

Cause and Effect club hosts clothing and cell phone drive

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The autumn breeze lingers in the air. The once bountiful greenery of the forest is now transformed into skeletal outlines of bark highlighted by lush oranges, passionate reds and subdued browns. The spirit of giving supersedes the fright of Halloween, as the holiday of thanks approaches.

With the coming of the holiday season, the promise of festive, wool-knit sweaters, exchanging presents amongst loved ones and grandma's home-cooked meals reminds us all just exactly why Thanksgiving and Christmas are some of the most prominent staples in American culture.

However, it is easy to forget that the propensity to overindulge in the delights of the season's sparkle often inhibits our ability to practice the true meaning of Thanksgiving: unselfish giving.

In spite of this, Chris Leidy, a junior at Penn State Harrisburg, took the initiative to inspire social consciousness and activism on campus and started Cause and Effect.



Photo courtesy of CHRISTOPHER LEIDY

Cause and Effect hopes to bring social awareness to campus. They have already volunteered at the Hershey Ronald McDonald House.

Cause and Effect is a newly formed student club that hopes to ignite that giving spirit in the hearts and minds of current students at Penn State Harrisburg.

Leidy contends that, "the main goal (of Cause and Effect) is to create a more socially aware campus community that is

united through its desire to get out and do their part in helping the world."

Leidy and friend, Sara Williams, started the club because they simply foresaw a need for it on campus. Partly inspired by Lafayette University's community service office where any student could volunteer for

a number of duties, Leidy and Williams decided to "take the bull by the horns" and fashioned this club.

Their first objective, in the midst of this charitable time of year, is to hopefully provide some good clothes for the needy that would benefit the Interfaith Thrift Store in Middletown and the YWCA in

Harrisburg.

As the temperature begins to chill, winter garments (such as hats, scarves, burly winter coats and mittens) are especially in demand. Although any type of clothing is welcome. In addition to clothes, the WYCA is also looking for donated cell phones and cell phone chargers.

Men, women, children and infants will all be the beneficiaries of new and gently used donations.

The collection drive is scheduled to last from Monday, Oct. 27 through Friday, Dec. 5.

Bins and boxes will be placed around the Olmsted Building and throughout high traffic areas of the campus in order to drop off your donations.

The group of students has already volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. There they sorted through donations, raked leave, attended to maintenance around the playground, and kept some of the patients company.

Students looking to get involved around the campus or just wants to help out the local community during the holiday season should contact Chris Leidy at cjl214@psu.edu.

PSH Food Services goes green

Changes include biodegradable plates, environmentally friendly cleaning products; costs will not affect students

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Penn State Harrisburg Food Services has been going green. They feel that it is their responsibility to help the environment and are hoping to get students to participate in helping the campus go green.

Costs will increase 15 to 25 percent for Food Services to go green and buy biodegradable silverware and plates. The excess cost to turn Stacks green and to order the products food services will find a way to pay the cost.

"The cost increase will not affect students," said Greg Schiavoni, assistant director of Housing and Food Services.

Greg Schiavoni has been embracing the fact to go green for years. He said the process

was long because they had to check the supplies by sending them to Penn State Berks campus for testing.

They had been trying to make the campus environmentally friendly and have finally been able to take the steps in making it a greener campus.

They are making sure that the biodegradable silverware and plates that they ordered are durable enough for students. They are also looking out for the best interests of the students.

The food prices still play a big factor because price inflation has gone up 15 to 45 percent.

To help make up for the cost increase of food prices and becoming more environmentally friendly, Stacks tries not to waste food. They utilize every part of the food as best as they can.

"If they use sausage for soup and they have some left over

they will use the rest for pizza," said Schiavoni.

Stacks is selling reusable bags and mugs to cut down on the waste that the campus throws out. They are also trying to cut down on water usage and are looking for more environmentally friendly detergent and cleaning products.

They order most of their products from Green Wave company.

Stacks feels that it is their responsibility to help the environment. They want to stay on this path for a very long time. They are starting to educate their employees and students, hoping that the whole campus will get involved. Stacks is embracing the fact that they are going green and wants to get everyone on campus involve.

"I hope that this will continue for a long time," said Schiavoni.

Marine Lt. Col to speak in campus Veteran's Day event

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Veteran's Day is right around the corner on Nov. 11

At 12:30 p.m., there will a ceremony at the flagpole in front of the library. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Special Events Room in Stack's. After the ceremony, a light lunch will be served in the Special Events Room, regardless of weather.

Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood of Penn State Harrisburg will sing the National Anthem and lead the ceremony in prayer. A bugler will be on campus from Middletown High School to play taps. Bagpipes will be on hand to play both at the beginning

and the end of ceremony.

After that part of the ceremony, a representative of the United States Marine Corps will be present to address the crowd. The military representative is Lt. Col. Rick A. Uribe, a current faculty member of the United States Army War College of Carlisle, Pa.

According to a biography provided by Uribe, he has attended many combat schools, served in numerous tours and held every position in a Marine flying squadron. He received his naval aviator wings in 1992 and his naval parachutist wings in 1996. Uribe is also a highly decorated officer and a recipient of the Purple Heart among other medals.

VETERAN'S DAY

Where: Flagpole in Vartan Plaza
When: Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m.

