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Greetings from the Provost and Dean...

This issue of *Currents* is particularly special. We celebrate the recent generosity of alumni and friends of Capital College whose gifts of time, talent, and financial resources support our strategic priorities and ongoing commitment to excellence and access. Indeed we are fortunate to benefit from the philanthropic generosity of so many. As a result, our student scholarship program has grown significantly as have our academic and research capabilities. We report our progress on these fronts with great enthusiasm. Still we cannot overstate the far-reaching and lasting impact on individual lives. There are wonderful stories behind the giving and the gifts featured on the pages that follow: Donors making a difference, donors giving back often in grateful tribute to others who made a difference in their own lives. Wonderful, inspiring examples of individual, family, and corporate giving are announced. And then there are the as yet untold stories of the recipients who are enabled by these gifts to realize their educational goals and to advance their scholarship. Their stories are happily unfolding. And we will capture them to share. We are grateful on their behalf. We are grateful for their belief in us and in our vision.

We have exceeded our Grand Destiny Campaign goals and take great pride in these accomplishments. We clearly have momentum to go a good distance beyond the boundaries of the campaign. I have shared with many audiences that our reliance on private philanthropic support is ongoing—a way of life for us in the academy. Philanthropic support provides the margin of difference between “good” and “outstanding.” Endowments ensure a future and a legacy. The generosity of alumni, friends, and colleagues, including corporate partners and members of the College community itself, makes possible attending college for those in need and new academic program and research opportunities for enhancing the intellectual and co-curricular life of our campuses. The difference we can make on behalf of students and their families who are finding higher education an increasingly difficult goal to achieve financially is nothing short of profound. We celebrate the endowed scholarships raised at our campuses with the advent of the University’s Grand Destiny Campaign. More are vital for financially needy and able students whose education of choice is a Penn State Capital College education. Our development efforts will continue as the Grand Destiny Campaign comes to a formal close at the end of the academic year. In the coming issues of *Currents*, we will share our strategic priorities and related projects.

Also in this issue of *Currents* we feature events designed especially for our alumni. From recent surveys, we learned of your interest and willing participation in networking opportunities. An overwhelming number of you told us that you wanted to reconnect, mix, and mingle with your fellow graduates, faculty, and staff. We plan to make that happen. We announce several reunions and receptions in this issue that we have arranged for just that purpose and extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join us. We promise more will follow. We approached these events enthusiastically with a “build it, they will come” expectation. Please do.

Finally, help us stay in touch with you. Please take the opportunity to update your mailing and e-mail addresses. You can call our alumni office at 717-948-6715 or enter your contact information online at www.hbg.psu.edu/alumni. Click on the box that says “Update Address.” We want to keep you informed about the many wonderful changes and events happening at our campuses. Keep in touch. Stay connected.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madlyn Hanes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Madlyn" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hanes".

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Scholarship Created

\$440,000 Whitaker grant bolsters Institute for Math and Science

A \$440,000 grant from the Whitaker Foundation Regional Program administered by The Greater Harrisburg Foundation is enabling the College's School of Behavioral Sciences and Education to continue efforts aimed at enhancing mathematics and science education in area schools.

Through the generous grant from Whitaker, the College has assumed management of the established and respected Capital Area Institute for Mathematics and Science.

At least 600 central Pennsylvania teachers and administrators have received training at the institute. Nearly all districts in the region take part in the training, use the institute's hands-on science kits, or get math and science curriculum help from the institute.

The focus of the institute is to improve teaching and learning in the areas of mathematics and science through the use of research-based materials and practices with a primary emphasis on long-term, sustained professional development of those directly involved in the education of children and youth.

The institute is being operated as part of Penn State Harrisburg's Center for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning, which establishes research-based partnerships to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the schools of the Commonwealth, especially those located in central Pennsylvania. The Center serves as a regional clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of research and knowledge on teaching and learning, generating solutions to educational problems through collaborative, action research activities in local K-12 school sites.

