

CLUB NEWS

SGA UPDATE

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The students of Penn State Harrisburg have chosen their new Student Government executive board and senators for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Current president and vice president, Ariel O'Malley and Augie Bravo respectively, screened all SGA candidates. According to O'Malley, during the screening process, the president and vice president meet with the candidates to make sure that the candidates understand the election code. Candidates must also provide their platforms and signatures.

Marques Stewart is the president elect and Sahar Safae is the vice president elect. The new senators are Bharat Goel, Nathaniel Hezekiah and Joseph Marks from the School of Business Administration; Acacia Bellamy, Jimmy Brown and Charmaine Edmonds from the School of Public Affairs; Oliver Eisler from the School of Humanities; and Kervens Dorcelly from the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. Accidentally, The School of Engineering senators were not included in Steven Hevner's announcement email and O'Malley said she wasn't sure who won. The School of Engineering senators will be included with the other new senators in the induction meeting.

The new government body will not be sworn in until the April 18 meeting. During that meeting, the current senate must approve the elections. Their pending approval will not be of the election results, but of the election itself. Their approval will verify that the election actually happened. They must also validate that the elections were conducted fairly.

During the March 29 meeting, the senate discussed an end of the year awards ceremony for PSH campus organizations and contributions to the community. The invitations were sent the following Monday. The SGA senate agreed to allocate 1,000 dollars for the ceremony. The ceremony will be held April 26. O'Malley told the senate to plan for between 50 to 75 students plus faculty to attend.

O'Malley then talked about the Spring Luau. She said the SGA usually provides the food and the senate should consider who they would like to cater the event.

At the April 12 meeting, O'Malley announced that Holly Weichman, senator for the School of Humanities, wanted to leave her position in the senate and switch to a position on the Student Court. Weichman said she wants to broaden her experience with the SGA. She said she's enjoyed her time as a senator, but is more interested in social sciences. Weichman has been an active senator since the beginning of the 2006 Fall semester.

"I think it would be a good choice to appoint Holly," said senate leader Drew Selliti. "I believe she'll do a fine job. She's always been fair-minded in the senate."

Selliti also said Weichman spends plenty of time in the SGA office and knows how the SGA is run. He also said she is easy to contact and has worked hard for the SGA.

O'Mally sent Weichman from the room while the senate voted. The senate approved and Student Court Chief Justice Paul Fogle then swore Weichman in.

During the meeting, SGA Community Liaison Craig Dewalt explained the SGA's month-long community service project at the Hershey Medical Center. Each Saturday the SGA is sending individuals to the Child Life Department at the Hospital to complete various tasks.

"It is a great opportunity for the students of our campus to get involved in something meaningful," said Dewalt.

The Child Life Department helps to keep the children entertained and informed during their stay at the hospital.

April 19th 2007



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April 19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29

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BSU brings fashion back with show

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Marilyn Monroe glam, vogue fashions, sexy scenes and scandalous skits were all on the program for the Black Student Union's main event of 2007. Centuries of historical fashions

were on display at the hottest event of the year.

On April 6, 2007, Penn State Harrisburg took a walk through fashion's memory lane with BSU's historical fashion extravaganza, Flashbacks 2007. This second-annual fashion show was held in the student lounge in the CUB with an outstanding turnout of 350 people.

The theme of this show was "Flashbacks" where the audience was taken on a journey back in time, dating all the way back to the 1920s to present day. The mission of BSU was to retell the stories of the people who lived during these decades through the art of fashion.

They also addressed in each decade scenes the major events, fashion, music and attitudes of that period. Their belief is that past pop culture is the foundation of today's lifestyle and wanted to convey that concept to all.

BSU had its first fashion show last year and it was successful, so they decided to make it an annual show. It was fashion show director Ashley Brunson-Jones who asked the committee

to tweak the theme and make it a little more interesting. BSU approved her idea of making the show a historical burlesque, something a little different from the typical fashion show.

BSU did a great job last year, by pulling off their first fashion show with only two coordinators and little time. Brunson-Jones explained that putting a fashion show together is a very tedious and stressful job and she gives praise to anyone who has succeeded in the past.

