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Greetings from the Chancellor

Welcome to the Fall 2006 issue of *Currents*, your Penn State Harrisburg alumni magazine.

The beginning of each academic year, we hold various convocations to welcome new students, faculty, and staff to the College community, to reflect on milestones achieved in the year past, and identify opportunities for the year upcoming. This year we are celebrating a very special milestone – our 40th anniversary.

Penn State Harrisburg is, and always has been unique in its role within Penn State and within all of Pennsylvania higher education. We have remained true to our founding vision and character. We value our commitment to innovation and responsiveness to the education and professional needs of the community. We value quality without condition and with expectations for excellence.

When we were founded in 1966 as Capitol Campus, we became Pennsylvania's first upper division and graduate school and one of only three in the nation at the time. The other two were Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961 and now a comprehensive research-intensive university, and John F. Kennedy University in California, a private university, founded in 1964.

We've come a long way since. In 1966, 18 students took undergraduate classes in the Humanities and Social Sciences, taught by eight faculty members. Today, the College offers two associate degrees, 29 baccalaureate degrees that may be completed at Harrisburg, and the first two years of study toward most of Penn State's more than 160 majors. We have in our graduate portfolio, 20 master's and two doctoral programs, supported by over 550 full- and part-time faculty and staff. We're among the larger employers in the region. Over 32,000 students have passed through our doors since opening. Our continuing growth in alumni is the hallmark of our achievement.

Each of our four decades brought tremendous change and significant contributions to the College – its growth as a community as well as its growth in programming and physical plant. The key to our success has been and continues to be the support of alumni, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the enthusiasm of our students.

I've highlighted some of the milestones of each decade to spark your memory, and yes, to tug a bit on your nostalgic heartstrings. Those of you who attended in the 1960s may remember the addition of our first master's program, the Master of Engineering. You may have participated in our first Earth Day celebration in 1969, an annual event we still celebrate. A few of the holly trees you planted have survived through the decades and today provide beautiful shaded areas behind the Olmsted Building. You may have participated in our first on-campus commencement. By 1969, we were just large enough to hold commencement and small enough to commence on the lawn in front of Olmsted. By the end of the decade, you were among our student body of over 1,000 and were enrolled in one of our five undergraduate and three graduate programs.

Those of you attending in the 1970s became part of this region's and the nation's history. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes flooded much of Pennsylvania. Many of you provided assistance to the area residents who fled their homes and sought shelter on campus. Later in the decade, catastrophe struck again. In 1979, you saw the unprecedented shutdown of the campus with the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster. The campus

continued to grow throughout the decade. The Capital Union Building, fondly referred to as the CUB, was completed. This was the first major new building project on campus. By the end of the decade, our enrollment had more than doubled to over 2,600 students, who were enrolled in one of our six undergraduate or eight graduate programs.

The decade of the 1980s realized great academic achievement. For those of you who attended then, you'll recall significant changes in the academic calendar with the transition from trimesters to semesters. Our first new academic classroom facility was built on campus – the Science and Technology Building. A new bookstore followed shortly, as did the creation of the Vartan Plaza. The Plaza provided a central focal point to academic life on campus. During this decade, we were granted college status, and we became The Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, the Capital College. By the close of the 1980s, we were approaching an enrollment of 3,000 students pursuing one of our 17 undergraduate, 11 graduate, and three doctoral programs.

The decade of the 1990s was one of building partnerships. If you attended then, you witnessed the groundbreaking of the new library and the expansion of the Science and Technology Building. We also opened the Eastgate Center in downtown Harrisburg, giving us a permanent presence in the city. By mid-decade, we initiated the dual admission program with HACC, as well as joint degree programs with the Penn State College of Medicine and the Dickinson School of Law. These partnerships are in place today. We left the 1990s with enrollment just over 3,200 students, who could choose to study in one of our 26 undergraduate, 17 graduate, and two doctoral programs.

Our recent alums, 2000 to present, were part of our transformational years. Since 2000 we have succeeded in transforming the campus into a beautiful academic college community. The past six years saw many dedications and openings – the new library, student housing, food court and town square, natatorium, the Ziegler Commons, and most recently, the Hoverter Tennis Complex. In addition, we re-introduced intercollegiate sports with new and improved athletic facilities. We expanded our mission to include freshmen and sophomores, and with our expanded mission, Penn State Harrisburg, The Capital College, was transformed into a fully comprehensive undergraduate and graduate school, in time for our 40th anniversary.

We have much to be proud of in our 40th year. Please join us Friday, October 27, 2006 for an anniversary celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see page 10.

You, our alumni, are indeed the truest measure of our success. I hope to see you at our anniversary celebration.



Madlyn L. Hanes
Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madlyn Hanes". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Madlyn L. Hanes, Ph.D.

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Meet George Zoffinger: President. CEO. Grandpa.



George R. Zoffinger has been called many things: president and CEO, chairman, power broker, distinguished alumnus, “rare breed” – and grandpa.

With a heavy New York accent, an infectious smile, and a quick wit, Zoffinger juggles several high pressure roles. He is the president and CEO of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. He sits on four corporate and three nonprofit boards, including NTL, Inc., the largest British cable company, and New Jersey Resources Corporation, a natural gas distribution company. Most recently, he was named to the Rutgers University Board of Governors.

But when his work day is done, his most prized role becomes apparent.

An unlikely success?

The oldest of seven children, Zoffinger grew up in suburban Long Island, New York. It was the late 1960s and he didn't see himself as a college student. In fact, he says he was the family member that no one expected to do as well as he has. But his father encouraged him to set an example for his siblings, and he started by attending a local community college.

Despite success there, Zoffinger's future was less than clear.

“I had no career plan, whatsoever,” he laughs. “Then I heard about this new campus of Penn State where you could finish your last two years of school. So, I figured I'd try it.” Zoffinger came to Penn State Harrisburg – Capitol Campus as it was called – in 1968, just two years after the college was created. He graduated with honors in Business in 1970.

Zoffinger happily remembers his years at Penn State Harrisburg. He made lifelong friendships, married his wife Judy (who had moved from Long Island to join him in Middletown) during his senior year, and settled on a career path.

“I especially remember Dr. John Watts, an economics professor. He lived in New York City and occasionally Judy and I would give him a ride home,” Zoffinger says. “He really motivated me to think about finance as a career and got me interested in furthering my education at New York University,” where Zoffinger earned his MBA in 1971.

A banker by accident

Zoffinger's first job was at a bank, a move that he called an accident. “I actually wanted to be in the oil business,” he says. “My first choice would have been to work at Exxon.”

As it turned out, Zoffinger says he loved banking. He gained experience in different aspects of the business, including domestic and international lending, and did stints in London, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. The result: he ended up as chairman of CoreStates New Jersey until it merged with CoreStates Bank, N.A.

Zoffinger's banking and international experience eventually led to his being named New Jersey's commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development. The experience also fueled his interest in the real estate industry.

“My work at the bank ended up focusing on real estate,” he says, which sparked another opportunity. He eventually became CEO of Value Property Trust, a publicly owned real estate investment trust.

At about the same time, he also briefly entered the race to become the Democratic nominee for New Jersey governor. Despite his well-

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George R. Zoffinger



Gini Woy Photography

honed ability to multi-task, he ultimately dropped out of the race, saying that it was too difficult to run a campaign and do a job.

In 2002, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) was losing money. Then-Governor James E. McGreevey wanted someone with a business background to “straighten it out” and he tapped Zoffinger, who had gained a reputation for turning around struggling enterprises.

As president and CEO of the NJSEA, Zoffinger oversees Monmouth Park Racetrack, Atlantic City Convention Center, Wildwood Convention Center, and the sprawling Meadowlands Sports Complex, which includes the Meadowlands Racetrack, Giants Stadium, and Continental Airlines Arena, and currently is home to five professional sports teams.

When Zoffinger took over, the state was subsidizing the NJSEA’s operating revenue by \$18 million annually; today, Zoffinger says, the Authority makes about \$11 million a year. A potent economic force in New Jersey, the Meadowlands alone contributes 7,500 full-time jobs and \$1.2 billion to the state’s economy. With the addition in 2008 of Xanadu, a 4.8 million-square-foot entertainment complex, those numbers will increase.

Working a day job

Zoffinger’s “typical” work day starts early. He’s usually in the office by 7 a.m. “I can’t sleep much anymore,” he says. And he begins by answering the 75 to 100 e-mail messages he gets routinely.

On any given day, Zoffinger is meeting with the likes of recently retired NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, or New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine. Between his

responsibilities at the NJSEA and his role on corporate and nonprofit boards, the issues he tackles day-to-day cover a broad spectrum. How should the Meadowlands facilities accommodate spectators’ religious needs? (An incident at Giant Stadium led to the Authority adding designated prayer space.) What impact will the New Jersey Devils hockey team move to Newark have on the Continental Arena? How can NTL best handle its merger with Virgin Mobile? How can Rutgers hold the line on tuition?

Zoffinger’s impact on such far reaching issues earned him the designation as one of the state’s five most powerful people by *New Jersey Magazine*. And, the demands on his time are great – enough to make a less hardy business person buckle. Even Zoffinger admits it can be difficult.

“Sometimes, the demands on my time can become overwhelming,” he says, “which makes it hard to focus on the right things. I spend a lot of time trying to focus on the right things and not on things that aren’t productive.”

Still, Zoffinger says the variety of issues and the opportunity to meet all kinds of people are the best things about his work. And when he describes his daily activities, his enthusiasm is clear. He’s animated and a good storyteller. And he punctuates his sentences with humor. He makes tense dealings with sports team owners or defending the interests of New Jersey taxpayers sound fun. In fact, that’s a requirement for him. “I don’t want to do something if it’s not fun,” he says.

So, is he in an ideal place, professionally?

“Actually, I’d like to be a left-handed relief pitcher for the Yankees,” he says, noting that he wouldn’t have to work too hard and could still make a decent living.

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George Zoffinger with Chancellor Madlyn Hanes at the alumni awards presentation at University Park, June 2, 2006.

Zoffinger named University Distinguished Alumnus

George R. Zoffinger hesitated about coming to Penn State Harrisburg in its earliest days not because it was a unique, new campus offering only upper division and graduate study, but because he didn't see himself as a college student and he had no idea what he wanted to do.

Today, Zoffinger is a successful, New Jersey business leader who heads the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. At Penn State Harrisburg, he found an inviting atmosphere and a rapport with faculty that he says helped provide the direction he needed.

Since his graduation with honors in 1970, Zoffinger has supported the college immeasurably. He has established the Zoffinger Family Fund Scholarship in the School of Business Administration and most recently established a Trustee Matching Scholarship for students enrolled or planning to enroll in the School of Business Administration. In 2003, he served as the college Alumni Fellow, returning to campus to lend his expertise to students in business classes.

