

Come out for PSH Capital Alliance

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CAPITAL ALLIANCE

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Here at Penn State Harrisburg we have many clubs that students can affiliate themselves with. The types of clubs span across many planes such as an anime club, a fencing club and various academic clubs. The spotlight club for this issue is young and flourishing. Since its conception in October of 2007, Capital Alliance has opened up opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied (LGBTQA) students.

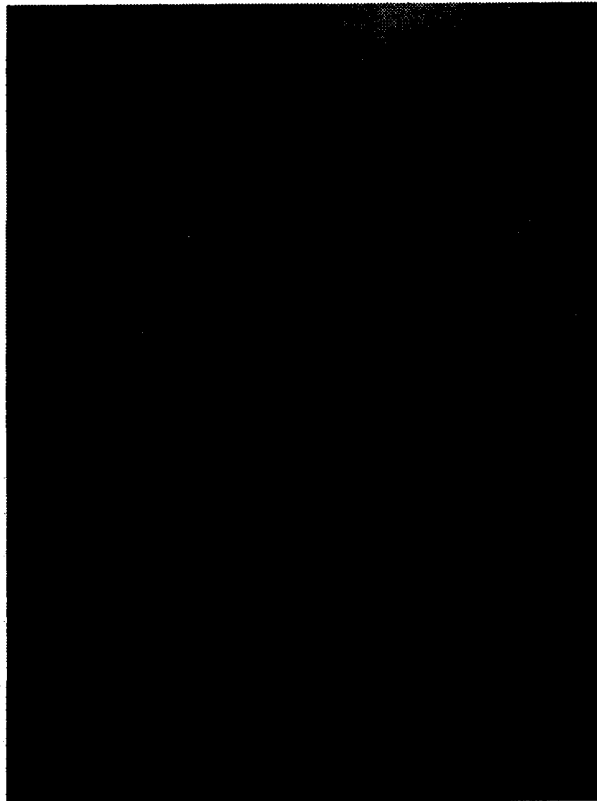
Founded by Kirk Allen, Capital Alliance strives to "promote tolerance and equality among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities through educational efforts and awareness-building." Students in the club meet once a week to speak about issues within the LGBT community.

Secretary Kristina Tillou stated, "We discuss the campus atmosphere towards the LGBT community and how to improve it."

The group has many events coming up, including speakers, seminars, and weekly meetings that are held every Tuesday in the Oliver Lagrone. Capital Alliance sent PSH members to Bloomsburg State University on October 3 and 4 to network with other colleges' LGBT clubs as well as attend sessions at the leadership conference. Jamiel Terry, who is presenting his "New Approach to Gay Activism", is coming to speak on our campus October 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery. Later in the semester, "AIDS Awareness" speaker Brad Lowery will be on campus in the Gallery Lounge as well.

Keep an eye out when walking through Olmsted. Capital Alliance has fliers posted at many of the bulletins. Any students who are interested in attending meetings or joining the club can e-mail President Kirk Allen at kma225@psu.edu for more information.

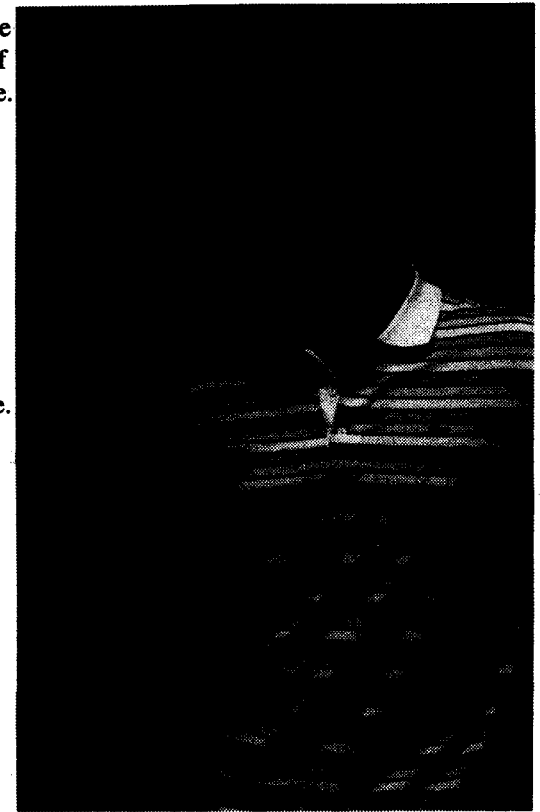
Capital Alliance has a bright future ahead of it. The club is becoming more and more involved in everyday happenings at Penn State Harrisburg and is always accepting of new members to join its cause no matter if you are an LGBT or an ally. "Come check out one of our meetings," Tillou said warmly. "The environment is friendly and very relaxed, nothing too formal."



Featured left are the members of Capital Alliance.

Featured right is founder and president of Capital Alliance. Kirk Allen

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Out in the Silence

Wednesday, October 14th

Welcome To Penn State Capital Alliance

Capital Alliance is established on three tenets: Scholarship, Support, and Service. These tenets drive our purpose to improve the visibility, strength, and support of The Pennsylvania State University lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, and allied (LGBTQA) communities through and educational and social environment. Students who identify themselves as LGBTQ are enabled to interact with other individuals who share like identities, along with allied (heterosexual) support, in a positive, comfortable, and confidential atmosphere.

Above is screenshot of Capital Alliance's website: www.hbg.psu.edu/clubs/capitalalliance

Third Annual Kappa Kabaret a success

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When the doors to the Capital Union Building opened on Friday, Sept 18 at 7 pm, many of the tables for the Third Annual Kappa Kabaret were empty. By 7:30 pm, members of the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi escorted a steady stream of guests, dressed in semi-formal attire, to their seats.

Once everyone found a table, Marcellus Taylor, a sophomore in Behavioral Science, approached the stage and introduced the master of ceremony, Antoine Tate, a sophomore in Communications.

Tate welcomed everybody and said he was excited to throw down, eat and party.

Following Tate's introduction, Taylor sat at the piano and all the guests stood up from their seats as he sang the Black

National Anthem.

The flow of the event hit a minor bump when the scheduled comedian Eric Darden showed up late. To cover for Darden's lateness, Joseph Benoit, a senior IST major, blessed the food.

Darden, who showed up minutes later, performed during dinner. There were also musical performances from Chris Leidy, a junior in Supply Chain Management, and Yasmine Roc a senior in English. Roc sang a duet with Taylor.

After dinner the dance floor was open, and Camron Franklin, a fraternity brother and the DJ for the evening, played songs such as the "Cha Cha Slide."

Marques Stewart, in Human Studies and Development, toasted to the evening. And Stephen Williams, a senior in Marketing, closed the dinner with a prayer.

An after-party on the second floor of the CUB followed the dinner.

There were no formal events on campus, said Gibran Jones, 27, who works as an implementation specialist for Select Medical Corp. Jones was one of five others to bring the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to Penn State Harrisburg.

The Kappas stated the semi-formal tradition to break stereotypes and exhibit mature behavior, said Jones.

Francine McQueen, Bisola Awolusi, Brittany Johnson and Ashley Tressler were among a few of the first guests to arrive together early. They know some of the Kappas and came to support them, the women said.

Rashaan Carlton, the chapter's on-campus advisor, said he was a member of the fraternity at University Park in 1996. The Kabaret is a good formal event and always has a good turnout, said Carlton.

Tate, the fraternity's Polemarch, said he was happy with the night's turnout and he hopes to see a lot more people attend next year.