

Professor Spotlight

Professor takes no-nonsense approach to classroom teaching

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Enjoying one's career has been linked to a positive quality of life experience. PSH instructor in Philosophy and Humanities J. Craig Haas gets much pleasure from his career and falls proudly into that category.

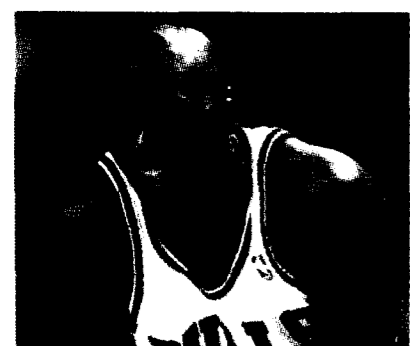
Haas, 48, has been a professor for almost 12 years and is very content to spend his life as a teacher. He said that teaching is what he does best and his position at PSH requires that teaching be his primary concern.

"I certainly would like to make a career of teaching at the university level, whether at PSH or some other enjoyable location," said Haas. "I like Penn State Harrisburg and the people I work with. Plus it keeps my kids near their grandparents, which I think is irreplaceable."

Haas said that he receives his greatest sense of satisfaction when he knows he has made an impact on a student.

"(It's good) when I can give students something that makes a difference in their lives on an intellectual or spiritual level," said Haas. "Sometimes it's just helping them to think more clearly, but it might also be clearing up confusion about a problem, providing a missing piece to a puzzle, or removing

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Edwards elected, Horton outraged

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The results of the Student Government elections, announced late Wednesday night, yielded a plethora of emotions from SGA members. The emotions continued to flow vibrantly through into Thursday's SGA meeting.

Michael Edwards, SGA's former public relations officer, was elected President Elect of SGA. Edwards will officially take office in two weeks.

Edwards, a freshman Social Studies Education major, decided to run for office at the very last minute. With only two days of active campaigning, Edwards managed to receive 146 votes. Although a majority of the voting student body had faith in Edwards, that feeling is not echoed by some members of SGA, including the current SGA president, Rodney Horton.

When asked 'do you think Mike will make a good president?' Horton said sharply "absolutely not."

"I wouldn't be surprised if the next senate has to carry their president," said Horton. "If you're not faithful in the little things, you aren't going to be faithful on what really counts."

Horton gave examples of a number of small tasks Edwards was given throughout his term as public relations officer, which he did not complete. Horton said he is sure that Edwards is not responsible enough to handle the position of president of SGA.

Horton was still hopeful on

Wednesday night that the Senate could overturn the election results at the meeting the following day.

The SGA's regular meeting turned out to be a heated debate about Edwards' capability and campaigning tactics. Paul

Brian Craig, SGA chief justice.

The Senate members began to speak on the issue, each stating his or her own opinion of Edwards' ability to serve as president.

"I am hearing a lot of things that make me uncomfortable," said

the vote, including SGA Vice President, JoVon Hill. At that time, Horton certified the election results for SGA President.

Many senators spoke on Edwards' behalf during the Senate discussion, including Senior Senator of Business Michael Green, Junior Senator of Behavioral Sciences Nichole Dellinger and Craig.

Edwards said he believes he is ready and responsible enough for the position and is confident that he will do a good job.

"This year is going to be fun and I want everyone to back me up because the only way it will work is with everyone -- SGA, clubs,

Edwards values the work of Horton and is planning to continue much of the current president's work, he has plans to alter a few areas of SGA and build the "togetherness" on campus.

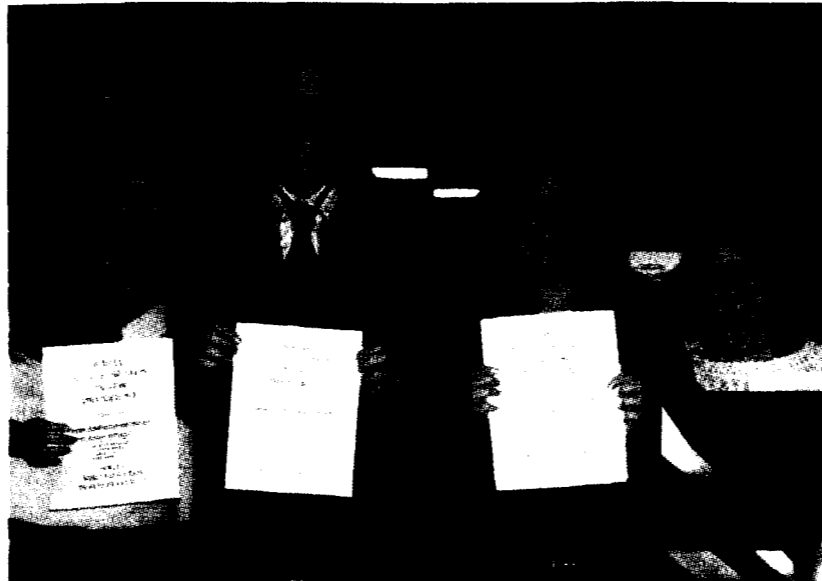
"Rodney did an awesome job and I applaud his efforts, but there are few things that need tweaked," said Edwards. "We need to start listening to students and their needs. We need to allocate funding for clubs and activities fairly and evenly."