On June 2, 2006, at ceremonies at University Park, the Penn State Alumni Association named Zoffinger a Distinguished Alumnus of the University, an honor given previously to only one other Penn State Harrisburg graduate.

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When Zoffinger speaks

Part of what has made Zoffinger successful is his candor. He's not afraid to say what he thinks – one media source described him as “ever quotable” – and people want to know what he has to say. A Google search of his name brings up tens of thousands of references, many of them news articles featuring Zoffinger's take on things.

Zoffinger's not afraid of controversy either, especially over issues about which he feels strongly. One such is public support of professional sports teams.

Bucking a recent trend, Zoffinger opposes using tax dollars to subsidize professional sports teams by funding stadiums, even if it means a team leaves town. He doesn't buy arguments that such public investments lead to huge regional economic benefits. Rather, he has said, they pad the pockets of athletes and team owners.

Supporters call Zoffinger a rare breed for taking this stance, but it doesn't sit well with everyone. Still, Zoffinger believes he's looking out for the public good.

“It's all about choices,” he explained in a 2004 newspaper interview. “I convinced the governor that we could run a profitable building and a profitable agency if we didn't have to subsidize these team owners. He then could make the more logical choice to spend money on education, on health care, on environmental protection.” Zoffinger said the decision was difficult at the time, but the public has “applauded the fact that we've made these choices....”

Zoffinger says his strong opposition to public funding of stadiums stems from observing his wife at work as a social worker. This has crystallized the social tradeoffs for him and helped him to “see things the state needs to spend money on rather than stadiums or arenas.”

Keeping things in perspective

When Zoffinger reflects on his life, he doesn't mention career success much. Instead, he talks about family. He says marrying Judy was the most important decision he ever made and he credits her for his success. He proudly talks about his three children and he's happy to tell you that his two grandsons, ages three and one, are the best thing in his life.

They live just 10 minutes away from Zoffinger's home in Skillman, N.J. “There are days when I'm having to deal with all these issues,” he says, “and I'll stop in to see them even for just 15 minutes and it makes me forget about all the other stuff.”

Zoffinger – “Pop” as his grandsons call him – especially enjoys spending time with his family at the New Jersey shore. There, he shares simple pleasures like swimming, fishing, and a daily stroll to the donut shop with his oldest grandson.

“Before I had grandkids, I'd laugh at my friends when they talked so much about their grandkids,” he says. “Now I understand.”

With a career that has taken him around the world and keeps him in the company of some of the nation's most powerful people, you would think Zoffinger would have difficulty naming his greatest achievement. Not so.

“My greatest achievement is Judy and 37 years of marriage,” he says sincerely. “That's a long time nowadays. But it has worked out really well.”

“Yep, 37 years of marriage, and I never had a fight...,” he adds with a laugh, “at least not that I won.”

Researcher hits the roof to help keep water clean

As a graduate student at the University of Alabama – Birmingham, Penn State Harrisburg's Dr. Shirley E. Clark had a "fantastic" faculty mentor. She says he spurred her interest in stormwater's impact on the environment, which has become a focal point of her research, and he taught her about student mentoring, something she's become good at based on feedback from her students.

"I'm a strong believer in protection of our natural resources," says Dr. Clark, assistant professor of environmental engineering. "The study of stormwater issues interests me because it allows me to use my background in chemistry and because stormwater is a large part of our water supply system. Keeping it clean is crucial for us to live. I can make my contribution not only as part of its cleanup, but also by helping to prevent pollution in the first place."

Specifically, Dr. Clark's research looks at the impact of roofing on stormwater and focuses on two questions. Do roofing materials contribute to polluting runoff and can green roofing help battle the problem?

"The assumption had always been that air pollution caused water running off of roofs to become dirty," Dr. Clark explains. "Now we're seeing other factors may also be to blame."

With support from student researchers, Dr. Clark is studying the impact of common roofing materials on runoff. They're finding these products may not be as benign as once thought, compounding pollutants that originate in the air. The implications of these findings can be far reaching, given the pace of urban development locally and nationally.

"Satellite pictures of Central Pennsylvania show that the area covered by roofing is huge," says Dr. Clark. "If we're going to continue developing, we need to develop with environmentally friendly materials."

Greener means cleaner

Green roofing is one potential answer to the problem. But in this case, "green" means more than just environmentally friendly materials. "Green roofs are literally rooftops covered with plants," explains Dr. Clark. More common in Europe, green roofing is just starting to gain popularity in the United States.

Green roofs have several advantages. They can keep runoff cleaner by filtering out airborne pollutants and by releasing fewer from roofing materials. They also are aesthetically pleasing.

"Researchers are finding that besides helping with water pollution, green roofing can help solve urban air pollution problems, and the 'urban heat island effect,' whereby massive amounts of asphalt and pavement raise temperatures in urban areas," says Dr. Clark.

"The Penn State Center for Green Roof Research at University Park has been studying green roofing for a few years now," says Dr. Clark, who works closely with the center. "But not too many folks have looked at the engineering side; that's where we come in."

The best plants for green roofing are succulents, like cactuses, or Alpine plants because they can handle harsh conditions. The trick is finding the right medium in which to plant them.

"We're trying to find the right mix of substances," explains Dr. Clark. "The goal is to keep the medium light. You don't want to add more weight than a roof has been designed to carry."

Dr. Clark predicts that we'll soon see more green roofs in the Mid-Atlantic region, especially as the federal government works to require its facilities to meet environmental sustainability standards.

Another fantastic mentor

Dr. Clark balances her research interests with her role as a teacher and mentor. She fulfills this role partly by welcoming student involvement in research.

"Part of what we're here for is to give students opportunities to learn," says Dr. Clark. "In many respects, outside of the classroom is where you can learn the best."

Brett Long is pursuing a master's in Environmental Pollution Control. Like many graduate students, Long chose Penn State Harrisburg because of what he learned about its faculty.

"Dr. Clark's research interests were similar to mine, so I contacted her," he says. This led him to enroll at Penn State Harrisburg after earning his bachelor's degree at Penn State Altoona. Long is one of several students working closely on green roofing research with Dr. Clark.

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Shirley E. Clark

POSITION:

Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering
(2003–Present)

RESEARCH:

Impact of the engineered environment on nature and public health.

Focus: Impact of stormwater runoff on the physical and chemical quality of surface water bodies.

TEACHING:

Goal: To instill an understanding of how people interact with the environment, particularly the water environment, and how their activities affect the environment.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Environmental Health Engineering
M.S.C.E. Environmental Engineering Major
University of Alabama at Birmingham

B.S. Chemical Engineering
Washington University

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Flashes from our past



Live on the air

The college's first radio station "WZAP" went on the air in 1969, playing everything from "Mod to Classic...Motown to Jive." After many iterations and hiatuses, the campus radio station is back in business. WPSH's first broadcast in years aired in April 2006.



What do you do for fun?

Early students made their own fun. Jim Smail a Business major in the class of 1969, remembers starting an intramural football league that played on what were empty fields in front of Olmsted and renting out a store front to host parties – music provided by record player. Male students also played "soldier" in teams, donning old military helmets they had found. With the Vietnam War underway, Smail says he's not sure if they were practicing for what they thought might be their future, or just trying to take the edge off of a stressful time.



A.K.A Vendorville

Long before the Stacks Market food court, and even before the Lion's Den, Vendorville was the main eating and gathering place in Olmsted for students and staff at lunchtime. Located in the basement, Vendorville sported mess hall décor long after the college took over the former Air Force base and featured an entire wall lined with pinball machines and an assortment of "food" vended from machines.

Unique for its time, Capitol Campus filled a niche

The start of the 2006 fall semester marks Penn State Harrisburg's 40th anniversary. And, although Capitol Campus, as it was first known, was created just 40 years ago, its growth has been remarkable.

When the campus opened in 1966 on the site of the former Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown, 18 students were enrolled. Today, enrollment has topped 3,700.

The idea for a Penn State campus in Harrisburg did not come solely as a way to meet an education need. Rather, then-Governor William W. Scranton, seeking a way to lessen the economic impact of the closing of Olmsted Air Force Base, approached Penn State President Eric A. Walker with the idea of turning the site into a Penn State graduate school.

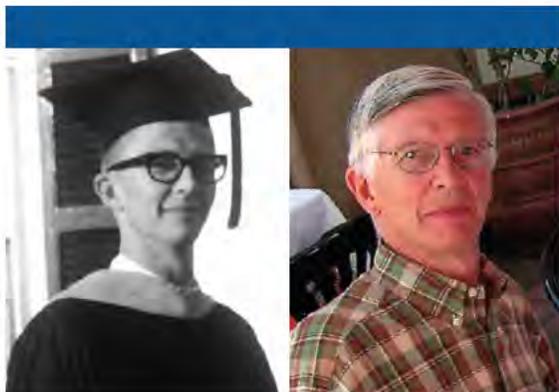
But Dr. Walker had a better idea. A graduate school *and* upper division center would relieve enrollment pressures at University Park, complement the efforts of neighboring institutions including the newly established Harrisburg Area Community College, and allow the University to maximize its investment in faculty, classrooms, library resources, and laboratory equipment.

With the transfer of 178 acres and 16 buildings in May 1966 from the Air Force to the University, Capitol Campus became Pennsylvania's first upper division and graduate center and one of only three in the nation at the time.

Pioneer students

Early students represented a mix of ages and backgrounds and chose Capitol Campus for many reasons. "Many students came seeking the unique programs we offered," says Clemmie E. Gilpin, a 35-year faculty member in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. "We had a large number of Vietnam veterans, and many students from urban Philadelphia, as well as from all over the state." Capitol's first faculty member Dr. George D. Wolf, who retired in 1983, also recalls a number of non-traditional age females returning to school at Capitol. He says many of them were from a generation when women, upon finishing high school, were not encouraged to go to college.

For many students, Capitol filled a special need. For some, it offered their only means for obtaining a degree. Here are a few of their stories.

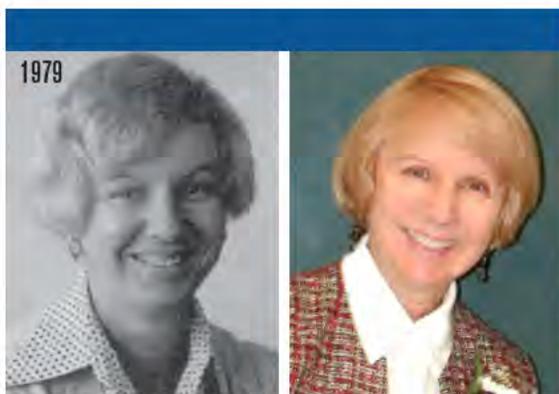


Robert K. Grebe was the first person to complete Penn State Harrisburg's Master of Engineering program, graduating in 1968. He had earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Lehigh University in 1961 and was working for AMP, Inc. (now Tyco) in the Harrisburg area, where he lived with his wife Arlene and their two children.

