

SGA Elections

By: Lisa Hornberger

It's the beginning of the Spring semester, and students are already talking about running for the 1993-94 President and Vice-President of the Student Government Association (SGA). Who are the eager students? They happen to be none other than Eric Sherman and Rob Venema. These two have been talking about running since the beginning of last semester. They are both presently senators of SGA.

Eric Sherman, who lives off campus in the Hazleton area, may seem at a disadvantage for getting the votes of on-campus students; however Sherman is not your average off-campus student. He is more aware of events and problems happening on campus than most campus students. Sherman is on the

Campus Up-keep and Improvement Committee. One of the items of improvement is club involvement. His latest project is volunteering his time and effort to help clubs and organizations who would like his help in recruiting members.

Rob Venema is an on-campus student, which might give him an advantage over Sherman. Venema is a member of Lion Ambassadors and is on the programming committee of SGA. Rob's latest project was the book buy back sale, which went underway at the beginning of the semester.

These two candidates are ready for the election campaign to begin. The question is, "Who are their vice-presidents going to be?" This may be the factor that places one of them over the top.

Bail Money Needed.

Volunteers for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation will "arrest" prominent Hazleton Citizens and personalities on February 25 and 26 during the Foundation's Jail and Bail. These "prisoners" will "serve time" in "jail" at the Laurel Mall, Hazleton while they raise "bail" in the form of donations to the March of Dimes. Funds raised by Jail and Bail will aid the fight against birth defects and infant mortality in Luzerne County.

The planning committee of volunteers for the event includes Helen Braskie; Mark Maguschak, Hazleton National Bank; Janet Stecker, First Eastern Bank; Karen Hischar and Henry Schultz, Boscov's. "All participants are good sports about serving time in prison," said Sandra Day, March of Dimes Community Director. "They know that their efforts are helping mothers and babies in our area."

START, Inc., is the official national sponsor of Jail and Bail. START offers a patented, new consumers savings service that allows individuals to buy everyday goods and services from companies like MCI, Eddie Bauer, Hertz, Spiegel, and others. As much as six percent of their purchases are automatically deposited in retirement savings accounts

guaranteed by Metropolitan Life. When consumers enroll in START through the March of Dimes, a percentage of their membership fee and purchases will be donated by START to the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. Individuals who difficulty saving of donating can use START to help them and to help the March of Dimes simultaneously.

The March of Dimes Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter hopes to raise \$6,000 dollars through this year's Jail and Bail in Hazleton.

Anyone willing to donate "bail" money should call the March of Dimes at 451-0533. Funds raised by Jail and Bail support March of Dimes programs in Luzerne County, including Babies and You, FAE/FAS seminars, distribution of free educational materials to schools, hospitals, clinics, doctors offices, etc.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Through its campaign for healthier babies, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.

WHOEVER FIGHT MONSTERS: INVESTIGATING SEXUAL HOMICIDES AND SERIAL KILLERS

Robert Ressler, Founder and Director, FBI Violet Criminal Apprehension Program Tuesday, 23 February - 7:30 PM in K-1, Kostos Classroom Building

Robert Ressler is the acknowledged true life hero of the movie "Silence of the Lambs," and is credited with coining the term "serial killer." Ressler was the key person in making the identification and capture of violent criminals a science. Combining observational and deductive skills with modern techniques of forensics and psychology, Ressler was a leader in the emergence of criminal profiling as an accurate way of describing unknown serial killers.

Ressler investigated and interviewed such notorious murderers as Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and David Berkowitz (Son of Sam).

Annual Poetry Reading Festival

Linda Frost (Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus) James Harms (East Stroudsburg University) Tuesday, March 2 - 7:30 PM in G-109 Evelyn Graham Academic Building

Frost's work has appeared in many fine literary publications, among them Columbia Magazine and Sing Heavenly Muse!, and she was recently invited to give a special reading of her work at the Twentieth Century Literary Conference in Louisville, KY.

Harms' first book Modern Ocean has just been issued this spring and he has widely published in Poetry, The Missouri Review, and The Kenyon Review. He was the recipient of an

Academy of American Poets prize in 1986. both regional poets will read original work in Celebration of March is Poetry Month in Pennsylvania.

Annual Mylar Giri Lecture in the Physical Sciences Comets and the Origin of the Solar System

Dr. Michael Mumma, Chief Scientist, Planetary and Astrophysical Sciences Lab, NASA/Goodard Space Flight Center

Monday, 15 March - 7:30 PM Evelyn Graham Academic Building

Mumma's team was the first to determine that the nucleus of Comet Halley consisted largely of water. The determination was made from NASA's Kuiper Airborne Observatory in 1984, and

was later confirmed when a Russian spacecraft rendezvoused with Halley's comet. Mumma's instrumentation indicated the amount of water present, the interior temperature of the nucleus, and gauged the outflow velocities of escaping matter.

Dr. Mumma's lecture will tie current research on the nature of comets to the formation of planetary systems, to the origin of life and to catastrophism.

In conjunction with this lecture, the Greater Hazleton Astronomical Society will sponsor a "star party." The Society will set up telescopes for viewing planets, stars and possibly comets after the lecture.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and the Nervous System

Dr. Brian Wigdahl, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Penn State Hershey Medical School

Thursday, 25 March - 7:30 PM in G-115 Evelyn Graham Academic Building

Dr. Wigdahl's lecture will center on current research investigating the interaction of the AIDS virus with the functioning of the nervous system.

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