both candidates, Rodney Horton and Michael Green, are geared for the race with platforms that focus on enhancing student-life at Penn State Harrisburg.

Rodney Horton's goal in office is to deal with what he foresees as a troubling issue on campus – student apathy. If elected, Horton said he will meet with the executive board to discuss the implementation of his plan called Operation Increase.

"The operation will deal with club presidents gathering together to market their clubs during student orientation and Clubfest, moreover urging faculty to inform students of clubs and club meetings on campus," said Horton. "It is important that clubs have a membership to operate and have a connection with SGA."

Horton also wants to strengthen the Organizational Advisory Board by urging all club presidents to attend the meeting and provide an input that will better the student body. Horton also wants to have a club orientation for new clubs on campus so that they are aware of the procedures when asking for money and the "do's and don'ts" for projects that they plan to complete.

Finally, Horton's plan is to fill all vacancies in the SGA, including the Student Court, before summer. "My plan is to immediately fill a vacancy that occurs during my term in office," said Horton. "I will not stall in the process of effective democracy."

Michael Green has a similar plan in mind, however, he would like to focus more on the entire Penn State community. Green wants to work with students, organizations, staff and the community to create more activities and events for students and become more efficient with the limited resources on campus. Green believes the SGA could more efficiently serve the students in addressing questions and concerns about Penn State Harrisburg

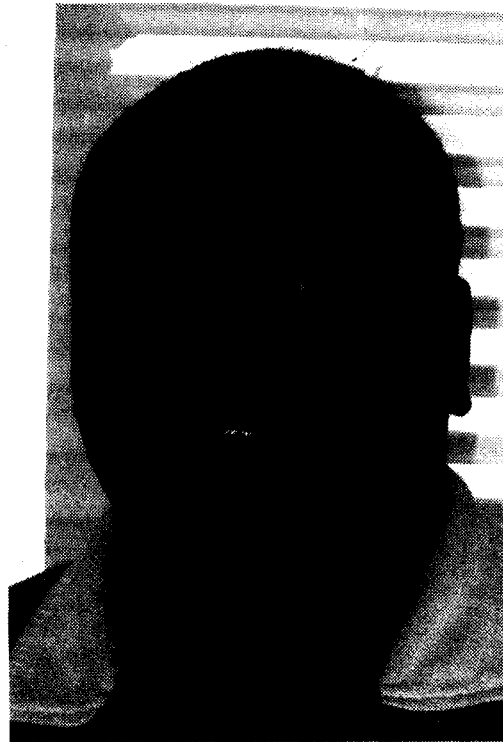
"Penn State's motto is 'making life better,' and nowhere is that more important than student government," said Green. "From funding student organizations to answering student concerns, student government is a service to students that is provided by other students."

Included in Green's platform is making a stronger connection to other campuses and share in their student resources and events as well as setting up a cen-



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tral location to learn about outside events that concern students including events at University Park and local job fairs. Green wants to help bridge the gap between this campus and the local region around us, from eateries to internships.

"The SGA deals with matters as simple as local eateries that offer student discounts, or as complex as longer hours for student services," he said. Overall, Green wants to inform students as much as possible about their options and opportunities at Penn State Harrisburg.

Both Horton and Green have experience with government. Horton is the chairman of the College Republicans, a member of the Student Court, a student representative to the University Faculty Senate and the Capital College Faculty Senate. Green served on the *Capital Times* student newspaper at Penn State Harrisburg and the Schuylkill newspaper reporting on student government. He has worked with local communities and represented the student body at faculty events.

Green said, "At this point, we have to look at the long-term, since we are a growing campus, we're having changes such as the move to the four-year programs, more housing and more majors. Of course, this affects students, and it would be my job to hear concerns and to answer them."



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