"At the time, Capitol offered the only realistic way for me to obtain the advanced degree," he explains. "There were only graduate degree programs in engineering offered at Drexel in Philadelphia and at Penn State's main campus. It just wasn't practical to work full-time and commute to Drexel by train and I couldn't afford to take a leave of absence to go to the main campus. Capitol, with the evening courses, was a very practical and timely solution."

Grebe transferred to Phoenix with Tyco in 1984 and retired there in 1999.

"At the time, Capitol offered the only realistic way for me to obtain the advanced degree."

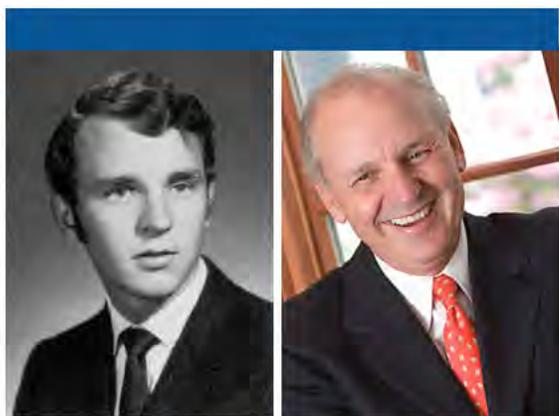


"Penn State Harrisburg will always be something special to me because it gave me the foundation for a career I might never have thought about."

Penn State Harrisburg Professor of Information Systems Gayle J. Yaverbaum began as a student at Capitol in 1970. She had attended Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. for two years before quitting to get married. She said because she wanted to stay at home and was raising a family, few options existed for her to complete her degree.

But Penn State Harrisburg provided an answer. Dr. Yaverbaum earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1973 and then a master's in Public Administration in 1975. She joined the faculty in 1975, and later also earned a second master's degree and a Ph.D. from Temple University.

"Penn State Harrisburg will always be something special to me because it gave me the foundation for a career I might never have even thought about," she says.



"Someone had told me that Penn State had this unique new program where you could go and finish your last two years."

George R. Zoffinger came to Capitol Campus from Long Island, New York. Looking to parlay his two-year community college degree into something more, Zoffinger didn't have the same type of family responsibilities that Grebe and Yaverbaum did when he enrolled in 1968. Although he did have some encouragement.

"I wasn't really sure about college at that age," he says. "I was the oldest of seven kids, and I remember my dad saying, 'You should go to college. If you go, your brothers and sisters will follow.'"

Community colleges themselves were a relatively new phenomenon in the 1960s and sometimes transferring to a four-year school was cumbersome, or impossible.

"I went to a community college near home, and I did all right there so I figured 'I can do this,'" Zoffinger explains. "Someone had told me that Penn State had this unique new program where you could go and finish your last two years." Zoffinger graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business in 1970 and earned a master's in Finance from New York University in 1971.

Although he faced college with some trepidation, the results have been good. Today, Zoffinger is president and CEO of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and a well-established business leader. And his father was right. Zoffinger's college success, aided by the availability of the new upper division campus that Capitol provided, inspired four of his siblings to attend college.

Penn State Harrisburg 40th Anniversary



Low-tech beginnings

At the outset, the campus had a single computer, one left behind by the Air Force. Students used engineering equipment – also left behind by the Air Force – that dated from the Korean War (1950-1953). Eventually, each office suite was provided with a computer – Tandy brand, from Radio Shack. Ironically, Penn State Harrisburg was one of the first University campuses to go wireless.



Sharing our anniversary with Joepa

Joe Paterno took over the reins as head football coach at Penn State in 1966, although he was first hired in 1950.

The price was right

For early Penn State Harrisburg students, staying in touch with home was cheap. The cost in 1966 to mail a first class letter was just five cents. Commuters had a similar luxury, by today's standards – gas was just \$.32 per gallon.



Finding higher ground

When Hurricane Agnes flooded much of Central Pennsylvania in 1972, the official commencement was cancelled. Many seniors instead helped the nearly 1,000 people who fled their homes and sought shelter on campus. Trailers were set up in front of Olmsted and 100 families lived there for months in what became known as “Flood Village.” Some students organized their own commencement ceremony with several faculty members in what was called the “Rump Ceremony.” In 1997, members of the Class of 1972 were invited to be officially recognized during that year's commencement at the Hershey Theatre.

Find your place in history

Feeling nostalgic? Want to reminisce about your years at “Capitol?” Wondering if you and your roommates really carved a spot in college history?



Order a free copy of the Penn State Harrisburg 40th anniversary commemorative booklet, featuring highlights of the college's first four decades as told through the words and images of students, faculty, and staff.

To receive the booklet, call the alumni office at 717-948-6715 or e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu.

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Penn State Harrisburg will celebrate its 40th anniversary on October 27 and we want you to join us.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the lion shrine dedication, followed by dinner and the annual alumni award ceremony.

For information, e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu.

A special reunion for the class of 1981 is also being planned and organized by Roseanne Rosenberger. E-mail her at kcmr@msn.com for more details



Penn State Harrisburg

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THE HISTORY OF PENN STATE HARRISBURG

1966 ●

Capitol Campus opens for classes. 18 students take undergraduate courses in Humanities and Social Sciences.



1968

First graduating class. 12 students travel to University Park for commencement.

Enrollment surpasses 1,000. First master's degree programs offered.



1969 ●

First on-campus commencement. 251 degrees awarded.

1973

Institute of State and Regional Affairs founded.

1975 ●

Capital Union Building construction completed.



1979

Board of Advisers ● established.



1980

Current academic units created: Business Administration; Public Affairs; Humanities; Behavioral Sciences and Education; Science, Engineering, and Technology; Library.

1982

First doctoral program offered in conjunction with University Park.

1983

Academic calendar changed from trimesters to semesters.

● **1984**

New Science and Technology Building dedicated.

1985

New bookstore opened.

1986

Campus gains college status. Name becomes The Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg – Capital College.

1988

Ph.D. in Public Administration established – first doctorate in Penn State system to be offered completely outside of University Park.

1989-1994

Academic units receive School status.

1994

First Public Administration doctoral degree conferred.

● **2000**

New library opened.

2001

Freshmen admitted into the college's first four-year program, the major in Information Sciences and Technology.

● **2002**

New student housing opened.

2003

Began offering all four years of study in five undergraduate majors in science, engineering, and technology.

2004

Aquatics center opened.

Began offering first two years of study leading to 160 Penn State undergraduate majors.

● **2005**

Enrollment topped 3,700.



Holocaust and Jewish Studies Center

Bringing the college and community together to remember and to teach

Thanks to generous community support and involvement, Penn State Harrisburg is taking the lead in preserving the legacy of Jewish experience and Holocaust survivor generations in Central Pennsylvania.

A recent \$75,000 anonymous donation to the college has created an endowment to support Holocaust education, including programming for the community, students, and faculty, including lectures, field trips, national and international study tours, and student awards. The Schwab Family Holocaust Reading Room, made possible through a gift to the college from Linda and Morris Schwab, will serve as the center's focal point.

"No other institution locally can provide the library resources and campus involvement coupled with community engagement that we are able to," says Simon Bronner, distinguished professor of American studies and folklore and the center's lead faculty member. "These donations, as well as past support for resources such as the Holocaust and Genocide Collection of books and other media, allow us to extend the college's expertise and facilities to bring Holocaust and Jewish studies to audiences ranging from school students and their teachers to researchers to the community at large."

The college is presenting a number of activities in coming months as part of the center's offerings. Many are free and open to the public, including a lecture by noted Holocaust memorial sculptor David Ascalon on November 9 and a Jewish literature discussion series, ongoing through December.

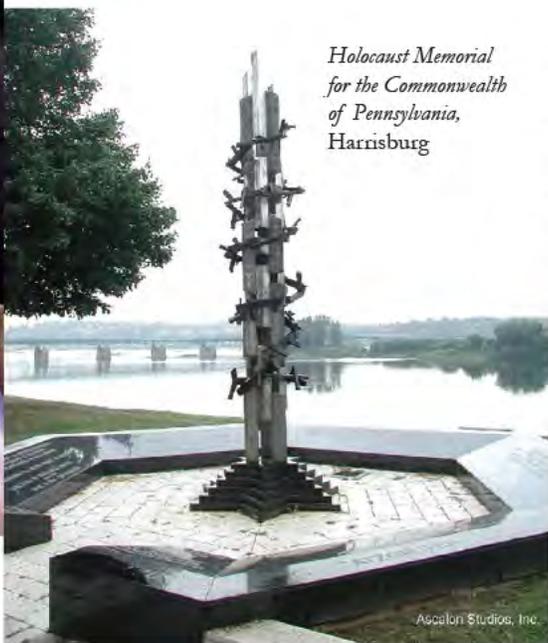


Sculptor David Ascalon

Nationally known sculptor to speak

The public is invited to hear nationally recognized artist and sculptor David Ascalon when he speaks at Penn State Harrisburg on November 9 on the challenges of memorializing the Holocaust in art. The presentation coincides with observances for Kristallnacht – the “Evening of Broken Glass” Nazi-organized attack on Jews that occurred in Germany in 1938.

Ascalon is especially known for creating artwork for worship and public spaces. A number of his sculptures pay tribute to Holocaust victims, including his award-winning *Holocaust Memorial for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* which sits on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg.



*Holocaust Memorial
for the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania,
Harrisburg*

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Ascalon received his early artistic training as an apprentice of his father, the Hungarian-born sculptor and industrialist Maurice Ascalon. The younger Ascalon studied architecture and design at New York's Pratt Institute where he earned his degree.

In 1977, Ascalon moved to the Philadelphia area where he joined with his father to form Ascalon Studios. Under David's direction, Ascalon Studios has created hundreds of projects throughout North America. Many of Ascalon's own works adorn synagogue architecture and other venues of worship. He has received a number of major international design commissions and awards.

Schwab Reading Room will be Holocaust Center focal point

In spring 2007, the college will unveil the Schwab Family Holocaust Reading Room, a campus focal point for Holocaust education.

A generous donation from Harrisburg residents Linda and Morris Schwab will enable Penn State Harrisburg to create this special place in the library devoted to the study of the Holocaust and preservation of local connections to it. The reading room will be unique in its design – nothing like it exists in the region – and in its purpose.