The Pottsville Lions Club recently presented a \$1,000 donation to Penn State Schuylkill's Grand Destiny Campaign, designed to aid the use of technology in the campus classrooms. The total pledged to the campaign is \$3,000 and the check was presented to students to symbolize the club's commitment to the youth of the area. In the photo

are, left to right, seated, Tiffany L. Kokitus, Orwigsburg, sophomore Psychology major; Eric R. Rismiller, Pottsville Lions President; and Amy M. Kokitus, Orwigsburg, senior Psychology major.

Standing, Jane Zintak, Penn State Schuylkill Director of Development; Paul D. Heck, Pottsville Lions Secretary and Past District Governor; and Richard J. Torpey, Pottsville Lions Second Vice President.



Blue Shield endows scholarship

Deserving students in the undergraduate Information Sciences and Technology program on the Harrisburg campus are now benefiting from the Pennsylvania Blue Shield Endowed Scholarship.

The initial principal of the fund, \$25,000, has been pledged to the College by Pennsylvania Blue Shield, a Highmark Company.

“As a technology leader in the health insurance industry, it’s important to us that students pursuing an education in information sciences receive the support they need to be successful in their studies,” said Lowell Starling, vice president, Infrastructure Management at Pennsylvania Blue Shield.

Susan Hubley, manager, Community Initiatives at Pennsylvania Blue Shield, adds, “It’s always been our belief that a healthy, vibrant community is one where people have opportunities for improving their lives. Education is the first step for many people motivated to succeed. Our scholarship for students in the Information Sciences and Technology program is an investment in future community leaders.”

Full-time IST students are eligible for Blue Shield Scholarship consideration, with preference given to students from Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, York, Adams, Lebanon, and Lancaster counties.

Each scholarship will be awarded for one academic year and shall be renewed for subsequent years providing the recipient continues to meet the conditions of eligibility, and funds are available.

Exhibit honors Nobel nominee

The life and work of renowned Afro-Ecuadorian writer Nelson Estupinan Bass is being remembered by Penn State Capital College with an exhibition of some of his most famous works in the Harrisburg campus library.

Mr. Bass, winner of national and international honors and a 1998 nominee for the Nobel Prize in Literature, died March 1, 2002. He was 89.

Mr. Bass and his wife, novelist Argentina Chiriboga, had visited campus for a series of lectures on Afro-Ecuadorian culture and to interact with the Hispanic community in the region

\$50,000 legislative grant funds study of firefighter recruitment and retention

Dr. Robert S. D’Intino, Assistant Professor of Management at Penn State Schuylkill, has been awarded funding to study volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention. The research will be sponsored by a \$50,000 grant from The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The project will extend the investigation of a recent Center study, *Answering the Call - Recruitment and Retention of Pennsylvania Firefighters*, published in 2002. This study determined that the Commonwealth’s fire chiefs were concerned with the ability to recruit and retain sufficient volunteers. Currently, 97 percent of fire companies in Pennsylvania are volunteer, with 100 percent volunteer companies in rural counties.

This new research will comprehensively investigate and analyze volunteer fire company recruitment and retention practices and issues at the state, national and rural Pennsylvania county level. The fundamental motivational incentives that encourage men and women to volunteer will be examined and one goal of the research will be to inventory, test and priority rank all effective recruitment and retention incentives. A second objective is to produce viable and practical legislative policy recommendations based on solid research and analytical results.

Encompassed in this study will be over 150 telephone interviews with national and state fire officials and approximately 550 face-to-face individual interviews with rural Pennsylvania volunteer firefighters during the summer of 2003.

Dr. D’Intino holds a Ph. D. in management from Virginia Tech and has taught at Penn State Schuylkill for five years. His research associate for this study is Mark Morgan, a retired helicopter forest fire pilot and, currently, a graduate student in the Applied Behavioral Analysis program at Penn State Harrisburg.



Dr. Robert D’Intino

Three new student awards established at Schuylkill

Three new awards, recognizing outstanding undergraduate academic achievement, have been established at Penn State Schuylkill. The new recognitions were announced by Director of Development Jane Zintak.

