

Editor's comments

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It has been brought to my attention that we forgot to give recognition to those who have been instrumental in helping international students on Capital Campus. I assure you all we did not intentionally exclude any of the amazing staff that work in this program. Many of the staff help international students become acclimated with the campus and to the U.S. So let me take this time to thank all of you for your service to the international students and to this campus.

Next item of business: The Capital Times staff joins me in thanking Robert Brinkley, Mike Lackey, Cathrine Rios and Peter Kareithi for causing a ruckus in the IT department to get the Cap Times a few new computers. Our current equipment is so old and useless - new computers will really help us get the paper in shape.

I also wanted to talk about the alumni weekend events. The bathtub races alone were really cool.

We are in desperate need of material. Please send in any ideas you may have for the newspaper. We especially need help with the Professor Spotlight feature. Anyone with a prof. who really deserves recognition let us know via email or phone (contact information is at the bottom of my comments.)

Last night, or should I say this morning, as I was leaving the office around 1:30 a.m. I was pulled over by the Campus Police. Let me just remind everyone that speed limit is enforced twenty-four hours a day 7 days a week and they are out there.

Although I received only a written warning I still feel like it would have been wrong for any student to have to pay a fine on top of the outrageous tuition hikes and book store prices. In addition, I am now going to be in the infamous Police Report, so look for my citation in the next issue in the Police Report section.

Why can't we all just speed around without consequences? That's what college is all about...right? Well anyway, look out for the Campus Police, even at 4 a.m. because they are

watching.

I really hope the Physical Plant is gearing up for the next snow storm because if I can't see those lines in the parking lot I just may take up more than one space.

By the way, I wanted to also take this space to thank my wonderful staff for haulin a\$@ this week to get this paper done. I recently hired two new assistant editors and they are wonderful. I don't even need to be in here anymore and the work just magically gets done. So thanks Kelly, Sharon, Tom, Dan, Maruja, and Jen for all of your help and dedication to the paper. You guys make working on this paper fun instead of work.

One more thing I wanted to discuss is the apartments over in the Village. I entered one of the "dorm rooms" the other day and I must say this is an outrage. What happened to dorm rooms the size of your closet and sharing a bathroom with 40 other women? These "dorms" are really nice, just like a real apartment. Well that's it I'm moving in here.

Well until next time...

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New SGA Senators speak their mind

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New freshman and junior senators have been elected to the Penn State Harrisburg Student Government Association.

The two new freshman senators of SGA are Stacey Fox and Erin Moskalczak, and the three new junior senators are Nichole Dellinger, Osman Abdalla and Stephen O'Holla. All but one of the candidates, Nichole Dellinger, ran unopposed.

"They're going to be an outspoken bunch," said Rodney Horton, SGA president. "They all have their own opinions."

Stacey Fox, 18, initially ran for freshman senator because she wanted to get involved and to vote on important PSH issues. "...This is all new to me, but I will give 110 percent to anything that is thrown at me," said Fox. The new group of senators, she believes, will make a great team and is interested in making a difference. "I believe if we didn't have an SGA, the participation in clubs and organizations would suffer greatly," she said. Fox is an accounting major in the School of Business.

Also a new freshman senator, Erin Moskalczak wants to be able to get the freshman more active and help them reach their expectations. She decided to run for senator after seeing how much the position benefited her older brother. "My older brother is in SGA at another campus," she said, "and it led to many new opportunities for him. I was jealous of him. I also wanted to become involved on campus and I loved being on student government in the past." Moskalczak, 18, is a communications major in the School of Humanities.

Nichole Dellinger, 20, is a junior psychology major in the School of Behavioral Science. She was the only senatorial candidate with an opponent and beat out fellow junior Kristen Hicks by a slim margin of 54.5 percent to 45.4 percent. As a senator, Dellinger hopes to try to get more student activities set up on campus. "Students are so bored here. There's nothing to do," she said. Dellinger ran for SGA to become more involved with

school.

Osman Abdalla is not new to student leadership. During his years at Harrisburg Area Community College, he was a SGA senator and the president of the International Awareness Club. As a PSH senator, he plans "to create more learning seminars that cover leadership topics or related topics a leader would be interested in." Abdalla, 25, originally decided to run for senator because he wanted to develop his own leadership skills. He is a science and technology major in the School of Business.

Finally, Stephen O'Holla, 20, is a junior communications major in the School of Humanities. "For



Photo by Kelly Nagurny

Newly elected SGA senators pose for a quick picture with SGA vice president JoVon Hill. These senators were elected using the new online voting system.

Horton offered some precious words of advice to the new SGA senators in the form of a slogan that he often applies to his own position in SGA. "Don't take it personal." People will always disagree on issues, he said, but that is a big part of what SGA is all about.

This year's election was carried out for the first time on the Internet, which ensured ease and accuracy. In the past, paper ballots were used, which took longer to count, used a lot of paper and were not as accurate. The online method also guaran-

teed that candidates were only voted for by people in their class. In the past, SGA has faced the problem of members of other classes voting for candidates.

The online voting method helped somewhat with voter turnout, however it did not make a significant difference, said Horton. "Nobody wants to be involved," he added.

"I would say the freshman turned out 70 percent more than juniors or grad students," said Horton. As a result, he plans to aim next year's voting campaign at residents instead of commuters and graduate students.

"They're going to be an outspoken bunch. They all have their own opinions."
-SGA President Rodney Horton

tee, sitting in the back, hoping that someone else does something to help others is not an option," he said on deciding to run for SGA. "I truly care about the future of this campus, in addition to the success of each student. Therefore, I would like them to feel that Penn State Harrisburg has something to offer to each of them." O'Holla plans to work to educate PSH students about SGA and what it can do for them. He also said that students should feel free to approach the SGA with any problems or concerns they would like to resolve. "We have a great team this year," he added. "I think we will accomplish all we set our minds to."

