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### Four killed in car crash

**BACCHUS presents mock accident for PSU**

By: Matthew Niziol

Thursday April 9, at 12:45pm, four Penn State Hazleton students were pronounced dead by the Sugarloaf County Coroner following a fatal alcohol related car crash. The two car accident occurred at the intersection of the entrance road to Penn State Hazleton campus and the South Hall parking lot.

Responding to the accident were the Sugarloaf County Sheriff's Office, Sugarloaf Township Fire Co. Engine 12, the Hazleton General Hospital Paramedic Unit, two Hazleton ambulances, and a Valley Emergency ambulance.

The mock accident, involving sophomore Grace Hayes and freshmen Kim Miller, Leeann Sherman, Sam Nicola, Jason Vichinsky, David Heitelman, and Jose Morales resembled a true collision but was in reality a graphic representation, presented by the BACCHUS club, of the danger of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

"When I first came," said freshmen Kevin Focht, "I thought it was real. It's scary. Especially the part with the

body bags."

After using the Jaws of Life to tear the roof off one of the cars, the paramedics placed the four killed students into the coroner's body bags.

Nicola, one of the students killed by Hayes, noted, "I hope they [the students] realize not to be stupid and drink and drive...many people die from this."

BACCHUS members hope that students will take notice to the violence of alcohol related automobile accidents. Thousands of college age students are killed or seriously injured by drunk drivers every year. The statistics are frightening, but seldom heeded.

"Not until you've seen a real accident," commented sophomore Richelle Fronk, "do you take it seriously."

The mock accident was taped and will be edited by the Hazleton Campus Video club. BACCHUS plans to present the video in the Residents Halls to enhance alcohol awareness.

Zappacosta refused to divulge exact poll results, but an estimated 200 students participated through voting.

The first official duty of the new president was the swearing-in of his officers: Vice-President Carolyn Krall, Treasurer Joe Bettine, Secretary Mellissa Eckerl, and Corresponding Secretary Kathy Scott.

Bush's duties and goals range from continuing as Student Body Liaison to the Administration, over-seeing all clubs and activities on campus, and upholding the S.G.A. Constitution to reinforcing a multi-club litter campaign, extension of the Commons Improvement Fund, and creating more accountability of Senators to student groups.

### Bush Wins S.G.A. Election

By: Matt Niziol

Freshman Eric Bush led Spring Semi-formal activities as Student Government Association President, following a swearing-in ceremony conducted by Steven Zappacosta, former S.G.A. President, April 3, at Edgewood in the Pines restaurant.

Bush was revealed as the winner of the S.G.A. presidential election, held March 23 and 24, during S.G.A.'s March 26, meeting in the Lower Commons.



Bush has grand plans but does not intend to tackle them alone. "What we do [in S.G.A.] is a team effort," he commented.

The Bush/Krall ticket defeated Jon Lalko and Derek White to capture the presidency.

Bush's term of office will end in April 1993.

### Photography Exhibit on Display in Library

Prize winning photos from The Outdoor Writers Association of America are on exhibit at The Penn State Hazleton Library during the entire month of April.

The exhibit displays black and white and color photos in five categories: scenic, flora, people, action and fauna. The exhibit travels across the United States annually and the competition is funded by Nikon Sports Optics.

The Outdoor Writers Association of America is the voice of the outdoors, which include more than 2,000 professional photographers, writers, editors, lectures, and radio and television broadcasters. Among this year's winners are many of the country's best known wildlife and nature photographers.

### The '92 Presidential Candidates

By: Ben Turrano

Well folkes, here we go again! Its about that time every three to four years when we, the American voting public, get hammered with Vote Now ads, political telephone polls, commercials for and against candidates and enough slung mud to stucco Giants Stadium... inside and out. In this race, as is the case with the past few presidential races, the American people once again are asked to vote for, not the best candidate for the job as one might expect, but rather the least of all the evils running for the job. In a sense we are asked to choose between dust, mud, manure, dirt and sand. All of which serve the same basic purpose but only one is least smelly and doesn't stain. I used to wonder why most of the "good" candidates drop out of the race early or never accept a nomination in the first place. Lee Iaccoca, Paul Tsongas, and Mario Cuomo all would have been on my "to vote for list", but unfortunately none of them are running. I suppose they had enough self esteem and dignity to not want to be associated with the other Presidential