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Neil Leifert



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"I'm an all Penn State kind of guy," said Neil Leifert, adjunct professor for the Humanities Department, who obtained his undergraduate degree in speech and theater at Penn State Abington and University Park, and a master's in American Studies 20 years later here at Harrisburg.

As a professor of Holocaust-related courses, Leifert said he was always interested in the subject because his father was a veteran, but there was never a great epiphany. In eighth grade he read William L. Shirer's book "Rise and fall of the 3rd Reich," who's large bind bore a big black swastika inside of a white circle.

"It's not the kind of book you read cover-to-cover, it's too daunting for that," Leifert said, but that was his moment of knowing if there was one.

Almost immediately after obtaining his graduate degree, Leifert began teaching. In the fall of 1999 he taught his first class at Penn State Berks. In spring of 2000 he was teaching here at Penn State Harrisburg.

Since Leifert has been here at Harrisburg as a professor he has brought many Holocaust-related courses to our line-up. The history of the Holocaust, Holocaust denial, Holocaust depiction in media, and Holocaust film and literature are some of the courses he has personally created.

He has also been involved with Holocaust programs, such as speakers, that have come to campus.

"My wife says I've taken my passion and made a living out of it," Leifert said.

When asked about what he liked best about his job he said the interaction with his students. "The best moments and learning come off the record," Leifert said. He also enjoys exploding the myths that a lot of students have about the Holocaust. Even now Leifert thinks of himself as a student of the Holocaust.

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Election confusion delays progress

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On March 20, with a vote of 156 for Antonios Avramidis and 150 for Martin Santalucia, the student body spoke as to who they wanted to run their Student Government Association. Chaos has surrounded this election within the past few weeks, leaving the student body to wonder who will be in charge come fall.

As it stands, Avramidis is the president elect and will be sworn in at the next SGA meeting on April 3. Avramidis states that he ran for president because he was tired of taking a bystander position on campus and wanted to take a bigger role.

Although no spots for senate positions were contested, the race for president and vice president was heated. Freshman and current SGA Vice President Marty Santalucia brought charges against Avramidis before the elections. The changes were regarding libel, a violation of the SGA election code. The student court heard the case and ruled that the subject matter in the changes was not actually libel. After the close elections, Santalucia brought more charges against Avramidis. Four different counts of election

code violations regarding poster display and electioneering too close to the polling station on the day of

attitude toward the SGA during the whole process. He cited the bible verse, Matthew 5:39 which says to

right thing." Said Avramidis. Avramidis is an out-of-state student from New Jersey who has