Edwards says he is ready to take on the responsibility of president and put this controversy behind him.

"We are trying to mend the SGA back together as a team now," said Edwards. "I'm not the kind of person to hold grudges. Life's too short for that. It's not about political parties; it's about the student and about the campus community."

Chief Justice Craig also said, "This was a heated and contested election and with that comes a lot of strife."

Edwards maintained a positive approach. "I want students to have pride in their school and be proud that they go to Penn State Harrisburg," said Edwards.



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From left, Nichole Dellinger, Michael Edwards, Erin Moskalczak, Andrew Dale and Ariel O'Malley make up the new SGA.

Fogle, presidential candidate and member of the student body, first raised an objection on the basis that his name was misspelled on the ballot, causing a contradiction with his campaign literature, which possibly affected the results.

An objection to certify the election results of the presidential race was given by Senior Senator of Humanities, Maruja Rosario. Rosario said that Edwards' campaigning was coercion, or at the least confusing.

"I saw no problems with the voting system and I believe these results should be accepted," said

Janet Widoff, SGA faculty adviser. Widoff cautioned the Senate that their responsibility was to vote on the validity of the election results and not the capability of Edwards.

After a lengthy discussion about the election, the Senate voted on the issue. Five members of the Senate voted 'yes' to the objection, seven voted 'no' and three members abstained from

faculty, and students -- working together," said Edwards.

Edwards hopes to build student involvement on campus and unite the various campus organizations to become a community. While



Michael Edwards, SGA president elect, pauses for a moment with Rodney Horton, president, after hearing election results.

XGI names its cause

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On Monday, March 28, 2005, members of Penn State Harrisburg's Chi Gamma Iota (XGI) Veteran's fraternity held a press conference at the Capitol Rotunda to announce their latest project. They will be renaming the Newville U.S. Post Office Building in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Randall D. Shughart.

XGI is petitioning Congressman Bill Shuster of the Ninth Congressional District to re-name the Post Office.

Sergeant First Class Shughart grew up in Newville, PA, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1976. He joined the U.S. Army and served as a Delta Force Sniper. He was killed during combat operations in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Oct. 3, 1993.

Shughart was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor along with Master Sergeant Gary Gordon for their heroic while attempting to save downed Blackhawk pilot Michael Durant. These events were later depicted in the book and movie "Blackhawk Down."

Attending the press conference were various residents of Newville,

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PSH parking fees could accelerate

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Days after Middletown Area School District (MASD) proposed to tax fee parking within the district; both Penn State Harrisburg and Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) are reviewing the proposal to determine its impact.

"Quite frankly, the college and the university need time to review the proposal and its effect on our faculty, staff and students," said Steve Hevner, spokesperson for PSH.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority, which owns and operates HIA, said the authority would wait to decide whether to take action.

"If they pass it in April, we'll have our attorneys look at it and go from there," said Scott Miller.

The comments came two days after the MASD School Board voted 8-1 on March 7 to advertise a ten percent tax on all fee parking within its boundaries, which encompass Middletown Borough, Royalton Borough and Lower Swatara Twp.

The proposal is scheduled for a final vote at the board's April 25 meeting. If approved, the increase would affect parking fees at Cramer Airport Parking, HIA, PSH, and Middletown Area High School.

The tax would not apply to residential parking.

"State funding for education has



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The Middletown Area School District has proposed to tax fee parking within the district; PSH is currently reviewing the proposal and its impact on faculty, staff and students who park on campus.

not kept pace with the needs of our students," said Dr. Audrey Utley, MASD superintendent, in a press release. "This tax provides an important opportunity for the school district to increase revenue without adding to the tax burden for our property owners."

Utley said the tax would raise revenue from PSH and HIA, both of which occupy properties that are exempt from real estate taxes. She estimated the properties would yield \$2.2 million each year for the district if they were taxable.

Cramer Airport Parking, unlike PSH and HIA, is not tax exempt. Utley said the tax must be evenly applied on all fee parking and that

no one can be exempted.

A Cramer Airport Parking official had no comment on the issue.

If the tax were approved, Cramer's \$5 daily parking fee would increase by 50 cents, as would the fee at HIA's SmartPark lot.

HIA's daily fee for short-term parking would increase \$1.40 to \$1.54. Miller said the average stay for a traveler at HIA's long-term lot is 4-1/2 days, which means they would pay an average of \$2.50 more.

As for PSH, at least one student was unhappy with the news of a possible tax increase. While Kathryn Herr, a senior communications

major, understands the need to fund education, she does not think taxing other students is the answer. "Tax the big corporations," said Herr. "They

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