

CLUB NEWS

SGA UPDATE

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Since their return from break, the Student Government Association has discussed plans of significant change for the Penn State Harrisburg student body. They've also undergone changes within the body of their organization.

PSH Chancellor Madlyn Hanes attended the January 25 meeting and informed the SGA of both the positive statistics for the PSH student body and renovation plans for the Olmsted building. Chancellor Hanes began her discussion by congratulating the SGA for representing the student body. She encouraged the SGA to show leadership and responsibility by continuing to welcome new students and their ideas.

According to the Chancellor, at least within the first two weeks of the semester, the Capitol Campus has the largest enrollment of any Penn State campus outside of University Park. PSH also has the largest number of graduate students anywhere within the University. Chancellor Hanes also applauded the Capitol Campus for its 80 percent retention rate for first semester freshman through the time they are first semester juniors. Even more remarkable, said Hanes, is the 86 percent retention rate for first semester junior transfers through graduation at the campus.

The Chancellor then explained that construction on the front entrance of the Olmsted building will begin after finals this May. Plans for the Olmsted building include extending the front entrance of the building to connect it to the same path as the campus' other academic buildings. She said that this construction will likely commence about six months after the start of the Fall semester. She believes that while this will inconvenience students, the results will be worth it.

Chancellor Hanes said the first floor of the Olmsted building will have a larger lobby with "lots of sunshine," and the extra room on the extended second floor will be a conference center. Along with the start of construction, smoking near any of the building's entrances will be permanently prohibited. It will likely be restricted to parking areas only although the creation of a smokers' gazebo is being considered. The Chancellor explained that she wants students to enjoy the renovated entrance to the Olmsted building.

Along with the Chancellor's news, the SGA has undergone changes of its own. Former Chief Justice of the Student Court resigned and sent a letter of apology for "taking so long to admit to not being able to handle the responsibilities of a job, being a graduate student and his role as the Chief Justice. His resignation was approved at the January 18 meeting. At the following meeting, senator Paul Fogle announced his resignation.

Following his resignation, president Ariel O'Malley nominated him for the vacant Chief Justice position. The senators voted and Fogle was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the Student Court. The Student court still needs three members. Fogle told the SGA he hopes to "bring back the organization of the Student Court."

Also discussed by the SGA were hopes to change the PSH webpage. PSH has the highest usage rate of Angel among all the campuses in the Penn State system at 83 percent. SGA members would like to help redesign the campus' homepage to make it more interactive, easier to use, better organized and more interesting.

The most wanted club: Kappa Sigma comes to Penn State Harrisburg

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It takes a dedicated man to be a Kappa Sigma: someone who is hard working, diligent and caring; a man who is committed to academics, serving his community and making life long bonds.

Although it is still a little green behind the ears, this new Penn State Harrisburg fraternity has already started to promote its four pillars—Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship and Service. Kappa Sigma has begun to blanket the campus with activities, such as a video game night and a semi-formal 'Snowball' dance. The fraternity has grown from an interest group in late August to a Colony of Kappa Sigma on November 18, 2006.

"We personally would like to setup an established Greek Life here on campus, and provide encouragement to students to stay here all four years rather than go up to University Park after their first two years are over," said Nick Correll, Grand Master of Kappa Sigma.

"We would like for everyone to understand more about what Greek Life and being in a fraternity

Life' here at Penn State Harrisburg." He said. Correll believes that a fraternity is not only formed to have fun, but to serve the community, one of the four pillars of Kappa Sigma. Their service goal, known as the 'Greater Cause', commits them to making a difference in the life of others.



and sorority is all about. This group

of guys will not only be guys I was in a fraternity with, but will be my brothers, my best friends for the rest of my life. I encourage all interested to get involved and embark on the creation of 'Greek

Life' here at Penn State Harrisburg." He said.

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"We currently are helping the THON committee raise money for THON which is the weekend of February 16-18. We will be canning over at Walmart, in downtown Harrisburg, and possibly the Hershey Outlets. Also, thanks to Brother Mike Schweigler who is our Community Service Chair, we will be helping at the Bethesda mission soup line, the Men's Shelter in Harrisburg, Habitat for Humanity, as well as the local school districts in the Harrisburg area."

Correll explained. Even though Kappa Sigma has not wasted a minute serving the campus and Harrisburg area, they are still a new fraternity. Correll sees this is a benefit, stating, "One

thing we try to stress to interested guys is that you will be a founding father. Once we are chartered and become a chapter we will receive a huge plaque which will have every name of all the founding

the plaque with your name on it, and know that you helped start the traditions of Kappa Sigma here at Penn State Harrisburg."

Currently, there are 20 members of Kappa Sigma, but Correll expressed hopes that membership will reach 50 by the end of the semester. "We look for quality men. Kappa Sigma is the oldest fraternity in the world and has well-developed traditions. We look for all interested pledges to look at our four pillars listed above, and ask them...do I agree with, or qualify for each pillar? If they do feel they can fulfill the duties and responsibilities of being a brother of Kappa Sigma, we ask them to pledge."

If you are interested in becoming a brother of Kappa Sigma, you may contact anyone on the executive committee, which includes Nick Correll, Grand Master; Brandon McKenzie, Grand Procurator; Joe Gingrich, Grand Scribe; Bill Thieu, Grand Treasurer; and Andrew Scott, Grand Master of Ceremonies. If you do not know anyone on the committee, stop any brother who is wearing the Kappa Sigma insignia and ask how to pledge.

fathers of the chapter. You can bring your family years down the road to the chapter house and show them



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