Graduate students were also given the opportunity to vote this year, but not for senators. Instead, they could vote to have class representation or not. Of those who voted, 90.9 percent wanted representation, while 9.46 percent did not.

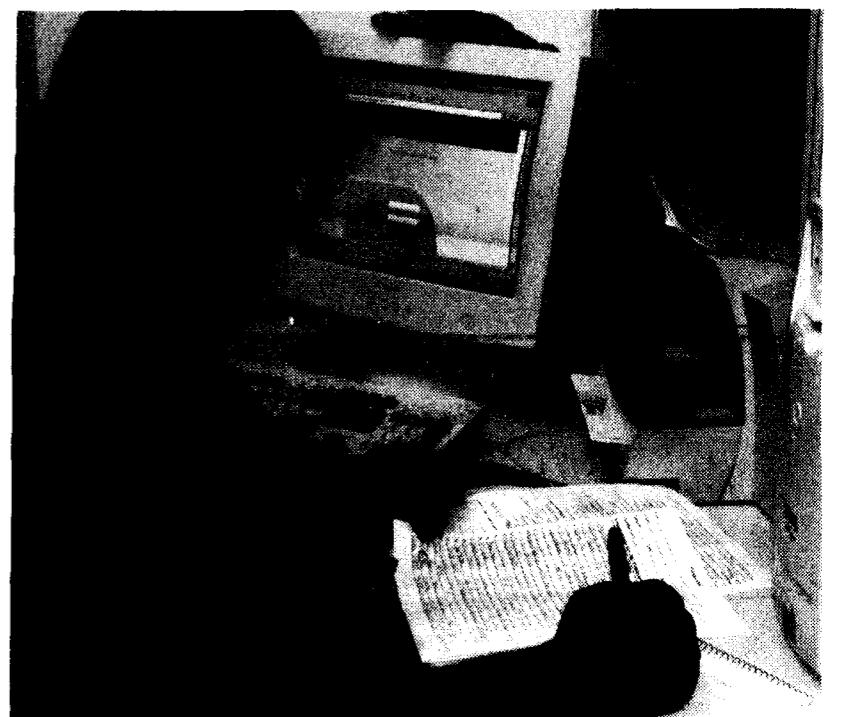


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Rodney Horton, SGA president, calls the new online voting system a success.

Dr. Napoli maintains balance between work and play

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dents and motivate them to be their best.

Dr. Napoli was born in Dover, New Jersey and moved several times in her childhood, due to her father's job. Her father was a civilian engineer for the U. S. government. Dr. Napoli explained that she has one sibling, a younger sister named Victoria, with who she has a very close relationship with.

After graduating from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania in 1991 with a B.S. in Elementary Education, Dr. Napoli began teaching kindergarten at Pocono Mountain School District. She told me that she was then "promoted" to the first grade. Although Dr. Napoli truly enjoyed teaching the younger grades, she had always pictured herself teaching in either fourth, fifth or sixth grade.

She attended Marywood University and received her M.S. in Reading Education in 1997. In

2003, Dr. Napoli finished her program to receive her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Language and Literacy and a minor in Women's Studies at Penn State University.

Dr. Napoli can often be seen around campus, pushing a cart full of children's books. This is because she teaches a Children's Literature course for Elementary Education majors. She also teaches a Language Arts class for Elementary Education majors, and a Children's Literature class for graduate students at Penn State Harrisburg. This is her second year teaching at Penn State and she taught at Elizabethtown College prior to Penn State.

Besides teaching classes, Dr. Napoli also assists Dr. Fortner with heading Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society for education majors. She is chairing on the Lee Bennett Hopkins poetry award committee through the Pennsylvania Center for the

Book. Dr. Napoli is also a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, and for the next three years she is a member of the International Reading Association (IRA). She attended her first professional conference, after being encouraged by one of her professors, as an undergraduate student and has been going ever since.

I asked Dr. Napoli what was in her cd player, and as it turns out, she has a five disk player, so she gave me a list of different Jazz musicians. She usually listens to people like Miles Davis and Elvis Costell, although she does admit to turning the radio on and listening to Pink and Avril Lavigne on occasion.

"If you wake up one morning and think that you know it all, that's when you need to get out of the business," is a quote that Dr. Napoli emphasizes often about teachers. She says there is always more to learn about teaching.

One experience that Dr. Napoli

thought was wonderful when she was teaching elementary school was to design her own classroom. She was able to design the room to her liking. She was able to choose everything from the color of the walls to the type of tables in the room. She was also part of a group that organized a Family Math Night that attracted about two hundred people, both young and old.

Besides teaching, Dr. Napoli enjoys swimming and walking. She has a membership at Gold's Gym and is waiting for the membership to run out before she starts using the brand new pool on campus. She said that she has been thinking about taking a swimming class at Penn State. She also enjoys cooking, when she can find the time, as well as traveling when she can. She enjoys going to places like Fort Indiantown Gap, and has been to Italy, England and Puerto Rico. She said that she would really like to visit Australia some day



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too. When asked what her biggest accomplishment was, Dr. Napoli had to think for a minute. She then told me that as far as her personal life, she would say that her best accomplishment was maintaining a balance between friends and work. She feels that

as far as her professional side, she is still growing as a professional and always will be.

So, when you see Dr. Napoli walking across campus with her children's books or swimming in the pool, give her a wave and tell her that you saw her in the Professor Spotlight.

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