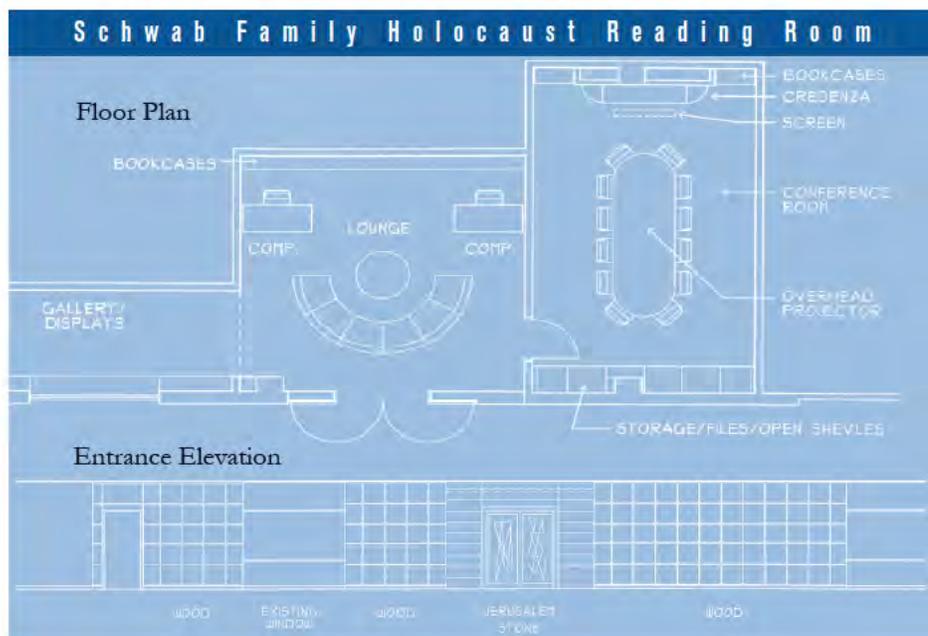
The Schwab Reading Room will include material from the college's extensive Holocaust and Genocide Collection of books and other media and provide space for gallery presentations of art and documents of the Holocaust and Jewish experience. The Reading Room's video and audio recordings of survivors, liberators, and witnesses in Central Pennsylvania will allow visitors to learn about local connections to the Holocaust, while special collections, exhibits, documents, and oral histories will provide additional perspectives.

"The Schwab Family Reading Room will serve as a living memorial," said Chancellor Madlyn Hanes, "recognizing synagogues, institutions, and individuals involved in Holocaust activities."

Morris Schwab, CEO of Credential Leasing Corp. and D & H Distributing Company, is a 1940 Penn State graduate with a bachelor's degree in Arts and Letters. He has been active with the University's Alumni Association and in 1994 received its first Outstanding Alumni Council Member Award. His wife Linda is a Holocaust survivor. In addition to giving generously to Penn State Harrisburg, through their family foundation and personal giving, the Schwabs have been steadfast supporters of many facets of the University, including athletics, the College of Liberal Arts, the Palmer Museum, and the Hintz Alumni Center.



Morris and Linda Schwab



Jewish literature discussion series continues this Fall

A five-part, public reading and discussion series titled *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination* continues on campus through early December. The series, which began in September, explores Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme.

The Penn State Harrisburg library is one of more than 150 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association. Local support is provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, Dauphin County Library System, and the Hershey Public Library.

The discussion series, explores the theme "Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming" and is open to the public. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. in the library's Morrison Gallery.

October 16

Mr. Sammler's Planet by Saul Bellow

October 30

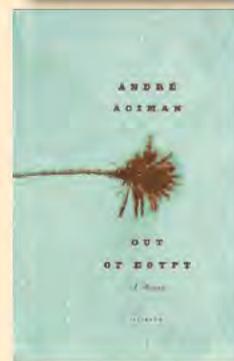
Out of Egypt by André Aciman

November 20

The Centaur in the Garden by Moacyr Scliar

December 4

Kaaterskill Falls by Allegra Goodman



Mead to speak at commencement

A University graduate and longtime friend of Penn State Harrisburg, James M. Mead, will deliver the keynote address at the college's fall commencement Friday, Dec. 22 at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Mead, honored in 1986 as Penn State Harrisburg's Alumni Fellow, retired in 2004 as president and chief executive officer of Capital BlueCross, completing a distinguished 30-year career with the health care organization.

A graduate of the University Park campus with a baccalaureate degree in

Economics and a master's degree in Liberal Arts, Mead is a former chair of the college's Board of Advisers, currently serves on

the Master of Health Administration program's Leadership Council, and has been an adjunct faculty member in the School of Business Administration.



James M. Mead

Contributions recognize Charles Cole's distinguished service



Dr. Charles Cole (center) with Michael Daschbach and Haojiang Zhou '00 MEPC, of Entech Engineering.

For 35 years, Dr. Charles A. Cole was at the forefront of environmental education at Penn State Harrisburg – and throughout the nation and the world.

School of Science, Engineering, and Technology director, professor, Fulbright recipient, trainer, and sought-after consultant, Dr. Cole concluded distinguished service to Penn State Harrisburg and the University this summer with his retirement as professor emeritus.

Dr. Cole is the first recipient of a funded professorship at the college – The Berg Professorship of Engineering. A registered engineer, he shepherded from infancy the college's undergraduate and graduate Environmental Engineering and

graduate Environmental Pollution Control majors and expanded the influence and respect of Penn State Harrisburg and the University with his service on state commissions and as an international lecturer and scholar. He played key roles in establishing the Environmental Training Center and the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center on campus.

In honor of Dr. Cole's commitment to environmental education, friends of the college have generously contributed funding to establish awards and a program fund in his honor.

CET Engineering Services, under the guidance of Jeff Wendle, president, and Steve Huntzinger, project manager and principal, has created the CET Engineering Services Award for Environmental Programs in Honor of Dr. Charles A. Cole. The award will honor outstanding achievement by an undergraduate or graduate student in a Penn State Harrisburg environmental program.

Gannett Fleming, Inc. Chairman and CEO Ron Drenivich, President and COO Bob Dietz, Senior Vice President Bill Stout, Senior Vice President Gene Koontz, and Vice President Jim Elliott helped create the Gannett Fleming Award in Honor of Dr. Charles A. Cole. This award will honor achievement by a student in an engineering or environmental program in the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

In addition, combined gifts from individuals and companies have established the Charles A. Cole Program Fund to support campus educational events. Supporters include Hugh Archer, president and owner, Mavickar Environmental Consultants; Michael Daschbach, vice president and principal, Entech Engineering; Max Stoner, president, and John Latsha, professional engineer, Glace Associates; Brian Funkhouser, executive vice president and COO, Buchart Horn and Associates; Bill Hill, president and owner, William F. Hill and Associates; Michael Gillespie, president and owner, Envirep; and Ed Gillette, president, Environmental Engineering Management.



“Alumni Couples” dinner coming Feb. 10

Are you and your spouse Penn State Harrisburg graduates?

If you are, there's a special event coming to campus early next year especially for the two of you.

The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting a Feb. 10, 2007 dinner for Penn State Harrisburg couples. Invitations will be sent in January, so check your mailbox.

Can't get away without the kids? Free babysitting will be provided.

If you and your spouse are Penn State Harrisburg grads, please let us know. E-mail: hbgalumni@psu.edu.

New, eight-court Hoverter Tennis Complex dedicated

The new Hoverter Tennis Complex on campus was formally dedicated during noontime ceremonies Thursday, Aug. 31.

The Lawrence L. and Julia Z. Hoverter Charitable Foundation presented one of the largest gifts in Penn State Harrisburg's 40-year history to fund the new complex and create a Trustee Matching Scholarship. Two of the foundation's board members, Dr. Joseph Cecere and Mrs. Becky Cecere, have close ties to the college. Dr. Cecere is a long-time faculty member and chair of the Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology program. His wife, the grand-niece of Julia Zeiders Hoverter, is a professional tennis instructor and new coach at Penn State Harrisburg.

"The Ceceres recognized the need for expanded athletic facilities as the college became a complete four-year institution in 2004," said Chancellor Madlyn Hanes. "They wanted the college to once again offer an intercollegiate tennis program as well as provide this lifetime physical education sport."

The eight-court tennis complex was constructed south of the Capital Union Building and indoor aquatics center and adjacent to the soccer field. Brick entry walls line the complex and a walkway connects the courts with the Capital Union Building and parking lot.

Chancellor Hanes called the new complex a strong statement to the college's commitment to intercollegiate sports and credited the facility with being an important factor in the college's recent acceptance into the North Eastern Athletic Conference.

Others taking part in the dedication ceremonies were: Ronald Katzman, also representing the Hoverter Foundation; Athletic Director Rahsaan Carlton; James Byerly, representing the college Board of Advisers; and Fred Sembach, representing the Alumni Society.

Lobar Associates, Inc. of Dillsburg is the general contractor for the tennis complex; the architect is Stephen Parks and Associates of Hollidaysburg.

The first intercollegiate tennis match on the new courts was held on Saturday, Sept. 16. The tennis season continues through October.



Hoverter Charitable Foundation representatives Dr. Joseph and Becky Cecere (left) and Ronald Katzman (right) join Chancellor Hanes and the Nittany Lion during the dedication.

Mahar Fund will enhance music offerings

Throughout his distinguished academic career, music and service to students were passions of Dr. William J.

Mahar. His 35 years at Penn State Harrisburg included tenures as director of the School of Humanities from 1984 to 2002 and then as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs until his retirement this year.

Joanne Chernow '88 Hum, recalls that she was a nontraditional student nearing completion of her degree when she married and moved to New York City. "Dr. Mahar worked diligently to arrange for me to complete my studies," she said. "I am amazed how he figured it all out. ... but I completed my Penn State degree and completed my father's dream of having all his children earn a college degree."

With Dr. Mahar's retirement from the University in June, friends and colleagues are creating a lasting legacy to the longtime Penn State Harrisburg faculty member and administrator by establishing the Mahar Program Fund to support music enrichment at the college.

The Mahar Program Fund is earmarked for various purposes, including the purchase of instruments and sheet music for classes, assisting emerging musical groups at Penn State Harrisburg, and bringing musical entertainment to campus.

The School of Humanities offers music history classes and a student choir has been created along with offerings in choral music. Through the Mahar Program Fund, the school hopes to build on those initiatives.

For more information on the Mahar Program Fund or to make a contribution to support music enrichment and Dr. Mahar's legacy, contact the college's development office at 717-948-6316.



Defense Distribution Center applauds Penn State Harrisburg partnership

The educational partnership between the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in New Cumberland and Penn State Harrisburg has resulted in a commendation for the college's Office of Continuing Education.

At the recent graduation ceremony for DDC employees who completed Penn State training, commanding officer Brig. Gen. Mike Lally presented the Defense Distribution Triangle to the college in recognition of its education outreach to the military installation.

The partnership between DDC and Penn State began in 2001. Twenty-two employees graduated from the first program, earning certificates in Business Logistics.

