

Tom Smith Takes Over SGA

On September 29, 1988 at the Hazleton Campus Student Government association meeting, a petition was presented to President James Shoemaker by Senator Thomas G. Smith Jr. asking for Jay's resignation. The Petition said the following:

"I, Thomas G. Smith Jr., hereby petition the members of the 1988/89 S.G.A. for a re-election and/or impeachment of the current president James Shoemaker. I, along with the undersigned, feel that he has not had the best interest of the university at hand. His academic and social performance have proved to be detrimental to the image of the S.G.A. Henceforth, I initiate the impeachment and/or re-election procedures."

This petition was signed by 90% of the voting party. Jay then resigned as president of the Hazleton Campus S.G.A.

According to the S.G.A. Constitution, in case of a resignation or impeachment, the vice president shall be the "acting" president until a re-election takes place. The elections were held on October 4th and 5th and Thomas G. Smith and Jay Shoemaker were the two candidates. The results from the election were announced at the S.G.A. meeting on October 6. The newly elected President of the S.G.A. is Thomas G. Smith Jr.

Tom was a S.G.A. Senator last semester. When I asked Tom why he drew up a petition, he said, "it was due to the lack of action and respectability that was achieved last year which was not up to par this year." Tom would like to see S.G.A. become one of the most powerful organizations on campus and be respected by all students, not just the S.G.A. "clique." Another goal which Tom hopes to achieve this year deals with the relationships between the various clubs on campus. A close unity between the clubs is essential for a successful Student Government Association.

Tom's determination to make S.G.A. a respectable organization on campus is due to the fact that he has a great concern for the well-being of this campus. For example, significant results have already been made about the parking problem on campus due to the meetings with Mr. Krone discussing student complaints and suggestions. Thomas G. Smith Jr. has the best interest of the students and campus at heart and he will work hard to regain the reputation and respectability that this campus Student Government Association deserves.

The S.G.A. meetings are every



Tom Smith - New President

Thursday in the Commons Conference Room. They begin at 12:30 p.m. and usually last until 1:00 p.m. Anyone and everyone is

welcome whether you are a member of a club or not. Come and be a part of the Penn State Hazleton Campus S.G.A.

Alcohol Awareness Week a Big Success

October 17-21 was the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. BACCHUS hosted the week of events in cooperation with RHC, SGA, the Weight Lifting Club and WHCB radio.

BACCHUS would like to thank the campus community for their support and cooperation in making the second annual Alcohol Awareness week a BIG success.

On Monday, October 17th, the Dining Hall was transformed into a nightclub for the BACCHUS Mocktail Party. The nightclub setting, D.J., and non-alcoholic drinks provided students with the opportunity to have a great time without alcohol. A great time was had by all who attended. Tuesday, the movie "Happy Birthday Ray" was shown in the South Hall Lobby. Students had the opportunity to examine the signs of someone on the road to alcohol abuse and how it affects friends and family. The movie educated students to identify signs of alcohol abuse and to make a commitment to help friends and family before it is too late. Wednesday as BACCHUS' Statistics Day. Every 20 minutes someone dies from an alcohol related incident. 24 volunteers (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) had their faces painted white, had R.I.P. signs placed on their backs and were not allowed to speak. The purpose of this program was to show the impact of the statistical data related to alcohol abuse. The success of the program was summarized in a poem written by Tim Kuzmitsky.

It's very scary being dead.
I was killed today in an alcohol related accident.
One happens, on an average, every twenty minutes.
At 1:40 p.m. today my life was ended. I don't know the name of the driver, only that he was drunk. I don't know if he lived.
I walked through crowds of friends and acquaintances.
I could speak to none. I was a memory.
No one understood the implications. None would speak to me again. They couldn't tell me jokes.

I can't laugh. There are no sad stories for me.
I can't cry. I'm dead and I don't want to be.
There was no music running in my head.
The sounds all were so distant.
The joy I felt with the wind in my hair and the sun in my eyes, the pulse of my life which once beat in my veins, all the things I look for granted, I miss them now.
Oh, how I miss them. I'll never again know the touch of a warm summer breeze on my face or the beating of my own heart.
I'm dead and I don't want to be.

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Mr. Biacchi, We The Students of Penn State Hazleton Would Like To Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To You & Your Family

On Wednesday evening, the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services Inc. and on Thursday, Alcoholism and Drug Services of Lower Luzerne County informed students of the facts and fallacies of drug and alcohol abuse.

The week ended with an Alcohol Awareness Week Poster Contest co-sponsored by BACCHUS and RHC. 9 posters were submitted for the \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 gift certificates. It was a difficult task for the judges to determine the winners. After an hour of deliberation Michael Jordan won first place, Mike Klein won second place and Keith Force won third place.

Once again, BACCHUS thanks everyone who supported and participated in the Penn State Alcohol Awareness Week.