

# CLUB NEWS

## Meet the SGA candidates

Press Release  
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For the past semester I, Marty Santalucia, have served as the Vice President of Penn State Harrisburg's Student Government Association. In this last year the SGA has taken action to overcome the neglect of past administrations who turned your government into an introverted and ineffective organization.

In the last several months we have vocalized the student dissatisfaction with professors who require us to buy exorbitantly priced text books when their older, less expensive counter parts would educate us just as well. We have stood up and fought to maintain what little universally free time we have as schedules slowly encroach on our common hours. And finally, we have taken the very first steps in breaking down the walls between clubs to form not sixty individual student groups but one proud campus.

These strides toward a student centered student government must be continued through this upcoming year if we are going to be successful in building a strong campus community which incorporates the diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and ideas we provide. Because of these challenges, and my desire to see Penn State Harrisburg come together as a unified community I have decided to run for President of the Student Government Association.

On the mind of every student is the constant cost of going to school. As a student body, we can work with the campus to alleviate some of this burden by chipping away at the costs of going to college other than tuition itself. This semester saw the passing of a resolution which asked the campus to take action on the assignment of new textbooks. Unfortunately, that is all there is right now – a recommendation. Without the follow through of a President who not only pushed for, but authored that student legislation, it will remain just that – a recommendation. Exploring other routes to lower costs is also very important and would be a central goal of the Santalucia

Administration.

Our campus has a unique history of, until very recently, only educating juniors, seniors, and graduates. It is because of this history that we now face the very unique situation of incorporating our own culture into an evolving college community and a much more traditional environment. My goal is to help build on this campus the kind of University pride that Penn State is famous for. This goal, however, is only achievable through communication between our campus' most valuable resources, our clubs.

During my term as Vice President I have taken the time to sit down and finally organize the Inter-Club Council to a point which creates a viable means of communications between clubs.

Next year will be a crucial time for the ICC. If the organization is not maintained and usage of the group is not encouraged we will continue to see many isolated groups existing in a fractured campus instead of many students running one community. As President, I would be able to assist the new Vice President in fulfilling their duties and continuing the goals of the current administration.

While I have been in office, the SGA has also passed a resolution calling for the maintenance of disappearing common hours.

My administration would not only focus on maintaining the existing times during which clubs can meet but push for an expansion of these common hours to accommodate students who wish to participate in multiple clubs.

By electing me, Marty Santalucia, to be your next SGA President you are electing a bridge for the gap between the student government and the student body through tough, clear, student centered approaches to the costs of college outside of tuition, utilization of a growing campus population to build a strong campus community, and the expansion of our clubs and their ability to communicate with each other. I am focused on, and dedicated to providing Penn State Harrisburg a student centered student government.

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I would invite you to take a look around Penn State Harrisburg. What has changed for you in the past year? How much of that change is positive? I, Antonios Avramidis am running to represent you, the student body, as your next SGA president. For too long, the SGA has been plagued with incestual relations within itself and other clubs, the position of the presidency being demeaned and degraded. The point of no return for the legitimacy of the presidency is at hand, but it can be saved, and I, Antonios can do it. You deserve more than what you have been given, you deserve change, and most importantly you deserve me, Antonios as your student body leader. Unlike the administrations that have besmirched the name of the SGA, my door will always be open to you. Any issue you have, any gripe, any suggestion, I, Antonios will listen.

With me at the helm, the SGA will not be a reactionary force, but a proactive one. Personal agendas disguised as being beneficial to the student body will be a thing of the past. Legitimacy will resume. Granted, there were policies that some good people of the SGA attempted to pass, but these held no water with the administration. The little done by the executive branch was further reduced. There was a time that SGA was a great source of events and fun to be held around campus, and I, Antonios seek to bring those days back. While many candidates run on the premise of change, they never follow through with their promises, and resort back to exploiting friendships and personal agendas.

As someone who has been in leadership positions throughout their life, I know the pressures and devices used to manipulate leaders, and I, Antonios, will not let these have any bearing on my duties as your SGA president. It is my desire that the Capital Times will no longer run stories regarding impeachment and scandal. The good people of the paper have been burdened with this over the past year, and this will end if I, Antonios am chosen to represent

you.

My opponents may seek to bring opposition to me, because I want to end the spoils system that has run rampant with your SGA, but their opposition is that of desperation, seeking to retain the power they possess as the demagogues of our student body.

I, Antonios have extensive experience being a leader throughout my academic career. In my career as a high school student, I was an organizer of a Model UN run for over six hundred people, and maintained my position until my graduation. While I served my high school under the New Jersey teacher of the year, I was also invited to attend the Global Youth Leadership conference in Washington DC and at the United Nations in NYC.

While surrounded by young leaders from around the world, I was selected to be the president of this astute group of people in representing the world's economic situation on one of the grandest stages in the world, the United Nations. I was also chosen to lead the representation of the state of Israel in this exercise, and fulfilled my promises and duties faithfully. My affinity towards leadership is something that your SGA is in dire need of. While our senate is filled with brilliant and capable people, and our judiciary is under new, strong leadership, the position of president is the only thing holding us back, and this will come to an end if you elect me, Antonios, as your SGA President.

I, Antonios believe that Penn State Harrisburg is facing some large challenges, and with those challenges come great opportunities. If I, Antonios am elected as your SGA president, I can assure you that those challenges will be addressed, and those opportunities seized. I, Antonios, leave you with the following thought. Are you honestly better off with your SGA than you were one year ago? The answer should be clear.

Mistake my fervor not for malice, for I, Antonios, seek to restore and progress the greatness that Penn State Harrisburg once had, and thus, if elected as your SGA president, I will take office with malice towards none, and charity towards all.

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## Koji on the Roof comes to PSH



Since 2002, singer/songwriter Andrew Shiraki has been performing as a solo artist under the name Koji On The Roof. However, within the last year he has been joined by a full band in his outings. In November, the band released the Monsters CD EP, and since then has been writing/recording music and touring with singer Andrew (Koji) Shiraki on acoustic guitar, Chris Sigda on lead guitar, Adam Barr on bass, Al Baldassarre on keyboards, and Brian Eslinger on drums. They have plans to come out with several more projects in 2008, including a split 10-inch vinyl record with Raise Up Roof Beams at the end of May. They will be touring internationally in support of these forthcoming releases. Koji continues to promote community and the arts through his newly formed company, Colormake, and many promising things are sure to come out of all these people and all these experiences.

## Students meet with the Chancellor



On Tuesday, February 26, students were able to meet with Chancellor Madlyn Hanes. Sponsored by the Student Government Association and staffed by the Lion ambassadors, students were invited to eat and chat with Hanes. "I think it is a wonderful opportunity for me to meet people who are not here during the day. A lot of students pass on very good ideas," said Hanes. Pictured in this photo are members of the SGA, (L-R), Kristin Gillead, Kenneth Chan, Dustin Holler, Maurice Blackmon, Chancellor Madlyn Hanes, Nathaniel Hezekiah, Sahar Safaee and Marty Santalucia.