As part of the recent ceremony, 11 DDC employees received a Penn State certificate in Customer Relationship Management. Gen. Lally emphasized the importance of the curriculum the students completed. "Customer Relationship Management is an important Defense Logistics Agency initiative," he said. "As we continue to examine our operations to see where we can improve, we realize that just because we provide excellent customer service to America's warfighters today doesn't mean that we can be satisfied with our level of customer support. Instead we need to be proactive and seek additional opportunities for improvement and integrate these into daily operations."

Penn State Harrisburg Acting Director of Continuing Education Erin Shannon congratulated the students on their ability to manage multiple responsibilities while completing their coursework over the last two years. In addition to working 40 hours a week, employees completed courses in customer relationship management, interpersonal communication, conflict resolution and negotiation, project management, and structures and processes relating to an organization.

Many of the courses focused on communication, an essential part of providing world-class logistics support to DDC's customers. "Armed with better communication skills, I am confident I can better serve my country and the warfighter," said Supply Management Specialist Jim Weiner.

Supply Systems Analyst Roxanna Covert added, "I learned that one needs to speak clearly to be understood, but it is even more important to listen to your customer."

Four named to Board of Advisers

Four community and business leaders are the newest additions to the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers.

University President Graham B. Spanier has appointed William Christ, Michael L. Hund, Richard T. Reynolds, and Robert J. Woelfling.

Christ retired in 2002 after a 32-year career at Hershey Foods Corporation during which he moved steadily through the management and corporate ranks to become executive vice president and chief operations officer. A Penn State Alumni Fellow, he holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and an MBA from Penn State Harrisburg.

Hund is a shareholder with the Harrisburg office of the law firm Buchanan Ingersoll and is a member of the Corporate Finance Group. A certified public accountant, Hund's law practice covers a variety of corporate and securities law issues. He holds a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and a J.D. from the George Mason School of Law.

Reynolds is the sole owner and founder of Reynolds Construction Management, Inc., one of the leading construction service firms in Pennsylvania. Honored in 2001 as the Central Pennsylvania Entrepreneur of the Year, he holds a bachelor's degree in Building Construction from the University of Florida.

Woelfling is the vice president of global sourcing and operations strategy for The Hershey Company, where he has been employed for 29 years. He is responsible for global contract manufacturing, operations planning and analysis, sales and operations planning, and materials requirements planning. He holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering Mechanics from Penn State and an MBA from the University of Connecticut.



Find information galore at new Alumni Library site

Alumni now have special online access to many of the University Libraries' most popular offerings through the new Alumni Library at <http://alumni.libraries.psu.edu>.

A joint project of the Libraries and the Penn State Alumni Association, the new site lets alumni access thousands of pages of information. Most of the site is available to all Penn State alumni, but several sections are for Alumni Association members only.

The Alumni Library is organized into easily accessed sections. "Resource Centers" offer career tools; online research tools; education and funding resources; almanacs; genealogy topics and more. A travel center includes a worldwide ATM locator, a hiking trail finder, and other useful site links for travelers.

In the "Penn State Room," alumni can search through the digital *Daily Collegian* archives (1887-1955), read current issues of the *Digital Collegian* (1988-present), and access digital archive information about everything from Penn State sports through the years to the 150-year evolution of the University Park campus.

Alumni Association members also can access a number of features on Alumni Library, including past and current issues of hundreds of newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

There's no place like home

Penn State Harrisburg is proud to announce the arrival of its very own Nittany Lion shrine. And, although he's on campus, he doesn't yet have a permanent location.

Join us on October 27, as part of the 40th anniversary celebration, as we unveil our own Nittany in his new campus home.



New coaches, sports start seasons

The Penn State Harrisburg intercollegiate athletic program begins its second year with two new sports and several new coaches.

Men's soccer coach Mark Brown is doing double duty this fall as he is also coaching the fledgling women's soccer team. Brown led the men's team to a 10-4 regular season record, a division title, and a spot in the Penn State University Athletic Conference tournament semifinals in 2005.

A native of Scotland where he played professionally for 15 years, Brown formerly coached at Elizabethtown College and Hershey High School.

The two other new sports introduced at Penn State Harrisburg this fall – tennis and golf – have well-known midstaters as head coaches.

Former Dickinson College, Middletown Area High School, and Hershey High head coach Becky Cecere is leading the tennis squad while Brad

Kane is head golf coach.

Kane, the head professional at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course since 2002, is a 1995 Penn State grad who has helped create and develop two public tournaments – the Dauphin County Amateur and the Central Penn Better Ball. Dauphin Highlands will serve as the home course for the Lions.

Tye Lorenzo is directing the cross country team this season. A resident of Hershey, he was a four-year competitor at Northern Kentucky University and is currently on the faculty at HACC's Lebanon campus.

Five other coaches will return for their second seasons at the helm of Penn State Harrisburg squads.

Bob Maschmeyer, a former Slippery Rock University infielder and local American Legion coach, will again lead the baseball squad; four-year letterwinner at Bloomsburg University and former Dickinson College assistant Kirk Ream is the head men's basketball coach; former Penn State Lady Lion co-captain Marissa Graby Hoover is



Brad Kane



Tye Lorenzo

the women's basketball coach; three-year starter at Northern Louisiana University, Tonya Dengler, is back as coach of the women's softball team; and Kevin Larkin, a four-year letterwinner at Penn State Abington, is at the helm of the women's volleyball squad.



Becky Cecere

College gains NCAA provisional status

Twelve months ago, Penn State Harrisburg was busily preparing for the return of varsity intercollegiate athletics after a decade's absence.

Today, it is taking the first steps toward full Division III membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) while it also prepares to switch conferences.

The NCAA formally notified Chancellor Madlyn Hanes that Penn State Harrisburg has been chosen to begin Division III provisional membership in 2007-08. During the first and second years of the provisional process, the NCAA requires institutions to apply Division III rules "to the greatest extent possible." In years three and four, the institution "must apply all rules in advance of full membership."

"The provisional membership process will provide us with an education on the rules, membership requirements, and compliance concepts associated with NCAA athletic programs," said Athletic Director Rahsaan Carlton.

Along with becoming an NCAA member, Penn State Harrisburg also is leaving the Penn State University Athletic Conference for membership in the North Eastern Athletic Conference beginning with the 2007-08 academic year.

The NEAC has NCAA Division III automatic postseason qualifiers in men's baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, and tennis and women's basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. During provisional membership, a college or university is not eligible for NCAA postseason play.

New Faculty

Ann L. Berger-Knorr

Assistant Professor of Reading

Dr. Berger-Knorr holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Penn State. Previously, she was assistant professor of education at Shippensburg University.

Shanetia P. Clark

Assistant Professor of Education

Dr. Clark holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Penn State where she was a Bunton-Waller Scholar and a graduate assistant.

R. Eric Doerfler

Instructor in Nursing

Mr. Doerfler holds an M.S. in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. He had served as president and clinician at Nightingale Health Centers, Inc. in Harrisburg and as a clinician at York Health Corporation/Family First Health.

Xiaoming Liu

Assistant Professor of Reading

Dr. Liu holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas Tech University where she also served as a graduate research assistant.

Cobi Michael

Instructor in Psychology

Ms. Michael holds an M.S. in Counseling Psychology from Loyola College in Maryland. Previously, she was an instructor in psychology at Penn State Schuylkill and an adjunct instructor in psychology at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Martha J. Strickland

Assistant Professor of Education

Dr. Strickland holds an Ed.D. in Educational Psychology from Northern Illinois University. She was a graduate instructor at Northern Illinois University.

Rebecca A. Timmins

Instructor in Kinesiology

Ms. Timmins holds an M.Ed. from the College of New Jersey. She was the assistant director of adult health education at the Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center in York.

Gina M. Yanni-Brelsford

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Yanni-Brelsford holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Bowling Green State University. She was a visiting assistant professor at Loyola College in Maryland and served as child clinical supervisor of doctoral-level psychology students.

Penn State Harrisburg active in new education laboratory initiative

Three Penn State Harrisburg faculty members are playing lead roles in a new \$29 million U.S. Department of Education initiative through which educators and state education agencies in the Mid-Atlantic may gain access to the latest research in their fields.

Penn State, led by its College of Education, is one of five core partners in the initiative which involves faculty from locations at Harrisburg, Beaver, and Great Valley, and the College of Health and Human Development. The plan calls for a team of “laboratory extension specialists” throughout Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. to gather questions directly from teachers and administrators and relay their priorities and needs to researchers. This “Regional Education Laboratory” will serve teachers, principals, superintendents, parents, and government.

“We will help educators answer their questions about how to improve student learning by locating existing, relevant research and by conducting experimental research to answer important questions for which the research does not exist,” says Kyle Peck, the lab’s director and associate dean in Penn State’s College of Education.

Penn State Harrisburg Assistant Professor of Education Judith Zaenglein will lead a team examining curriculum and student performance and Associate Professor of Education Steven Melnick will direct the team focusing on professional development. Associate Professor of Psychology Heather Cecil’s group will design and conduct large-scale research studies of learning practices with promise.

“With the current emphasis in schools on “No Child Left Behind,” I expect us to be very busy with the Regional Education Laboratory,” says Dr. Zaenglein, who is also associate director of the Center for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning in Penn State Harrisburg’s School of Behavioral Sciences and Education.

Other partners in the laboratory initiative include Rutgers University; Caliber Associates, a Washington, D.C. consulting firm experienced in supporting large government initiatives; the Metiri Group, a California-based consulting group expert in the evaluation of technology-based educational innovations; and Analytica, a consulting group that designs and conducts large-scale research studies.

Foxx named Fellow of international association of behavior analysis

Professor of Psychology Richard M. Foxx has been named a Fellow of the Association of Behavior Analysis International (ABA).

The ABA executive council established the honorary designation in 2004 to recognize the outstanding contributions of its most distinguished members.

In announcing Dr. Foxx’s selection, the ABA writes that he has “been one of the field’s leading researchers on disorders of learning and behavior in developmental disabilities” and “has contributed much to changing both philosophy and practice in the field of developmental disabilities.”

Dr. Foxx, who also serves as an adjunct professor of pediatrics at the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, has written seven books and more than 130 scientific publications. His most recent book, *Controversial Therapies for Developmental Disabilities*, is designed to assist parents and professionals seeking effective treatment for developmentally disabled children. Dr. Foxx has made 13 training films and has spoken extensively on the use of behavioral principles to treat individuals with autism, mental retardation, mental illness, and emotional disturbances.



School delivers logistics and supply chain management certificate at Army depot

When the leadership at the Letterkenney Army Depot in Chambersburg recognized a need for graduate-level professional development for its employees, it turned to Penn State Continuing Education for assistance.

To fill that need, Penn State CE units at Harrisburg, Mont Alto, and University Park are partnering to deliver a Penn State Harrisburg certificate program in Logistics and Supply Chain Management to the depot's employees.

