

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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As you read through the paper you may notice that we decided not to write the "Where's the Cheese" article in lieu of some upcoming additions to Stacks Market. While these additions may be a result of some complaining in my previous editor's comments, I'll take it any way I can. As you all know, I have long been an advocate for the arrival of the Grilled Cheese. Therefore, I will thank in advance those who have given into my cries. I believe that grilled cheese and chicken fingers may soon be regular items. Also, I want you all to stop bugging Donna because she doesn't have the answer.

On another note, I have a suggestion for the entertainment committee. Members of my staff and I have brainstormed ideas for utilizing the stage area in the cafeteria. One idea was that we hold regular open-mic nights for students who are musically talented or at least think they are. As a shoot off of that idea we thought karaoke night would also be fun. In a letter to the editor SGA president, Rodney Horton expresses his anger about student apathy. While the entertainment committee does a great job at booking events for the campus, these are just suggestions for wintertime activities for people like my staff (who are always here anyway).

THON is quickly approaching and I hope all of you are going to travel the two hours to State College to lend your support. If you can't make the trip, you can help support kids with cancer by donating \$1 to THON this week. You can make your donation by



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dropping large bills into the silver box outside the Capital Times office, E-126, or find any of the SGA, Circle K, and Cap. Times members around the campus with their donation cans. Lets do it "For the Kids."

Maruja Rosario will be our PSH dancer at THON this year. She is gearing up for the 48 hour dance-a-thon which includes some last minute fund raising. Rosario is a member of Lion Ambassadors, SGA, and The Capital Times.

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SGA update

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After taking a week away from the typical voting meeting to hold an informal caucus meeting, the Student Government Association was back to taking care of school business on January 27.

Always attempting to better the college experience for all students at Penn State Harrisburg, President Rodney Horton and Senior Senator of Public Affairs Robert Kikola thought it would be best to first start taking care of problems internally, meaning the SGA constitution.

Under Resolution #1 of 2005, the constitution will undergo a complete overhaul, fixing problems that range from minor, such as poor grammar or spelling, to major issues, such as direct contradictions. The executive board,

three other elected senators, and three justices will form the committee in charge of correcting and rewriting the constitution. Horton and Kikola were adamant that all branches; executive, legislative, and judicial, would be able to have input into the final draft.

Besides focusing on its own constitution, the SGA was presented with the Harrisburg Anime Association's (HAA) constitution by the judicial branch, which approved its content. Members of HAA had introduced themselves and the organization prior to the vote and waited in the gallery for the final vote. The Senate unanimously ratified the constitution, making the club official.

On February 3, SGA faced 11 outstanding budgets and the decision to either allocate or resend to the finance committee.

Out of the 11 proposed budgets, only one was resent to the finance committee while the other two were completely declined. They also ratified two more constitutions.

SGA also nominated and elected the three senators to represent the legislative branch at the constitutional convention; Freshman Senator Stephen Stanton, Junior Senator Stephen O'Holla, and Kikola.

SGA also allocated \$250 from their unrestricted account towards THON. The allocation sparked some fire from Horton and Senior Senator-at-Large Marquita Giles, however, the allocation nonetheless passed without opposition.

At the end of the meeting, Horton made a decision to remove Paul Fogle from his position of Senate chair. Horton had a variety of reasons for the dis-

missal, including Fogle holding more than one officer position, which is against SGA policy.

SUPPORT THON!

Maruja Rosario will dance at the 2005 THON to raise money for kids with cancer.

Donate money to sponsor your fellow PSH student outside The Capital Times office or in the cans all over campus during "Dollar Days" the week of Feb. 7.

"FOR THE KIDS!"

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

As President of the Student Government Association, I am saddened by the rumors that I am hearing regarding the unity among on-campus residents.

I am told that certain buildings have a grudge toward one another. If this is true, I am respectfully asking the individuals that are involved to cease in the creation of campus dissension.

How can you expect me to represent you when we are not united in the cause to better our campus community? We ALL pay the SAME amount of MONEY to live on campus, and according to OUR bills we are equal in the eyes of

Housing and Food Services.

It does not matter whether a person is right out of high school or returning for another semester - WE ARE PENN STATE (point-blank-period)!

As your President I urge my fellow students to live and operate by these simple points of courtesy:

1. After 10:00pm - please have respect for the student living above or below you, after all WE all come here for a reason.

