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Purdue Student Government

The mission of the Purdue Student Government is to enact legislation passed in the Student Senate, to provide quality programs and services to the student body, to manage the daily operation of the Purdue Student Government, and to establish open communication between students, faculty, and administrators.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The semester is gathering speed and PSG has been working constantly and consistently for you. We have strived to not only fulfill campaign promises, but to also go above and beyond to reach out to students, not only in communication and representation, but in providing quality programs and services that can be utilized. We have heard from many students, and we hope that number will only increase with our efforts to reach out to each of you.

Our 'Face-to-Face' campaign has been launched, and our networking and cooperation with other student

organizations is geared towards pooling resources and sharing ideas in an effort to further serve students.

Our efforts are for you, and our voices find willing ears to listen because they come from you, the student body. We're ambitious this year, such as our drive to make a new RSC project a reality and implementing a recycling program. You'll also find us as students to be strategic idealists yet tactical realists. With your help, I look forward to making projects like this very real.

Eric Van Houten
Student Body President

RSC- New Hours and Conceptual Plan

This past summer saw a great start to accomplishing many goals set by this year's Purdue Student Government. The newly elected President, Eric Van Houten, and Vice President, Amy McManama, set high goals in their campaign promises last spring with the extension of the RSC hours being the prominent key as one of the seven points in their platform. Even before the school year ended last spring, Van Houten had already turned his first promise of the RCS into a reality. The RSC hours are now extended from midnight to 2 am, Sunday through Thursday, and from 6 am back to 5:30 am Monday through Friday. Initially, Student Government was going to start a campus wide recycling program to pay for the extended hours to prevent Purdue students from paying for the cost. The

Recycling Program is still going to be carried out but is no longer a necessity to pay for the extended hours, thanks to the donation from administrators.

Being the voice for the students, Van Houten also spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting about the increase in tuition. He stressed that administrators should pay attention to the current state of the RSC and consider expansion or renovation as partial use of money from our raised tuition. PSG will be showing students the presentation of the conceptual designs for the new RSC during face-to-face visits. You can view this presentation online at <http://www.purdue.edu/RecSports/events/actionPlan.html>. It shows the state of our facility in comparison to other universities' facilities. If you are interested in being more active in getting a new facility, feel free to contact PSG.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Purdue Student Government also has its own radio show. On Monday nights at 8pm, students are able click on a link at PSG's website and listen to it.

-We have a newly improved website! Be sure to check it out for everything that PSG is doing and for upcoming events!
www.purdue.edu/psg

-Thanks to all who came out for Hot Dogs with the Top Dogs and Health and Safety Day last Wednesday and Thursday!

-Homecoming is October 27th, so look for different fun events happening the week before to get everyone excited! Get ready to Boiler Up!

The Purdue Student Government Newsletter for the rest of the year is being posted electronically once a month on PSG's website. If you would like to stay informed on what's happening at Purdue and what Student Government is doing for you, please check out the link on our webpage!

Financial Aid Handbook Soon Available

One of the other points in the Van Houten-McManama platform was to begin a collection of available scholarships and grants for eligible Purdue students. Only a fraction of scholarships are claimed nation wide that could help pay for a student's college tuition. A new Student Financial Handbook will be available to students as a resource for all of the scholarships and grants that Purdue offers. It will be a compilation of scholarships not only from Purdue, but also Purdue Alumni,

counties from Indiana, and corporate businesses nationwide. There is also a website, www.nefe.org, which has additional information that ties in with the financial handbook. It is a useful tool to go along with the handbook because it not only tells you about scholarships, but also describes loans, how to establish good credit, and how to plan for the future. Members of Student Government have been working hard on this project all summer and it should be available this fall.

Students Concern for Safety

Safety is a growing concern for students on Purdue's campus. There are many initiatives that have been started and are going to be carried out. In collaboration with the PU Police Department, PSG is working on doubling the amount of student safety patrols for the Safe Walk program from 25 to 50. Not only would this cut down on the time it takes to get to where the students are, but it would also decrease the amount of area they must patrol, making for more frequent and smaller rounds. Students are encouraged to use this program if they would like a safe walk home by calling (765) 494-SAFE.

In addition to the Safe Walk program, PSG is working with Mayor Jan Mills of

West Lafayette to establish "safezones" in the community. Safezones are businesses on and around campus that stay open later than their usual hours so that students can go in and safely make a call for a ride. The emergency call boxes are also going to be updated with LED lights that are working and have a quicker response time. Safety is also about prevention, so PSG is working towards having a Self Defense class taught to the majority of freshmen during BGR. There are also classes taught at the PUPD year round. For more information about these, go to <http://www.purdue.edu/police/programs/index.htm>

Adopt-A-Section of Campus Face-to-Face Campaign

A new project is underway to help keep our campus looking nice. Adopt-A-Section of campus works much like Adopt-A-Highway, where student organizations will be encouraged to sign up to clean a section of campus. They are to make sure all overdue flyers are taken away, to pick up the trash, etc. A sign will be posted in their section to give that organization recognition and to hold them accountable, while everyone else will benefit from a cleaner campus.

New to PSG this year is the Face-to-Face campaign. The members of student government are the voice for the student body, and they want to hear what the students have to say. Instead of having the students come to them, members of PSG are visiting different student organizations each week. PSG wants to start closer networking, collaboration, and sharing of information with student organizations. Reaching out to the students and staying connected is an important step in seeing that students' needs are met.