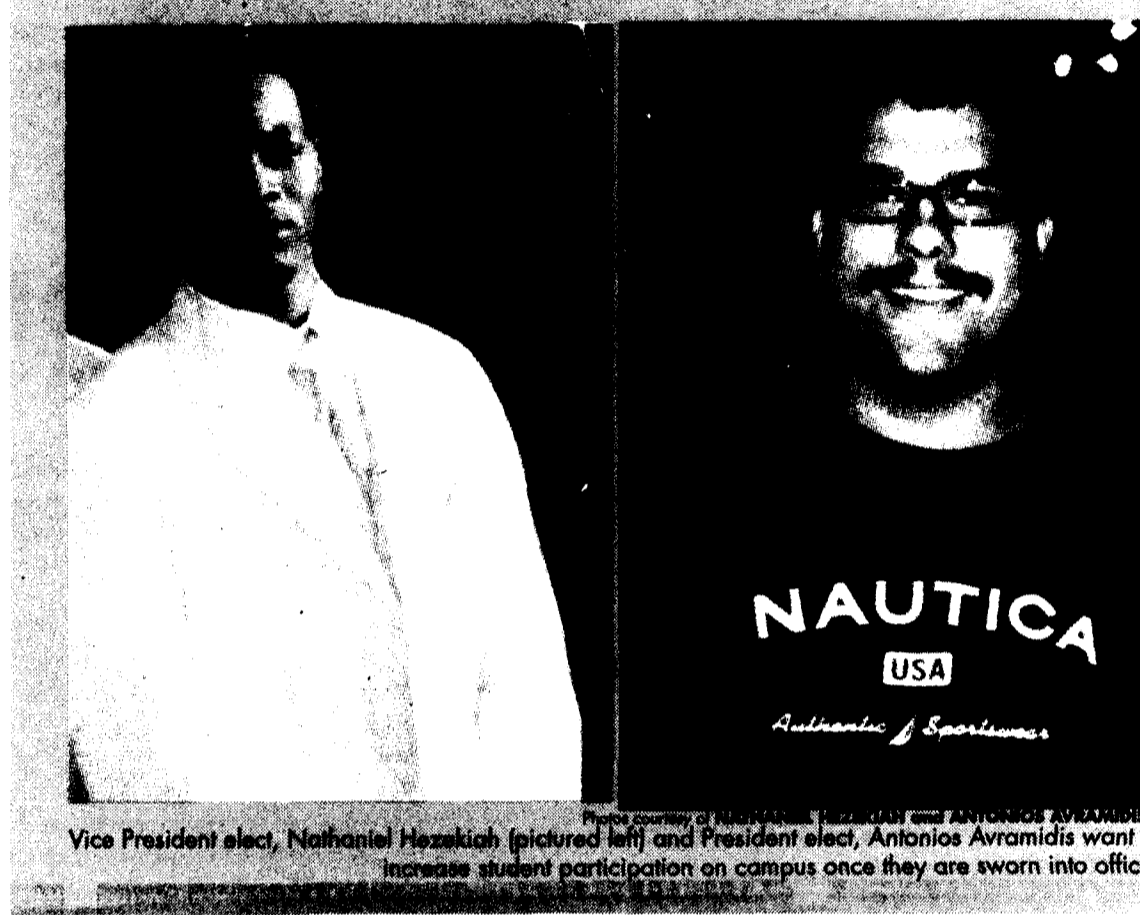
Here at PSH, he has lived on and off campus, and has participated socially and in intramural sports. He has big plans for next year's SGA, wanting to increase student participation in events, increase campus pride and promote diversity and unity. Avramidis suggested the building of a student union building for students to come and "hang out." He also cited the use of better advertising around campus; utilizing Webmail, the televisions and posters.

"Presidents in the past did what they're told, not as they should." Said Avramidis when asked about his goals for the upcoming year.

Vice President elect, Nathaniel Hezekiah ran for the office because he felt that he could help PSH, not just as the Senator of Business, but on a whole. He expressed wishes to involve more clubs in cooperative events as well as improving the image and student knowledge about the SGA.

"I don't feel that events that were witnessed by an Associate Justice of the court is something that you can vote up or down on." Said Santalucia. The changes of electioneering too close to the polling station were witnessed by a justice who was not present at the ruling, so he was

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Vice President elect, Nathaniel Hezekiah (pictured left) and President elect, Antonios Avramidis want to increase student participation on campus once they are sworn into office.

the election were found invalid. Avramidis, a junior political science major, kept a positive

turn the other cheek, which is what he did. "I was confident they would do the

participated in high school model united nations as well as sports and held numerous leadership positions.