The Van Heusen Award was donated by the Van Heusen Company and will recognize superlative academic achievement by Penn State Schuylkill students. The company has a long history of manufacturing and distributing its products in county facilities.

A current Schuylkill campus faculty member, Dr. Mary Feeney Bonawitz, has established the Dr. Irving M. Bonawitz Award in memory of

her late husband. This honor will recognize outstanding achievement by students intending to enroll in accounting, or a variety of science majors, if no accounting students are eligible.

Finally, Dr. Mohammed Akbar has created the Schuylkill Physicians Award to honor students planning a career as a physician, in radiological technology, or nursing.

It was noted by Zintak that the awards will be of great benefit to future Penn State Schuylkill students, as they will help defray the expense of a University education and permit the campus to recognize high academic accomplishment.

Penn State team begins school-based program to improve children's nutrition

By Helen Hendy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology

Nearly 20 percent of school-aged children in the United States are obese, with increased risk for childhood diabetes, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure.

Children who eat many fruits and vegetables have not only reduced risk for such health problems, but also improved cognitive development and social adjustment. Although most elementary schools offer nutrition information as part of their science education programs, research indicates that nutrition information alone only helps children pass nutrition tests ("What are two foods with vitamin C?" "What are two foods with vitamin A?"), with little change in actual consumption or preference for nutritious foods such as fruits and vegetables. However, because most children in the United States eat at least one meal each day at school, school lunch offers a unique opportunity to encourage children to eat and enjoy fruits and vegetables while in the presence of their peers.

A Penn State research team will conduct a school-based token reward program to encourage children's fruit and vegetable consumption and preference during school lunch. During the token reward program, 350 local elementary school children will be given blue plastic Penn State PAWS into which holes will be punched for each day they eat their choice of fruits or vegetables during school lunch. After three holes are punched in their PAWS, children may trade them in for small prizes of their choice.

The Penn State team will observe school lunches to note changes in the children's fruit and vegetable consumption from before to after the token reward program. Team members will also interview the children to see how their preferences for fruit and vegetables change before and after the program. Unique features of the Penn State program expected to increase both children's consumption and preference ratings for fruits and vegetables are that it includes the power of choice, the power of delayed reward, and the power of peer endorsement. If found effective for encouraging children's fruit and vegetable acceptance, the token reward program could easily be continued by school staff if they chose to do so after the departure of the Penn State team.

The Penn State team is supervised by Dr. Helen Hendy, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Penn State Schuylkill, Dr. Keith Williams, Child Feeding Program, Hershey Medical Center, and Thomas Camise, Principal, Schuylkill Haven Elementary School. Other members of the team include Michael Wescott Loder, Schuylkill campus librarian, who has provided a centralized location for the research team to meet, 20 advanced Psychology students who will conduct the child interviews and lunch observations, 14 teachers from Schuylkill Haven Elementary School who will help introduce the program to children, and Michael Hashin, owner, Reliable Home Supply in Minersville, a Penn State graduate who contributed two large refrigerators to keep the fruits and vegetables fresh for the school children. The Penn State team offers an example of collaborative research to enhance community health.

Gilbert Trust supports two research projects

Penn State Harrisburg research into the relationship between hormone replacement therapy and cognitive ability and the presence of potentially health-endangering bacteria in surface and drinking water have gained grant support from the Gilbert Trust administered through First Union National Bank.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Jacqueline Bichsel was awarded \$21,705 to support her ongoing hormone replacement therapy research and Associate Professor of Environmental Microbiology Katherine Baker received \$25,000 for continuing study into *Helicobacter pylori*.

Dr. Bichsel's previous studies have established a link between hormone replacement therapy and certain cognitive abilities. The newest funded study represents the first attempt to test a comprehensive battery of cognitive abilities in identifying the specific areas in which HRT is related.

The results of the proposed research, Dr. Bichsel points out, have the possibility of impacting a woman's decision regarding HRT. Disseminating the

results of the proposed research can help women make informed decisions based on the actual relative risks and benefits of HRT, particularly regarding its specific benefit in preventing the decline of certain cognitive abilities and its relative risk in promoting decline in other health areas.

