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Dinner and Auction Tonight Benefits Brandywine THON

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Penn State Brandywine's chapter of THON and Joseph's Catering will be holding a benefit spaghetti dinner and chance auction on Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Lion's Den and the Lion's Pit, located in the Commons Building on campus. The community is invited to attend.

Penn State's IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, or THON, is the largest student run philanthropy in the world and is a yearlong effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer. The year culminates with a 46-hour dance marathon, this year slated for Feb. 18-20. THON has raised more than \$69 million since it was started in 1973.

Brandywine's THON committee has planned a fun night of an auction with the dinner. Guests are invited to buy as many tickets as they would like for a set price, then use the tickets to bid on the items on display, which include tickets to a Camden Sharks game and the Brandywine River Museum, a gift certificate to Bull Durham's Steakhouse in West Chester and a variety of gift cards from local merchants.

Tickets are 4 for \$1, 10 for \$2 and 20 for \$5. Premium baskets and door prize tickets will be available for \$2 each. Drawing of the chances will start around 5:30 p.m.

"Making our traditional Silent Auction into a Chance Auction is new territory for us," says Brittney Walker, of Yeadon, co-chair of THON and coordinator of THON's Spirit Week. "However, we think that this year's auction will appeal to everyone. There are going to be great baskets to take a chance on, wonderful food to eat in or take out and lots of fun for all as we work toward our ultimate goal, which is helping kids with cancer."

The dinner, being donated by Joseph's Catering, will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad with house dressing, rolls and butter and sweetened iced tea for \$5. All the proceeds will go directly to THON.

"Joseph's Catering is so excited to be a part of this wonderful charity," said Mary Pat Finn, of Joseph's Catering. "THON is definitely a cause that is worth everyone's time to support."

The chance auction and spaghetti dinner is just one of the many events being held during THON Spirit Week from Feb. 14-18. THON also is hosting Kandy and Kisses on Valentine's Day, the annual date auction and their "Cash for Curls" event on Feb. 15, and the annual dancer send-off on Feb. 17.

PSU Brandywine THON and Joseph's Catering Invite You To Our



Chance Auction & Spaghetti Dinner

When: February 16, 2011
Where: The Lion's Den & The Lion's Pit
Time: 4 pm - 7 pm

Chance Ticket Prices:
4 tickets for \$1
10 tickets for \$2
20 tickets for \$5

Premium Price Tickets: \$2

\$5.00 Dinner Includes:
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Salad w/ House Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Sweetened Iced Tea



Brandywine SGA Proposes New Constitution



SGA President Jerry Fokas and other members of SGA work at Brandywine's Homecoming Event this past fall semester. Fokas, along with his SGA team, have proposed a new constitution for the campus that include eliminating positions. (photo courtesy of Laura Boyd)

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Penn State Brandywine's SGA plans to start the fall semester of 2011 off with new positions and laws that equal the playing field for all students, more specifically, freshmen. Bobbi Caprice, Vice President of the SGA, took the time to explain to the Lion's Eye a few of the highlighted changes to the SGA Constitution. Reflecting on the SGA's past few semesters, Caprice states that "we didn't really know what we were getting ourselves into." Now with the change of a revised SGA Constitution and a new semester, SGA will be given a second chance for a fresh start.

Several positions have been added to the "Succession of Power" section of the Constitution. First, SGA has renamed the "Web Master" position "Technology Officer". The Technology Officer's primary job is to help with the maintenance and creation of the new SGA website. Another position added to the list is the Club Coordinator position whose primary job is to keep in contact with all of the campus' club presidents, and act as a voice for them in the SGA.

After noticing the need for an improved relationship with the Athletics Department, the new position "Athletic Chair" deals with all sports related issues. They are to appear at all Varsity games and act as the athletes' voice in the SGA. The final position added was the Freshmen Representative Chair. The Freshmen Representative Chair was created so that the SGA could get more feedback from freshmen. Incoming freshmen often have ideas, suggestions, and complaints which have historically been missed by SGA leaders. Now, freshmen students will be able to voice their opinion to this Chairperson, who will in turn carry those concerns to the rest of the SGA. Positions that were cut from the "Succession of Power" were the Student Life and the Community Service Chairs.

Caprice explains that the Student Life Chair was repetitive because the Academic Affairs Chair was already very involved with student life on campus. On the other hand, the Community Service Chair's responsibilities have been transferred over to the Event's Coordinator Chair in order to consolidate positions.

In terms of the incoming freshmen, the SGA has now made it possible for freshmen to run for SGA. The old SGA Constitution prohibited freshmen to join because of their new status as college students. However, the current SGA believes that all students should be given the opportunity regardless of their year. In addition to the new freshmen law, SGA has decided to add a Senate. The SGA Senate would house up to fifty senators. Any student, regardless of their year, can join the Senate. The Senate's creation was made so that students who are interested in joining the SGA, but want to learn more about it before taking the plunge have the opportunity to do so. To keep order, one student will hold the Head of Senate position. This person will be the voice of the fifty students in the SGA while teaching the Senators more about SGA. Caprice explains that even if all fifty seats are not filled, the Senate will still be expected to carry out all their duties and support the SGA. If there is any interest in these positions, the SGA encourages students to apply. Applications are currently being accepted for the Head of Senate. The SGA plans to fill all positions by the summer of 2011.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was forced from his political position after over 30 years as the figurehead of Egypt. Mubarak's exit was influenced by 18 days of rioting and by political pressure from a variety of world powers. (photo courtesy google.com)

Mubarak Resigns

Concerns and hope looms for
Egypt as power shifts after
decades.

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After 18 days of protests in Egypt, Hosni Sayyed Mubarak finally stepped down as the President of Egypt on February 11. The streets and squares of Cairo were packed with cheering, jubilant crowds. What began eighteen days before was a labor dispute turned into a revolution. After thirty years in power, Mubarak handed over the reigns of government to the Armed Forces Supreme Counsel.

After the collapse of the government in Tunisia, the Egyptian people began protesting Mubarak's lengthy and oppressive regime. After tremendous domestic and international pressure, Mubarak agreed to appoint a vice president and devolve most of his powers to the vice president. When this resulted in the largest protest mobs to date, Mubarak finally conceded that he no longer had a place in the governance of Egypt and retreated to his vacation home in Sharm el-Sheikh, a one-hour flight from Cairo.

The majority of the mobs of protesters have been the young professional generation of Egypt. More than half of the country's population was born after Mubarak came into power. This wired-in generation of educated people have lived under a repressive regime all of their lives. Many of them shared their dreams of freedom with others around the world through the internet and social networks such as Facebook. Early in the protests, the government tried to shut down all internet access in the country. However, the outcry from the world community quickly brought it back online. Many people around the world were able to follow the events in Egypt in real time. This was possible not just by watching the news, but by instant messaging with Egyptians on Facebook and other social networking sites.

Now that Mubarak has stepped down, the world waits for two major questions to be answered: What form of government will emerge from the chaos in Cairo and how far will this wave of revolution spread?

Even before these events, Egypt was one of the freest countries in the Arab League comprised of 22 nations that are largely democracy-free zones, governed by repressive governments. The next few months will prove to be very interesting regarding the freedom of the Egyptian people and in what direction their political system will head.