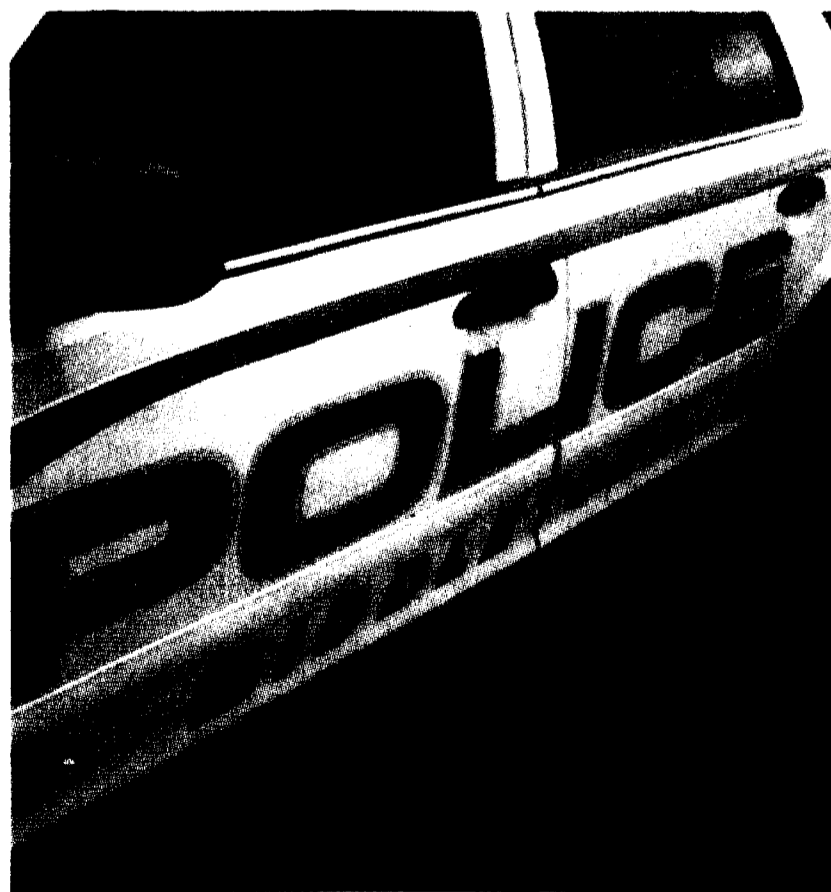
Police: not targeting students

Middletown PD explain the rules and regulations

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Drinking may be socially acceptable in a college setting, but Middletown Chief of Police, Keith R. Reismiller explains how

"Ever since Penn State Harrisburg became a four year college, we have had more arrests in Village of Pineford mainly because of alcohol violations," said Chief Keith R. Reismiller, a 13 year veteran of the Middletown Police Department. "With a noise level complaint that's



The Middletown Police Department struggles to find balance with the unique situation of securing the safety a town with a broad age group and diverse ethnicities.

the Middletown Police Department regulates, protect and handle parties involving college students in Middletown.

how we find out if there's a party. We usually find underage drinkers, drugs sometimes..." Please see MIDDLETOWN on page 4

PSH services cause grievances

Students report of negative experiences with Housing, Food and Bursar

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Bursar's Office and Financial Aid: "Oh well" attitudes don't set well with students

Roaming through the Stacks food court, during which used to be considered the common hour for the

benefits one would reap from University Park, or any other college or university, for that matter. The reality is that students are not happy with most of what Penn State Harrisburg has offered them.

Most of their unhappiness stems from the services Penn State Harrisburg offers.

First semester sophomore, Amy Jo, just recently transferred to the campus. Her very first interaction with Penn State yielded negative results. She felt as if the financial aid director treated her as if she were unintelligent. She was left unprepared to begin

by the financial aid office. Jo was one of the many students who felt Penn State Harrisburg staff members treated them unfairly.

"The Bursar's Office never cashed my check last year!" said Junior, Gesner Gomez. "I had to reapply to Penn State and they had the nerve to charge me late fees."

Gomez was especially upset about this because his mother took money out of her CDs (certificates of deposit), and in return lost opportunities to gain interest.

Another anonymous student had much to say on the topic. He claimed that the Bursar's Office mistook his Social Security Number, and had

him paying on another student's balance. He was removed from all of his classes because of what they referred to as a lack to pay off his semester bill.

"It was awful for me to have missed an entire semester because of their mistake." He continued,

"All of my friends are juniors. I'm a sophomore...and it's embarrassing." Please see SO MUCH on page 4

THE VILLAGE MAP



Photo courtesy of PENN STATE HARRISBURG

students, it is impossible not to notice the students' conversations changing from casual talk to complaints. One cannot help but to sit and talk with the students about what their issues are with Penn State Harrisburg. A common theme was the quality of their college experience.

Students apply to Penn State Harrisburg, expecting the same



The Bursar and Housing and Food services at Penn State Harrisburg cause grievances with students.

classes, to the point where she was almost removed from classes because of lack of clarity provided

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