Dr. Baker's study of *Helicobacter pylori* in surface waters has gained world-wide attention. The bacteria is the principal cause of type B gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric adenocarcinoma, and lymphoma, and has been classified as a Class 1 carcinogen by the World Health Organization. It is estimated that half of the world's population carry the bacteria, yet the principal route of transmission is unknown.

The Gilbert Trust support will aid Dr. Baker's efforts to establish the route of transmission of *H. pylori* in water. During the past two years, Dr. Baker has been working on the development of a method for quantitative recovery of *H. pylori* from water samples.



Memorial enhances library's collections

Penn State Schuylkill's Ciletti Memorial Library has recently benefited from memorials for a former student.

Maribeth C. Shea passed away in 2001 and her family wished to remember her in some tangible manner. Her parents and friends contributed memorials to purchase volumes for the Schuylkill campus library in her memory.

Two areas of interest for Ms. Shea were bipolar disorder and the problems of abused women. The library's holdings in these areas have been expanded and have formed the basis of a strong collection that will benefit others in need of information on these topics.

Engineering Technology Endowment created

Harrisburg-based Reynolds Construction Management has created an Engineering Technology Endowment to assist students and faculty in the College's Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology program.

The endowment will provide support for SDCET students and faculty to attend conferences and workshops pertinent to their academic discipline.

Jeff Merritt, Project Executive with the firm and a member of the SDCET Advisory Board, said, "Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. is pleased to be a contributing member of the giving program that will strengthen Penn State's position as a national leader in education and research. Our company's commitment to investing in the community is shared by Penn State's presence at Penn State Harrisburg and the Hershey Medical Center.

"Our ties to the University are strong in that Reynolds employs 27 graduates of Penn State, 14 of whom received their degrees from the Harrisburg campus. Our special interest has been the Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology program, which trains students for careers in building design and construction. Reynolds has participated on the advisory board of this program for nearly 10 years, and has employed 13 professionals who are SDCET alumni.

"For years the SDCET program has been regionally recognized for providing a high-quality, cost-effective education for design and construction professionals. Just this year, the program received University approval to offer a comprehensive four-year engineering technology degree. This will dramatically increase Penn State's ability to attract high school students directly into a respected, hands-on program. This success and endorsement by the University is due in part to the program's responsiveness to local design and construction companies.

"It is in all of our best interests to strengthen organizations, which not only serve the community, but also are in position to shape the future business and civic leaders of the central Pennsylvania region. Reynolds is proud to be part of this inaugural endowment effort."



Reynolds Construction Management Project Executive Jeff Merritt '85 ENG, left, and SDCET program coordinator Dr. Joseph Cecere.

Gift of music

Professor Howard G. Sachs in the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology, and his wife, Martha, curator of special collections in the Harrisburg campus library, have donated the gift of music to the College.

Dr. and Mrs. Sachs donated a grand piano in memory of his grandfather, Curt Sachs, an eminent musicologist who taught at Columbia University and New York University. Professor Curt Sachs authored a number of books on music history and was a pioneer in the interdisciplinary field of ethnomusicology.

Howard Sachs said, "My grandfather's interest in interdisciplinary studies made a gift in his memory to Penn State Harrisburg a natural for a college with a history of fostering interdisciplinarity." The piano has been placed in the Morrison Gallery in the library, "a wonderful place for art, but also a potential location for the performing arts," Dr. Sachs added.



Martha Sachs enjoys an impromptu concert from library interlibrary loan specialist Ruth Runion-Slear on the grand piano donated by Dr. and Mrs. Sachs.

UGI gift enhances library's endowment

A gift to Penn State Harrisburg's library underscores UGI Utilities' mission to help build the quality of life in Central Pennsylvania.

UGI believes that the way to accomplish this mission is to enhance economic development throughout the region. Education and the resulting highly skilled workforce are the cornerstones to building an effective economic development plan. "Penn State Harrisburg is an important resource in providing the highly educated workforce needed to fuel economic development in Central Pennsylvania," says Allen Westbrook, Vice President, Harrisburg Area, "and we take pleasure in assisting the College in its educational mission."