"The leadership at Letterkenney identified the Logistics and Supply Chain certificate program as a good fit for its employees," acting Penn State Harrisburg Director of Continuing Education Erin Shannon says. The program is delivered through the college's School of Business Administration.

Theresa Shank, Penn State Mont Alto Director of Continuing Education, adds, "The certificate program consists of four three-credit courses, taught by Penn State faculty. The Penn State partnership permits the resources of the entire University to serve the needs of the Mont Alto campus region."

"The nice thing is that someone can begin with one graduate-level class and then go on to take three more courses and earn the certificate," Shank points out.

Penn State Harrisburg Assistant Professor of Logistics and Operations Management Pete Swan, who is teaching the fall semester course at the Franklin County Tech Center in Chambersburg, says the delivery of the certificate program is indicative of an increase in the number of supply chain and logistics initiatives at the college. "We're adding that ingredient to the undergraduate Management curriculum and planning other offerings through Continuing Education," he said. "One major reason is that Harrisburg is the logistics capital for the Mid-Atlantic region."

The Logistics and Supply Chain Management certificate consists of courses in Business Logistics Management, Transport Systems, Warehousing and Terminal Management, and Strategic Procurement. Courses also are offered on a noncredit basis.



New Faculty

Stephan P. Brady

Assistant Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management
Dr. Brady joins the school from Wright State University in Ohio. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Penn State.

Dale Cake

Instructor in Business Administration
Mr. Cake holds an M.B.A. in Marketing from Temple University. Previously, he worked as a marketing specialist for Marketing Strategists and also taught at Millersville University, Kutztown University, Lebanon Valley College, and Harrisburg Area Community College.

Richard Scheib

Instructor in Accounting and Business Law
Mr. Scheib has taught as an adjunct in the school and now joins as an instructor. He holds a Legal Master's Degree in Tax Law from Georgetown University and a J.D. from Widener University School of Law. He formerly worked at PriceWaterhouse/Coopers & Lybrand and Geisinger Medical Center.

Peter Swan

Assistant Professor of Logistics and Operations Management
Dr. Swan joins the school this year in a tenure track position. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Michigan and taught previously at Penn State Smeal College of Business.

New Faculty

Carl P. Burrowes
Associate Professor of Communications and Humanities
Dr. Burrowes holds a Ph.D. in Communications from Temple University. Previously, he taught communications at Howard University.

Sandra G. Carter
Assistant Professor of Communications and Humanities
Dr. Carter holds a Ph.D. in International Communications from the University of Texas at Austin. She joins the school from the Al Akhawayan University, Ifrane, Morocco.

Julie Kearney
Assistant Professor of English Composition and Humanities
Dr. Kearney holds a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing from Bowling Green State University and has been a writing instructor for Penn State Harrisburg since 2003. Dr. Kearney is also the adviser for *Tarnhelm*, the college's creative arts journal

Yu Shi
Assistant Professor of Speech Communications and Humanities
Dr. Shi holds a Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Iowa. She joins the school from New York University, where she has been teaching advanced issues in intercultural communications

Fascination with China results in unique book publishing agreement

What began as a personal fascination with China more than a decade ago has culminated in a unique book publishing agreement for a School of Humanities faculty member.

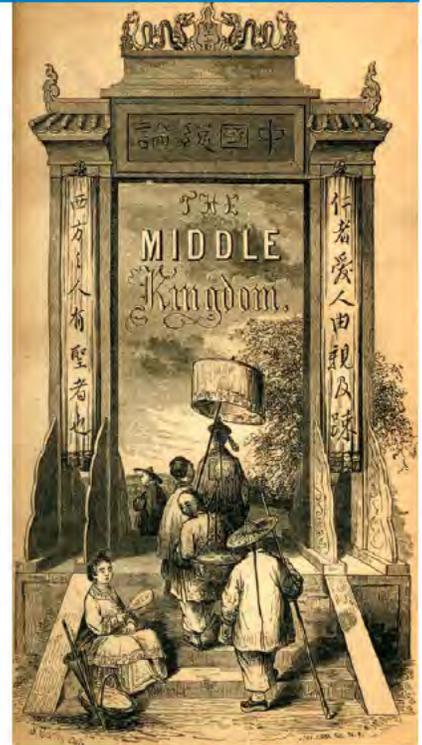
Assistant Professor of American Studies and Literature John R. Haddad's *The Romance of China: Excursions to China in U.S. Culture: 1776-1876* is now available online through an arrangement with Columbia University Press.

In 2003, Haddad won a \$20,000 award from the American Historical Association in conjunction with Columbia University Press to refocus his doctoral dissertation and make a book. Columbia owns the electronic rights to the book for three years and is selling it through its Gutenberg-e.org Web site. In 2009, the book will be published as a traditional printed volume.

"China was once romantic to me," Haddad recalls. "Back in 1994, when I decided I wanted to travel overseas, I had two reasons. First, I possessed the sort of wanderlust that seizes many recent college graduates and second, I decided I wanted to teach for a living and thought that a temporary position overseas would provide me with much-needed experience in front of a classroom."

He continues, "Though I enjoyed living and teaching in the

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Humanities faculty member John Haddad's new book looks at sources such as *The Middle Kingdom*, published in 1847 by an American missionary, as he examines how Americans learned about China in early U.S. history.

Teaching the teachers Grant supports workshops on Ben Franklin

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Penn State Harrisburg a \$210,000 grant to explore the life and ideas of Benjamin Franklin. "A Rising People: Benjamin Franklin and the Americans" will bring teachers from throughout the United States to historic Philadelphia during the summer of 2007 to explore the sites of America's founding and study with some of the country's pre-eminent historians.

"Understanding Benjamin Franklin is essential to understanding the history and heritage of the United States," said Assistant Professor of American Studies and History George Boudreau, the program's director. "This program will bring Franklin to life for schoolchildren around the country." Dr. Boudreau, a recognized Franklin scholar, authored the grant that will bring over 100 teachers to Philadelphia during the 2007 teachers' institutes.

More than 500,000 American schoolchildren visit Philadelphia's historic district and Independence National Historical Park each year. A longtime volunteer and advocate for historic sites in the Philadelphia region, Boudreau notes that many of those children arrive in Philadelphia with little understanding of the city's importance to the creation of the United States, and many teachers have no follow-up information for their students after they leave. These NEH-funded workshops will train teachers to understand Franklin and his era and to make use of historic sites as teaching tools, while also creating a body of information for all teachers,

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Study examines rural water and wastewater issues

Like all communities statewide, Pennsylvania's small, rural communities rely on the continuous health of their water and wastewater systems to maintain the quality of life that their residents have come to expect. But a Penn State study outlines the challenges and issues that can threaten those systems.

"Pennsylvania residents many times take for granted the running water and efficient wastewater systems that are critical to their communities. Until problems arise, water and wastewater systems may be easy to ignore," says Penn State Harrisburg Professor of Public Policy and Administration Beverly Cigler.

The study, conducted by Dr. Cigler and sponsored by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, examined the system capacity of a sample of the state's small water and wastewater systems to assess their ability to meet these challenges.

"Agricultural and residential waste, industrial discharges, construction runoff, and changing regulatory and financial environments can threaten water and wastewater systems," Dr. Cigler says. "In some cases, infrastructure needs require immediate repair or replacement due to age, condition, capacity, safety, or permitting. If such needs are ignored, more infrastructure will reach the end of its useful life and rural communities will ultimately bear the cost of repair or replacement."

Among Dr. Cigler's findings and conclusions are:

1. **Enhance operator skills.** The research found that infrastructure costs may be reduced by enhancing the managerial, technical, and financial skills of those responsible for the operations of water and wastewater systems.
2. **Plan for the future.** Cooperation among and between local governments, state and federal regulatory agencies, and legislators is needed to address the present and future needs of the state's small water and wastewater systems.
3. **Improve data collection.** The collection of systematic information on community infrastructure systems is strategically significant; without it, it is difficult to plan for future repairs, upgrades, and replacements.
4. **Improve information flow.** Adequate funds to meet present and future community needs must be obtained. Without external funding assistance, some small communities cannot move into a proactive planning mode to deal with future needs.
5. **Provide training.** More attention needs to be devoted to evaluating and possibly integrating technical training opportunities for plant operators and to providing financial management training for plant operators and board members. The research also highlighted the need to train system operators on how to educate community residents about the infrastructure costs.
6. **Consider alternative strategies for capacity building.** Alternative strategies for communities of various sizes should be considered to develop capacity-building activities, especially financial capacity because communities of various sizes often face different challenges.
7. **Plan for capital improvements.** If addressing future infrastructure is a goal, capital improvement planning assistance should be provided to communities of all sizes.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It was created in 1987 under Act 16, the Rural Revitalization Act, to promote and sustain the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities.



New Faculty

Donald Hummer

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Dr. Hummer holds a Ph.D. in Social Science-Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Previously he was a graduate faculty member at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Here's what they had to say

With November elections near, School of Public Affairs faculty have frequently been called upon to lend expert commentary to news stories making the headlines.

In a story headlined "More states find voters' discontent runs strong," Dr. Steven Peterson said, "At this point, if you were the Democratic Party, you would hope it's an anti-incumbent wave. Certainly, certain incumbents have aroused the ire of their constituents," but it's too early to predict an anti-incumbent wave across Pennsylvania or nationally in November.

Harrisburg Patriot-News
August 10, 2006

On the subject of a private economic roundtable discussion between President Bush and York officials during Bush's August visit to Pennsylvania, Dr. Matthew Woessner was quoted as stating that "such a discussion could give the President a real sense of what people think could help improve the economic situation – and his job approval rating ... A substantive discussion can be so much more revealing that a snapshot of public opinion."

York Dispatch
August 15, 2006

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New Faculty

Ganesh P. Bal

Assistant Professor of Engineering
Dr. Bal holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Previously he was an assistant professor of engineering at Penn State Schuylkill.

Eugene C. Boman

Associate Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Boman holds a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He previously served as an associate professor of mathematics at Penn State DuBois.

Beth M. Campbell Hetrick

Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Campbell Hetrick received her Ph.D. in Mathematics from Bryn Mawr College where she also served as a research and teaching assistant.

Thomas H. Eberlein

Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Eberlein earned a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1986. After graduation, he joined the faculty at Penn State Schuylkill and moved to the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology in 2006.

Kerwin C. Foster

Assistant Professor of Physics
Dr. Foster holds a Ph.D. in Physics from Florida State University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to joining the school, he was an assistant professor of physics at Dillard University.

Sofia M. Vidalis

Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering
Dr. Vidalis holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. Previously she was a transportation operations engineer for Florida Design Consultants.