2. Clean up after yourself - let US take pride in OUR clean campus community.

3. value each other - I value the freshmen that have arrived this year. They are a

part of Penn State Harrisburg (now more than ever). I also value those that have been here longer because they know a bit more about the campus than I do (even as President).

4. END APATHY! The dead weekends and events begin and start with you. As President of SGA and Co-Chair of the Student Activities Fee Committee, I can attest that events are being planned on campus. However, I can attest that next to no one attends. Even more, I can bear witness the countless number of complaints claiming "there's nothing to do." We make an effort - I urge on-campus residents to make the same effort that is being put in place for you.

5. FELLOWSHIP! Get to know your neighbors - how you may say? Hang out at the Community Center - get to know your C.A.s. after all they (truly) want the best for you (that I can attest to as well).

6. After following steps 1-5, there will not be any time to be involved in campus dissension, because soon you will have a lot of friends.

ENJOY your campus life. ENJOY being a PSU student. ENJOY spreading campus unity!

May God Bless Penn State Harrisburg!

Rodney Horton
SGA President

Bio prof. fits teaching into busy schedule

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n't even have pencils." Some of the time, lessons were taught by drawing in the dirt using sticks. Francy also taught at the Outward Bound School in Malaysian Borneo, instructing self-confidence and team-building activities, jungle trekking expeditions, and sailing.

Francy spent the past two summers in Los Angeles, CA instructing advanced high school students for the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Program. In her life, Francy has visited 34 countries and at least half of the United States. Her favorite country to visit is Thailand, and she loves food from India, although it does not beat a chicken finger sub from her hometown, Buffalo, NY. She also enjoys a glass of chocolate milk with her breakfast cereal.

Right now, Francy and her rescued kitten Ying, live in Hershey, near the Hershey Medical Center. She spends most of her time doing cancer research at the center, studying the effects of the enzyme sphingosine kinase

on tumor cell growth. This is believed to be an enzyme that, when overproduced, causes tumor cells to grow. Ultimately, Francy's team is trying to develop a drug that will stop the overproduction of this enzyme. Francy loves science because of the idea that you can discover something unique, especially cures to diseases. "I would like to create a positive impact through science on health in developing countries," she said. She decided to do research because she was interested in the medical field, however, she did not want the emotional pressure of patients. "I didn't want to deal with blood and guts all the time," said Francy. Her other experiences in pharmacology include internships with the New York State Department of Health, Wadsworth Center for Laboratories and Research, and Aventis Pharmaceuticals, who manufacture the allergy drug, Allegra.

The Ph.D. program at Hershey Medical Center brought Francy to the Harrisburg area. During the four years she has been researching and working towards her doctorate degree,

she also earned her MBA at Penn State Harrisburg, tuition-free. After graduating last semester, she remained on the Penn State Harrisburg campus, this time as an instructor, to teach the 4 credit class, BIOL220W, Biology of Molecules and Cells. Only nine students are enrolled in this class. Despite the small class size, Francy's interest in the subject and the caliber of the students make the class enjoyable for her to teach. Francy especially enjoys the laboratory portion of the class. She takes pleasure in observing the students and watching them work through their problems.

The class size also allows for a great deal of informality. At the beginning of a class dedicated to cell anatomy, Francy opened the lecture by playing the Phish song "Golgi Apparatus," which is also an organelle of a cell. Francy admitted that when she prepares for the lectures, she sometimes has to re-learn some classroom information. "It's actually very good for my research," said Francy.

Wendy Pogozelski, Francy's advisor and teacher at the State University of New York, influ-



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PSH biology instructor Jacquelyn M. Francy has an interest in other cultures and travel. Francy taught high school students in The Gambia, West Africa, and has also taught in Malaysian Borneo.

enced her to be the woman she is today. She considers Pogozelski to be a good role model as a woman in science. Pogozelski allowed Francy to do some "clumsy" research in her own lab, supported her decision to join the Peace Corps, and

encouraged her to continue with her science education and research when it was complete. Complications with her Ph.D. program may throw a monkey wrench into Francy's instructing career at Penn State Harrisburg. Since she is supposed to be

researching full time, her rigid schedule will not allow much time for part time instruction. However, Francy would like to continue with the instruction in future semesters and positively said, "If I can figure out a way to do it, I will."

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