The UGI gift to the library is \$10,000 to support the general library endowment. The state-of-the-art Penn State Harrisburg library, opened to the campus and community in 2000, is Central Pennsylvania's most technologically advanced research facility.



Making UGI's commitment to the Penn State Harrisburg library were Customer Relations Manager Michael Fessler, left, and Harrisburg Area Vice President Allen Westbrook '73 LIB.

Community supports freshman-level study

Penn State Harrisburg's innovative program to bring freshman-level study to its School of Science, Engineering, and Technology has become a reality with extremely generous assistance from the external community.

The Whitaker Foundation Regional Program administered by The Greater Harrisburg Foundation and the Tyco Electronics Foundation have made sizable financial commitments to the College which have resulted in an academic program open to freshmen which leads to majors in Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology, Mathematical Sciences, and Computer Science. Applications are now being accepted.

The Tyco Electronics Foundation commitment and the Whitaker grant will support a number of objectives in the program including a new physics lab, additional computer hardware and software, laboratory equipment, and additional faculty and staff.

Tyco Electronics Foundation Administrator Mary Rakoczy said, "Tyco Electronics Foundation and Tyco Electronics Corporation are proud to support this important academic venture. We applaud Penn State Harrisburg's educational initiatives."



She continues, "The opportunities to students can provide a uniquely skilled workforce to support high-tech companies in Central Pennsylvania which can contribute to the economic vitality of the region."

In announcing the availability of freshman-level study, Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes said, "Penn State Harrisburg's reputation for high-quality education in engineering and science at the upper division level is now available to freshmen and sophomores in these fields. With the generous support of community partners, this initiative will enable freshmen to begin and complete a nationally respected Penn State

undergraduate degree here on our campus."

Designed to provide a unique educational experience for the entire four years of baccalaureate study, the program of study leading to the majors emphasizes internships and other out-of-classroom field experiences for students, with continuous exposure to the real world environment of business and industry. It also provides the flexibility for students to explore the different majors early in their academic studies, with a common pre-professional core of courses.

Campus and community partnership enhances scholarship opportunities

Penn State Schuylkill and the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation are partnering to make higher education more affordable for local residents.

Officials from the campus and the foundation recently announced a matching scholarship program where the College will match up to \$500 for recipients of the foundation's scholarships.

There are 11 funds eligible for applicants.

Campus Executive Officer Sylvester Kohut Jr. said "We're making more of a concerted effort to identify local students. It continues to show our persistent commitment to the region and it also provides opportunity to students who would not consider coming. Many of our donors know it is going to help local students."



Announcing the new scholarship program at Penn State Schuylkill were, left to right, Sharon L. Koszyk, Administrative Assistant with the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation; Dr. Sylvester Kohut Jr., Campus Executive Officer; Jerry D. Bowman, Campus Director of Enrollment Services; and Therese Sadusky, Executive Director of the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation.

XGI alumni group created

Chi Gamma Iota, the fraternity of former military personnel, is the longest-serving organization of its type on the Harrisburg campus.

Now, that dedication is being extended to alumni.

The "XGI's" decided recently to organize an alumni interest group under the leadership of Ken Green, a 1977 Mathematical Science graduate.

The alumni interest group formation process requires a Mission Statement, formation of a Board of Directors and signatures of 50 members of the Alumni Association who support the formation. At this stage, the Mission Statement has been developed and will be sent to potential supporters for review.

The XGI's have been in existence since March 1968, making it the oldest student group at Penn State Harrisburg. All interested alumni should contact Green at keg12@psu.edu or Jay Browning at erb141@psu.edu or 717-948-6316.



Here and Now!

Alumni from the Penn State Harrisburg School of Business Administration gathered for the inaugural *Penn State Harrisburg - Here & Now* event last semester.

Guests first attended a reception at the Harrisburg campus library's Special Collections Room and received an update on the many physical and academic changes at the College from Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes.

The Lion Ambassadors then conducted a walking tour of the campus, followed by a presentation by Associate Professor of Management David Morand on "Power and Politeness in Organizational Settings - What Emily Post Never Told You."