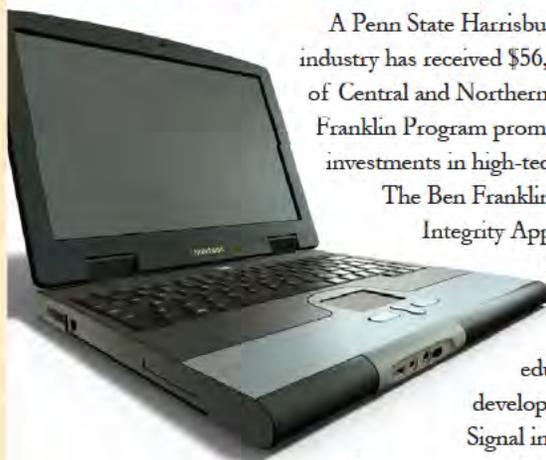
Berg chair in engineering named

Said S.E.H. Elnashaie has been named the holder of the Quentin Berg University Chair in Engineering at Penn State Harrisburg.

Dr. Elnashaie received his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Prior to joining the college, he was a professor of chemical engineering at Auburn University. His many research interests include novel processes for producing clean fuels and optimum design of biorefineries.

The Berg Chair in Engineering – the only endowed faculty chair at the college – was created in 1999 through a \$1.25 million gift by the late Frances Berg and the Quentin Berg Trust. The gift built on Mrs. Berg's \$250,000 commitment in 1987 which established the Berg Professorship in Engineering at Penn State Harrisburg.

Technology center works with local connector industry



A Penn State Harrisburg initiative to partner with the region's connector industry has received \$56,000 in support from Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern Pennsylvania. Part of a statewide network, the Ben Franklin Program promotes economic growth and job opportunities through investments in high-tech innovation.

The Ben Franklin funding will help support the Center for Signal Integrity Applications and Technology Transfer, created to align Penn State Harrisburg's cutting-edge research with area connector companies, integrate signal integrity into the electrical engineering curriculum, develop education courses for the local workforce, and aid in the development of marketable products.

Signal integrity is the engineering field that analyzes electrical interconnects to improve the design, reliability, and performance of digital systems. Interconnects are found in consumer electronics such as notebook and desktop computers, video game play stations, and also in advanced control systems for autos and telecommunications equipment.

Known as the "connector capital of the world," the Harrisburg metropolitan area is home to more than 25 electrical connector companies. Center co-director Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Aldo Morales estimates the region holds 80 to 90 percent of the U.S. connector market worldwide. "As the speed of new digital designs are pushed into the gigabit ranges, interconnect performance becomes the key factor in enabling reliable system operation," Dr. Morales says. "Therefore, signal integrity analysis of high-speed interconnects will be a focus of our research and development partnership."

He continues, "Connector firms in the Harrisburg area design and produce interconnects for very high transmission rates. To compete nationally and internationally, these companies rely on advances in interconnect technology which heavily uses signal integrity analysis." Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Sedig Agili is serving as co-director of the center.

The center also will collaborate with Penn State Harrisburg's School of Business Administration to assist local companies in marketing newly developed products.

Penn State Harrisburg students also will benefit from the center. The inclusion of research on signal integrity applications will enhance the Electrical Engineering curriculum and students will have opportunities for practical experience to augment their classroom studies.

news from the School of Humanities

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Fascination with China results in unique book publishing agreement

People's Republic of China for many reasons, the country's romance turned out not to be among them." Instead, Haddad says, he realized his view of China as romanticized was only from his vantage in the United States. Once there, he found a country like any other, where people quietly went about their own business.

His book, *The Romance of China*, "investigates ways that Americans learned about China during the first 100 years of United States history," Haddad says. "Throughout this period, ordinary Americans yearned to travel to foreign climes even though responsibilities at home and work prevented all but a few from acting on this impulse. China, perhaps more than any other country, attracted their curiosity because it seemed exotic and mysterious.

"To capitalize on this thwarted wanderlust, enterprising individuals traveled to China and upon returning home, organized events designed to simulate an actual tour of China – museums, tea store layouts, travelogues, colossal panoramas, adventure novels, popular lectures, and international expositions. These Americans produced their own cultural view of China for others; they recreated China through words, objects, and images."

Haddad earned a bachelor's degree in English from Harvard College, a master's in English from Yale University, and a Ph. D. in American Studies from the University of Texas. He joined the Penn State Harrisburg School of Humanities faculty in 2003.

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Grant supports workshops on Ben Franklin

available through the Internet. A Web site is planned to provide teachers throughout the U.S. and around the world with access to lesson plans and ideas produced as final projects by the participating teachers along with relevant Franklin materials, chats, web casts, and other information.

The grant is funded through the NEH Landmarks program, an initiative that has hosted more than 5,000 teachers at outstanding historic sites throughout the United States since 2004. Dr. Julia Nguyen, senior program officer at the NEH, said that Landmarks workshops "increase knowledge and appreciation of places significant to American history and culture."

Franklin's Philadelphia offers a glimpse not just at a person, but at an entire era, at changing ways of life, thought, government, and society. "Men and women, rich, poor, and middle class, multi-ethnic and multi-racial – these were the people Franklin saw daily in Philadelphia," Dr. Boudreau said. Teachers will study these lives through eighteenth-century buildings, art and material culture, and writings from the era. The workshops' topics will include Franklin as a printer and writer; Franklin's role in the creation of Pennsylvania politics and in writing the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution; the lives of women, the poor, and African Americans in eighteenth-century America; eighteenth-century art and music, and several other topics.

The program will visit numerous historic sites in Philadelphia, including Independence National Historical Park and the Germantown historic area. It will be formally housed in the new McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Teachers will have access to Penn's libraries, museums, and other facilities. Penn State is a longtime member of the McNeil Center consortium.

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Researcher hits the roof to help keep water clean

"Dr. Clark treats us as equals," he says. "When we get our hands dirty, she gets her hands dirty. She's willing to help you at any time." Long also credits Dr. Clark with encouraging students to participate in professional development conferences.

One of Dr. Clark's most rewarding experiences came when one of her undergraduate students presented research findings at a national conference. A senior at the time, Julia Hafera presented the research which she had completed under Dr. Clark's tutelage with such poise and confidence that afterwards, Dr. Clark's peers asked when Julie would be completing her Ph.D. Dr. Clark smiled and told them that Julia would earn her bachelor's degree the following May. Julia, '06, ENVE, now works at a Philadelphia engineering consulting firm.

Dr. Clark says that one reason she came to Penn State Harrisburg was because of the high level of student contact. "Student mentoring is a large part of what I do," she says. "I thoroughly enjoy it. I wouldn't be teaching if I didn't enjoy the students."

news from the School of Public Affairs

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Here's what they had to say

In an interview focusing on Lynn Swann's race for governor, Dr. Woessner said, "Celebrity always helps getting your foot in the door, but becoming a credible candidate requires that you get beyond your celebrity." He added fame alone will not make Lynn Swann Pennsylvania's next governor ... he needs to push more substance, like the book he recently released. "But ultimately it may be too little too late."

WHP TV 21, CBS-TV
August 17, 2006

Remarking on the first debate between Sen. Rick Santorum and Democratic Challenger Bob Casey, Dr. Peterson said "I'd say if you want a metaphor, it was a dogfight. I think each pretty much gave as he got."

Public Radio Capitol News
September 3, 2006

"He (Casey) held his own. He seemed to belong on the same stage as Santorum."

The Associated Press
September 4, 2006

Alumni society selects officers, elects new members

Fred Sembach, '77 PolSci, '78 MPA, a policy analyst for Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, has been elected president of Penn State Harrisburg's Alumni Society. Other new officers include Jessica Gray '97, PubPol, vice president; and John "Jack" Himes, Jr., '71 Phys, '04 EPC, secretary.

The officers began their terms in June and will remain in office until 2008.

Sembach is in his first full term on the board and previously was chairman of the Society's Mentor Committee. Gray is executive director of the Majority Caucus Chairman's Office, state House of Representatives. Also a first-term board member, she previously served on the Mentor and Student Interaction Committees. Himes is senior recycling technical specialist for the PENNTAP/Recycling Markets Center. A first-term board member, he was a member of the Mentor Committee.



New Alumni Society board members (from left): Ron Bittner, Kelly Fedeli, Nydia Vazquez, Leslie Meals, Miro Gojmerac (seated)

The Alumni Society also recently elected six new members to a three-year term:

Ron Bittner '86 Pub Acct
Senior Pension Compliance Consultant
Trollinger Consulting Group, Allentown

Kelly C. Fedeli '01 MPA
Director, Public Relations
Office of House Majority Leader
Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Harrisburg

Miro M. Gojmerac '98 Mkt
Community Office Manager
Omega Bank, Mechanicsburg

Judy L. Hricak '89 Hum
National Practice Manager – Marketing
and Business Development
Gannett Fleming, Inc., Camp Hill

Leslie K. Meals '80 SocSci
Administrative Assistant
Hershey Entertainment & Resort
Company, Hershey

Nydia M. Vazquez '03 SDCET
Engineer
Turner Construction Company, Philadelphia



Kevin M. Harter

University Alumni Association honors Harter

In honor of his tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of the University, Life Sciences Greenhouse Senior Vice President Kevin M. Harter, '90 IS, '05 MBA, has been named the recipient of one of the Alumni Association's most coveted honors.

Harter, chair of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers, received the University's Philip Philip Mitchell Service Award during formal ceremonies October 13 at University Park.

The Mitchell Award recognizes an individual who has significantly contributed in the area of public service by sharing or volunteering his or her talent, time, and resources on behalf of the University. The award is a cash gift designated to the program area of the recipient's choice, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a permanent plaque.

Harter is the second Penn State Harrisburg graduate to earn the Mitchell Award. William C. Forrey, who earned a master's degree in 1971 from the college, was honored in 1999.

A Mechanicsburg resident, Harter's extensive record of volunteer service to Penn State Harrisburg and the University began after he earned his bachelor's degree in Information Systems from the college in 1990. He served as chair of the Penn State Harrisburg Grand Destiny Campaign from 1996 to 2003 along with his work on the Board of Advisers.

Harter, who also earned an MBA from Penn State Harrisburg in 2005, has established the Kevin and Kathleen Harter Scholarship for IST at the college and is active with the Capital Area Institute for Mathematics and Science in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. He is also a member of the University's President's Club and the Golden Lion Society.

In his role with the Life Sciences Greenhouse, headquartered in Harrisburg, Harter works to partner research universities such as Penn State with business in the region to enhance technology transfer and the development of new companies, and to expand existing firms.



Society farewell

The Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Board of Directors said goodbye to several long-time members during the June meeting.

Completing six years on board were (l. to r.) Richter Voight '99 MHum, Robert J. Bylone Jr. '95 '06 Env, and Samuel Korson, '71 Bus. Completing three years were Louis Costa, '02 Pub Acct (far right); Karen Wilson, '96 PubPol, '00 MPA; and Charles Connor, '70 ElemEd.