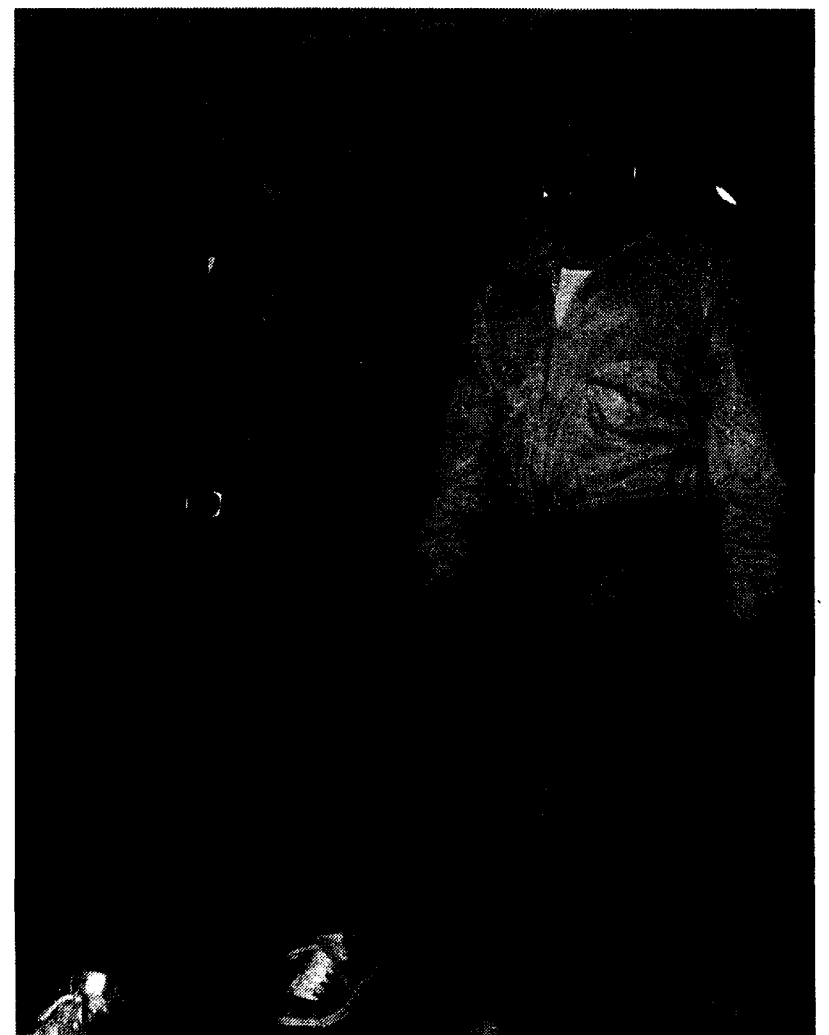
Contrary to last year though, this show was an Extravaganza, which includes music, dance, poetry, and of course, fashion.

The BSU made sure they were prepared. Practices began in January and were held once a week until showing time. Along with the committee's hard work and thirty dedicated models, the fashion show was sponsored by many stores, and was officially supported and funded by Student Activities. Due to all of the outstanding efforts, the fashion show was a huge success.

The Fashion Show Committee consists of the head coordinator Ashley Brunson-Jones; co-coordinators Neil Wray, Mary Banson, Morgan S. Baker, Sharnice Barnett, Vanda Bernadeau, Stephen Williams, and Joseph Brown; and stage director Kervens Dorcelly.

This show was meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for all. Brunson-Jones commented, "I am proud to say that Black Student Union has revamped its image and determined to show their versatility and creativity."

The fashion show did not end there. From 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m., they also held the 80s Baby Throwback After



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Party following the show. DJ Super Nova from Forensic Unit brought back the 80s jams. The fashion crew, audience, family and friends, a total of 200 guests, got into their 1980s attire and ended off the night with the celebration of all their hard work.

With its huge success, the fashion show directors want to give their thanks to all of those who helped, supported, participated and watched the fashion show.

BSU President, Neil Wray-Marsh said, "I believe it was the best turn out for an event on this campus this year due to the variety of attendees from our campus, models families, local community, different campuses and schools, and different cities. Hopefully after I graduate this year someone apart of Black Student Union will be able to carry the torch of what Black Student Union left behind."