Following the presentation, guests were served dinner in the Morrison Gallery and listened to remarks by Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, Director of the School of Business Administration, on the strategy to increase opportunities for students.

Software gifts aid programs

Generous gifts from two California-based firms are bolstering the program to deliver all four years of undergraduate Electrical Engineering study at the Harrisburg campus.

The gifts, totaling more than \$100,000, are from Altera Corp. in San Jose and Systems Tech Inc. in Hawthorne.

The Altera gift, valued at \$70,400, is for MaxPlusII software for use in the digital labs.

The software from Systems Tech, valued at \$33,750, will support the control system labs for both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The gift consists of 45 packages of professional level software for Computer-Aided Control System Design.

American Studies celebration

Public lectures by Roger D. Abrahams, the Hum Rosen Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania, headline the upcoming celebration of 30 years of the American Studies program at Penn State Harrisburg.



Dr. Roger Abrahams

Dr. Abrahams, the recipient of a Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award from the American Folklore Society and author or editor of a number of books, will speak on "William Penn and the Myth of the Earliest Inhabitants: Art and Culture in Earliest Pennsylvania" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 24 in the Olmsted Building Auditorium.

The founding director of Penn's Center for Folklore and Ethnography, Dr. Abrahams will also speak "On Public Heritage" at noon Wednesday, March 26 in the House Minority Caucus Room of the State Capitol. He is also a former member of the Governor's Advisory Board for Heritage Affairs. His appearances are part of the Provost's Lecture Series hosted by the schools of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and Education.

The celebration continues Monday, March 31, when Assistant Professor of American History at Mercyhurst College Chris Majoc will discuss "People of Plenty (and Then Some): The Mythology of Endless Abundance in Post-War America" at 7 p.m. in the Olmsted Auditorium. His appearance is part of the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series hosted by the Center for Pennsylvania Culture Studies and the American Studies program at Penn State Harrisburg.

'Women Helping Women' philanthropic effort growing

A group of women committed to Penn State Harrisburg is continuing its efforts to assist deserving female undergraduate students.

Through their efforts, the committee is actively seeking financial support for "Women Helping Women – A Fund for Undergraduate Students."

The scholarship fund is designed to provide recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate female students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Harrisburg who have a demonstrated need for funding to meet college expenses.

A selection committee will determine the amount of each annual award and the number of recipients.

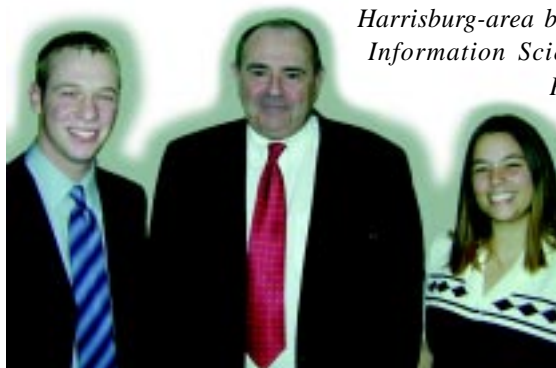
If you are interested in assisting the "Women Helping Women" effort, contact Penn State Harrisburg Director of Development Marie-Louise Abram at 717-948-6316 or e-mail mla9@psu.edu. Commitments to the fund are needed as soon as possible.



Involved in a recent strategy session to continue the effort to create a scholarship to benefit female undergraduate students were donors, left to right, Sally Klein,

Carol Ranck '90BSocSci/'97 MPA, Marilynn Cowgill '93 MBA,

Ruth Evinger '36 LIB, Christine Sears '77 BUS, Provost and Dean Madlyn Hanes, Carole Forker Gibbons '79 HUM, and Director of Development Marie-Louise Abram.



Harrisburg-area based Capital Blue Cross is assisting Information Sciences and Technology students at

Penn State Harrisburg not only with scholarships, but with career-enhancing internships. James M. Mead, Capital Blue Cross President and CEO, is shown with this year's scholarship and internship recipients Andrew Kirk and Valerie Crown.