Interested in serving on the Board? Any Penn State Harrisburg alumnus is eligible. For more information contact us at 717-948-6715 or hbgalumni@psu.edu.

College Happenings

2006

October 16

A reading and discussion series, *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature* examines books related to the theme "Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming." Join us to discuss the book *Mr. Sammler's Planet* by Saul Bellow. For more information, see page 13. Library Morrison Gallery – 7 p.m.

October 17

Volleyball vs. Abington – 7 p.m.

October 19

Men's Soccer vs. Hazleton – 6 p.m.

October 21

Volleyball vs. York – 11 a.m.
Tennis vs. Abington – Noon

October 25

Men's Soccer vs. Delaware County – 6 p.m.

October 27

Penn State Harrisburg celebrates its 40th anniversary! Join the party, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see page 10 or e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu.

October 28

Men's Soccer vs. York – 1 p.m.

October 30

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature series discusses *Out of Egypt*, by André Aciman. Library Morrison Gallery – 7 p.m.

November 8

Post-election panel discussion featuring experts from government and Penn State Harrisburg. Gallery Lounge, Olmsted Building – Noon

November 9

Nationally known sculptor David Ascalon speaks on the challenges of memorializing the Holocaust in art. Library Morrison Gallery – 3:30 p.m.

November 14

Women's Basketball vs. Lancaster Bible College – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Lancaster Bible College – 8 p.m.

November 20

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature discussion of *The Centaur in the Garden* by Moacyr Scliar. Library Morrison Gallery – 7 p.m.

November 21

Women's Basketball vs. Worthington Scranton – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Worthington Scranton – 8 p.m.

November 29

Women's Basketball vs. Hazleton – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Hazleton – 8 p.m.

December 4

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature discussion of *Kaaterskill Fall* by Allegra Goodman. Library Morrison Gallery – 7 p.m.

December 11

Women's Basketball vs. Abington – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Abington – 8 p.m.

December 13

Men's Basketball vs. DuBois – 7 p.m.

December 16

Women's Basketball vs. Wilkes University – 1 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Wilkes University – 3 p.m.

December 22

Fall Commencement – Giant Center, Hershey – 7 p.m.

2007

January 15

Annual Martin Luther King's Birthday Celebration
This year's production, *Mister-Doctor-Lehrer-Friend* marks the ninth consecutive year the college and PenOwl Production have presented an original play for the college and community. The drama centers on a refugee European scholar in the 1940s who is teaching at an historically black college. Capital Union Building – Noon

January 22

Men's Basketball vs. McKeesport – 7 p.m.

January 30

Enjoy Barynya, a Russian folk dance and music ensemble. Auditorium, Olmsted Building – Noon

February 1

Women's Basketball vs. Mont Alto – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Mont Alto – 8 p.m.

February 5

Women's Basketball vs. York – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. York – 8 p.m.

February 7

Slam Poet E-Baby performs, bringing to Penn State Harrisburg his unique fusion of rap and poetry. Stack's Stage, Olmsted Building – 9:15 p.m.

February 10

Alumni Couples Dinner
For more information, e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu

February 15

Women's Basketball vs. Delaware County – 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Delaware County – 8 p.m.

February 27

LeCount Holmes, dressed in period costume, brings famed African American Frederick Douglass to life. Gallery Lounge, Olmsted Building – Noon

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Events subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit www.cl.psu.edu/calendar/.

Alumni News and Notes

1970s

Elizabeth H. Hoffman, '74 SocSci, '75 M SocSci, '82, PhD Psych (University Park), Harrisburg, is a clinical psychologist in private practice, Hoffman Psychological Associates. Her new book, *Staying Focused in the Age of Distraction: How Mindfulness, Prayer, and Meditation Can Help You Pay Attention to What Really Matters*, presents a non-denominational approach to developing spirituality and ways to increase meaningful activity.

Edward E. Connors Jr., '75 Bus, Allentown, is now employed at Lutron Electronics Co. in Coopersburg as a specialist materials assistant.

Robert C. Thompson, '76 Eng, Elkland, Pa., has retired from Corning, Inc. after 27 years in electrical controls engineering. He has three grandchildren, is starting a beef cattle farm, and wants to hear from others in the 1976 engineering class. E-mail: thompsonrc7237@yahoo.com.

Kevin P. Heberle, '79 SDCET, Pittsburgh, joined the firm of Remington Vernick and Beach as a civil engineer in July. E-mail: kevinheberle@yahoo.com.

1980s

Carl R. Knock, '80 M Admin, has joined the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as manager of trail development in the Northeast Regional Office. Prior to joining the conservancy, Knock, a resident of New Freedom, Pa., was an independent consultant working in the areas of trail user research and development. He can be reached by e-mail at carl@railtrails.org.



Carl R. Knock

David J. Boyd, '83 Bus, Fredericksburg, Va., is employed by the U.S. Department of State and was recently awarded the FBI Assistant Directors Award for Excellence

in Public Service. The award was in recognition of his leadership on several innovative technology projects with the FBI. E-mail: boyddj@psualum.com.

David J. Sprankle, '83 MDET, Hagerstown, Md., is a mechanical engineer with Fusion UV Systems, Gaithersburg, Md. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of three children. E-mail: dsprankle@fusionuv.com.

1990s

Valerie A. Lore Kelley, '94 ElemEd, Mechanicsburg, married Andrew Kelley on April 23, 2005 and the couple welcomed son Matthew, born on April 12, 2006. Valerie is a special education teacher at Cumberland Valley High School. E-mail: vllore1972@aol.com.

Samuel "Ramey" R. Womer, Jr., '94 MET, promoted from manufacturing engineer to operations manager at Cable Manufacturing and Assembly Company's Actuation Products Division, Philipsburg, Pa. Contact: www.womerracing.com

Anne-Marie Miller Brandt, '95 Hum, Dillsburg, is in the Mary Kay Cosmetics business with "Team Brandt" and was married to Penn State graduate Dan Brandt on Nov. 18, 2005. E-mail: teambrandt05@aol.com.

Daniel J. Sullivan, '95 EET, West Deer, Pa., is a power systems studies engineer with Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc., Warrendale, Pa. He earned his Professional Engineer's license in 2004 and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2006. E-mail: dan.sullivan@meppi.com

Lori Glumac, '95 MED, Mechanicsburg, Pa. is physical therapist, Capital Area Intermediate Unit. Received Doctorate of Science in Pediatric Physical Therapy, August 2006, from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, Provo, Utah.

Amira S. Strong-Nor, '96 SocSt, Philadelphia, is employed by the Philadelphia School District, earned a master's in Multicultural Education with a concentration in Urban Education in 2005 from Eastern University, was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi in 2004, and was a featured speaker at the University of Pennsylvania's Ethnography Conference in 2006. E-mail: mirajudah@yahoo.com.

Deborah Gochenaur, '96 MathSci, Dillsburg, earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from American University in 2005 and is now an assistant professor and program director of mathematics education at Elizabethtown College. E-mail: gochenaurd@etown.edu.

Tracey C. Campbell Parks, '97 ElemEd, Falling Waters, W.Va., is a teacher in the Frederick County, Md., Public Schools. E-mail: Tracey.Parks@fcps.org.

Beth Durf, '98 Psych, Commerce, Texas, is the associate registrar at Texas A&M University-Commerce and recently led the successful migration to the new Banner student information system which went live with registration on April 17, 2006.

Jodi L. Gutshall Maurer, '99 AppBehSci, Marietta, gave birth to daughter Lyla Grace on Nov. 19, 2005.

Michelle M. Simmons, '99 Am Stud/'02g, Harrisburg, was recently named executive director of Common Roads, Inc., the only nonprofit organization in southcentral Pennsylvania dedicated to the support and advocacy of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth (ages 14-22). Prior to joining Common Roads, she served as director of a statewide training program and taught at Harrisburg Area Community College. E-mail: execdir@commonroads.org.

2000s

Martin Kreibe, '01 MET/CompSci, and **Lisa Busch**, '01 CompSci, were married in Edgartown, Mass., on



Anthony V. Fasolo

Ex-Army officer far from retired

Anthony V. Fasolo, who earned a Master of Public Administration from the college in 1979, is a former U.S. Army officer who is anything but retired.

Fasolo was recently selected the communications chair of the Loudoun County, Virginia, Democratic Committee, adding another duty to his list of public service responsibilities. A retired Lieutenant Colonel, Fasolo has also been named a military aide-de-camp to Virginia Gov. Timothy Kane and has been re-appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Commission for the Town of Leesburg.

After earning his M.P.A. from Penn State Harrisburg, Fasolo completed 20 years of military service in 1980 and then served as an Army civilian employee from 1987 until 2002. In between U.S. Army tours, he worked for the Marriott Corp. for six years, including service as a regional director of loss prevention for the northeast region of hotels.

Fasolo resides in Leesburg with his wife, Anna, and is a faculty practitioner for management courses with the Northern Virginia Campus of the University of Phoenix and a substitute teacher in the Loudoun County School System.

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July 23, 2005. They met while students at Penn State Harrisburg and now reside in Wilmington, Del.

Brenda C. Cureton Sawyer, '01 MEd, Charlotte, N.C., was recently named registrar and director of admissions at Mitchell Community College, Statesville, N.C., after serving two years as a counselor/admissions specialist.



Brenda C. Cureton Sawyer

E-mail: bsawyer4@carolina.rr.com

Julie A. Merrill Peters, '03 MHA, Harrisburg, has become a full-time realtor with The Homestead Group, Inc. E-mail: gertiespeople@comcast.net.

Julia M. Dettore, '05 MBA, Columbia, Md., has switched careers after earning her degree, leaving her position as editor for medical journals to become a business development analyst at Jones Lang LaSalle – LaSalle Investment Management in Baltimore. E-mail: jdettore@gmail.com.

Cheri M. Foreman, '05 MHA, celebrated the birth of daughter Madeline on May 16, 2006.

In Memoriam

Laura J. Pinney, who earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the college in 1991, died on her 43rd birthday, July 12, 2006, following an extensive illness.

Grad to lead Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs

For the second time in four years, a Penn State Harrisburg graduate is serving the Commonwealth as leader of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs.

Gov. Edward G. Rendell announced Aug. 10 the appointment of Ana Paulina Gomez as acting director of the commission, to serve throughout the fall. Gomez graduated from Penn State Harrisburg in 2002 with a Bachelor of Humanities degree in Communications.

The current Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pedro A. Cortes, who holds a Master of Public Administration from the college and a law degree from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, served as the Commission director until his present appointment in 2003.

Gomez was born and raised in Mexico and moved to Pennsylvania with her family in 1999. She previously worked in the Governor's Press Office and in the press offices of the state departments of Education and Environmental Protection.

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