

CLUB NEWS

SGA Update

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SGA holds \$17,201.62 in their restricted accounts, \$4,703.41 in their unrestricted accounts and \$3,195.72 in their FAA account.

Last week, SGA held their weekly meeting with a new turn of events. SGA's vice president and president did not find the behaviors of the senators up to SGA standards. They pointed out that some of the senators do not show up to the meetings and don't take their duties seriously.

"This is not monopoly money. This is real money," said the SGA vice president.

After the issue was settled; they briefed on another major issue that had taken place in Jena, La. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Multi Cultural Recruitment International Team co-sponsored and hosted the meeting. They discussed the racial strain that took place involving the Jena 6. Most people know or heard about what happened.

On Sept. 6, 2006, in the small, highly segregated, rural Louisiana town of Jena, a black student asked permission from school administrators to sit under a tree where white students mainly sat. School officials told the black students that they could sit wherever they wanted. The next day, three nooses were hanging from tree. The Jena High School Principle found three white students responsible and recommended expulsion. The white Superintendent over-ruled the principal and gave the students a three-day suspension, saying that the nooses were "a youthful stunt." Blacks decided to resist and organized a sit-in under the tree to protest the lenient treatment given to the noose-hanging white students. District attorney Reed Walters was called later to directly address black students at the school. He told them that he could "end their life with a stroke of the pen."

"This is an American outrage that demonstrates the continuing shame of racial division in our country," said Chairman Julian Bond.

If you want more information or would like to see where I got my sources go on to whileseated.org and Snopes.com

The fashion show that was held in Middletown thrift shop went well and everyone who participated did a great job.

SGA is co-sponsoring national card day about how to avoid sexual assault and sexual abuse. They didn't go into much detail, but they did pass out information cards explaining how to reduce your risk and what to do if you are sexually assaulted.

Stuff-A-Plush is coming back to the Harrisburg Campus for the fall and spring semesters. SGA will be holding it in the fall.

The campus radio is getting money for equipment.

The campus is holding a Thon T-shirt design contest. Everyone may participate and the top design chosen will be printed on the T-shirts and sold around campus.

To get clubs in the spirit to raise money, Thon will be holding a competition to see which club can raise the most money. The winning club will get a pizza party.

SGA is hosting a food drive and they need canned goods.

The president was handed articles of impeachment, but there are no further details as of now.

Photo Club was allocated \$115 to various stationary

The SGA reallocated \$400 from Phi Sigma Upsilon's restricted account into the FAA and allocated \$400 from SGA's unrestricted account to the FFA's unrestricted accounts for purchasing gifts from the bookstore for law enforcement officials.

SGA will be taking \$460 out of their restricted account for Field of Screams.

The four diamonds of PSU

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"I've got 5.2 MILLION reasons to be proud to be a Nittany Lion!" exclaimed Craig Dewalt in a Facebook group he created shortly after THON 2007.

Why so many reasons expressed with so much enthusiasm? Because over the cold and sleepless February weekend that many Penn State students recall as the best weekend of their lives, students just like you converge on the Bryce Jordan Center for the single largest student-run philanthropy in the WORLD!

Last year, raising a mind-numbing \$5,240,385.17 for the Four Diamonds Fund at the Hershey Medical Center, THON gave hope to "Four Diamonds families" when they need it most. It lets families know they are not alone.

I'm often asked, "Why is THON so important, exciting and the best part of going to Penn State?" Well, in each issue until THON 2008 (February 22-24) I will be answering that question by connecting you to the reason we dance – the kids! From families and friends to social workers and child life specialists, there is an army of people behind the Four Diamonds fund and their fight to cure this big bad monster of a disease. But there are four things each kid needs to win their battle and those are the Four Diamonds.

Courage, Wisdom, Honesty and Strength were the virtues each child needs to complete their quest, according to the first Four Diamonds kid, Christopher Millard. Christopher fought his disease for three years, writing a story about it when he was in eighth grade. Sir Millard, bearer of the Diamonus Quandrus, had to battle the evil sorceress Raptenehad. His symbolic

comparisons to his personal battle became the basis of a fund started by



4 Miles for Four Diamonds Walk-a-thon

Photo courtesy of the Four Diamonds Fund

his parents, Charles and Irma, after Christopher lost his fight with the evil of cancer in 1972.

The Four Diamonds Fund, with a

mission of "conquering childhood cancer," started a relationship with the Penn State Dance Marathon in 1977. Since then, tens of millions of dollars have been given to the Fund to help families with the extreme financial burden of cancer.

Cancer is expensive. But as Charles Millard said in a 1997 interview with CBS, "Our patients do not receive bills." The Four Diamonds covers all expenses that the families' insurance will not. In addition to hospital expenses, costs such as travel to and from treatment, emergency expenses and dietary supplements are provided for. The staff includes pediatric oncologists, social workers, child life specialists, a clinical nutritionist and a music therapist. In recent years, the Fund has expanded into groundbreaking research in hopes of one day beating the evil sorceress that our hero, Christopher, could not.

Over the years, Christopher's

message and the Millard's mission as resonated with so many people that last year, over 30 other schools in the state held "mini-thons" to help support the fund. Just a few weeks ago was the first annual "Four Miles for Four Diamonds" walk in front of the Medical Center. Every group that raises money and awareness for the Fund is essential to helping these families who are "Living on a Prayer." You, Penn State Harrisburg are no different. Our committees will make every effort to get you involved. From monthly canning trips to knocking on doors to good old fashion letter writing, there is a HUGE amount of fun that you can be part of. If you'd like to be added to the Angel group, email me at awp5038@psu.edu. Also, look out for posters, T-shirts and other THON-related announcements around campus.

Every person that gets involved gets us one step closer to a cure. So *Show Off Your Diamonds.*

Anatomy of Social Justice: Still Dreaming

Poster content by Penn State Harrisburg's Diversity & Educational Equity Committee

All submissions must:
be submitted in JPEG format high resolution (e-mail or CD)

Submit to Donna Howard by Nov. 15
(E-131 Olmsted Building or dhoward@psu.edu
- if submitted via e-mail use "MLK poster submission"
as subject line)

Open to all students, faculty and staff

Winner will receive **\$100**

the poster will be used on campus to celebrate MLK Jr.
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