Yaverbaums support Holocaust initiative

Penn State Harrisburg's initiative to expand Holocaust education to the campus and community has received a generous commitment from Harry and Gayle Yaverbaum.

Harry, a Harrisburg Certified Public Accountant, and Gayle, a Professor of Information Systems at Penn State Harrisburg, have made the first major gift to the Holocaust initiative. The Yaverbaum generosity will help create a Learning Room as part of the effort.

In making the commitment to the College, the Yaverbaums wrote, "It has long been our desire to expand the existing Holocaust collection and to help make Penn State Harrisburg the outstanding resource center in the region. Hopefully, this project will create an environment where people of all backgrounds can learn about this important period in world history."

The Learning Room will create a space within which different ideas and different communities can join together for inquiry into history, art, ethics, and politics. It is also designed to be a place where survivors, liberators, witnesses, and their families share their experiences. It will host rotating exhibits including selections from the College's Holocaust and Genocide Book Collection. Special collections, documents, and oral histories of families affected by the Holocaust will provide additional perspectives. Throughout the year, the room can be a location for special events such as lectures, book talks, and commemorations of Kristallnacht and Yom Hashoah.

*Harry and Gayle
Yaverbaum*

The creation of the Learning Room is a key ingredient in the effort to expand Holocaust programming at the College. Beginning with the existing Holocaust and Genocide Book Collection, Penn State Harrisburg hopes to expand opportunities. The educational program envisioned by faculty and staff would place the rich history of the Jewish community in Central Pennsylvania within a broad, interdisciplinary study of the Holocaust and its consequences.

Along with a Learning Room in the library supported by the Yaverbaum gift, the ongoing College philanthropic effort aims to create a Holocaust Teachers' Institute, a professorship, and a program fund.

The Institute for Teachers, planned by the School of Humanities, would be a summer program to assist schoolteachers in designing curricula and developing techniques for educating students about the Holocaust.



Schuylkill campus to host 'Route 61 Revisited' April 5

It is not often that an alumni gathering can say it is "award winning," but with Penn State Schuylkill's upcoming reunion, that label is well deserved.

The Penn State Alumni Association gave the initial "Route 61 Revisited" reunion program the most innovative new project award for 2002. According to Society President Liz Bligan, "The award is given to any alumni society or chapter within the Penn State System that has developed and executed a new program to involve alumni." Last year's Schuylkill reunion was singled out at award ceremonies at University Park.

"This year's reunion is expected to be bigger and better than last year's," according to Bligan. The Reunion, termed Route 61 Revisited, will be April 5, 2003, beginning at 10 a.m. One of the highlights of the reunion will be educational sessions including topics on astronomy, tennis, journaling and digital cameras. Alumni may choose two of the four sessions offered.

There will also be some time to mix and mingle with your fellow alumni. As a highlight to this event, organizers are asking retired and current faculty members to attend. Currently such retired faculty members as Jim Beach, Wesley Rhoades, Nancy Stumhofer, and John Heacock have indicated they will attend along with former campus CEO Wayne Lammie. There will be separate reunions for those who attended the Pottsville Center and the Schuylkill Haven campus.

The luncheon will feature a campus update by Campus Executive Officer Sylvester Kohut Jr. and the presentation of the 2003 Alumni Achievement Award.

While alumni are enjoying the day, their children will have special activities to keep them busy. The Lion Ambassadors, Schuylkill Cheerleaders and staff members will offer face-painting, craft projects and other activities for children. The youngsters will also be treated to lunch with the Nittany Lion.

Finally, all alumni who attend will receive a special price ticket to attend the play "Little Shop of Horrors." Special seating will also be available for alumni who attend. After the play, alumni can attend a "meet the cast" party.

Watch for the brochure or check out the Web site at www.sl.psu.edu.

'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Penn State Schuylkill campus Drama Club is presenting the dark musical comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" April 3 to 6 in the John E. Morgan Auditorium.

With libretto by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken, this story centers around the meek and nerdy Seymour Krelbourne, an employee of a fledgling flower shop on Skid Row.

Seymour has a fascination with Audrey, the flower shop clerk, however, she currently has a dentist boyfriend who is wild and crazy. Seymour spends most of his time trying to grow exotic plants. When his favorite plant named Audrey II begins to die, he realizes the only thing keeping his plant alive, unfortunately, is ... blood!

This musical examines our moral limits. How far will Seymour be willing to go for fame, fortune, and the object of his desire? Come find out for yourself and be sure not to feed the plant, for the plant lives within you!

The director of the production is Cathy Fiorillo and music director is Marie Flynn. Performances will be April 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m., April 5 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and April 6 at 2 p.m. For ticket information, phone 570-385-6114.

Penn State Harrisburg Alumni WEEKEND



As a part of the Alumni Weekend celebration on the Harrisburg campus, returning grads were asked to provide items for a “Meade Heights Time Capsule” to be buried at the site of the new student housing complex. Alumni responded and the capsule was buried in the area just east of Olmsted Building. Joining the Nittany Lion mascot in burying the time capsule were, left to right, former Alumni Society president and current Board of Advisers member Steven Masterson, Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes, and Director of Housing and Food Services, Jo Ann Coleman. Curious about what’s in the time capsule? Here’s a list: a limited edition, laser-engraved Meade Heights brick; T-shirts from the campus radio station; photos of alumni recalling their time in The Heights; remembrances penned by graduates at Alumni Weekend; a library collectible; a T-shirt from a '74 alum;...and a can of Iron City beer.



A show of hands! Alumni attending the Harrisburg campus reunion were asked during the luncheon to indicate if they had resided in Meade Heights. The bottom photo shows the large group of alumni who responded. In the top photo, alumni and guests cheered for the Nittany Lions during the telecast of the Big 10 football game against Ohio State.



Valerie Johnson, a 1976 Elementary Education graduate, traveled from Vineland, N.J. for the Harrisburg campus Alumni Weekend to show her daughters Candice, left, and Courtney where she went to college.



For Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Winston Richards, the Harrisburg campus Alumni Weekend turned into a reunion with students from 30 years ago. Pictured with Dr. Richards, third from right, are his former students -- all 1972 graduates -- left to right, Michael Kelly, Rich Vanore, Gary Haas, Charles Marcarelli, and Mike Becker.



Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Laurie Dobrosky had a chance to chat with 1970 Elementary Education graduates during the Alumni Weekend. The grads, who all resided in Meade Heights and returned for one last look at the housing complex, are, left to right, Jerry Miller, Chuck Connor, and Rob Soloff.

Meade Heights video

Want a video memory of Meade Heights? Want to recall its history, its sentiment, and its place in the hearts of alumni? Then request a copy of “Meade Heights Remembered” a visual history of the Heights. This 10-minute video was produced by students, faculty, and staff to commemorate the closing of Meade Heights. It features interviews with students who lived there, alumni and staff as well as great visuals and accompanying music. Copies are \$10 and can be ordered through the alumni office — 717-948-6106 or e-mail capalumni@psu.edu.

Harrisburg campus applauds distinguished alumni

A highlight of the annual Alumni Weekend celebration on the Harrisburg campus was the presentation of coveted awards to four graduates.

Peter Seibert was named the Alumni Achievement Award winner, Ronda Graby Stump took home the People to Watch Award, Barbara Gertzen was presented the Graduating Senior Award, and Irma Villanueva Cruz is the Graduate Student Award winner.

Seibert, the Executive Director of the Heritage Center Museum of Lancaster County, holds bachelor's (1987) and master's (1992) degrees in American Studies from the College, and Stump earned a bachelor's degree in Humanities (1988) and a master's in Training and Development in 1984. She is the founder and president of Learning Tek, a national marketing and health education company for children. Seibert's award was presented by Professor of American Studies and History Irwin Richman while Michael Corradino, Area Representative in the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, announced Stump's honor.

Gertzen was awarded an undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities in 2002. An active participant in student activities, she served as assistant editor of the student campus newspaper, was a member of honor societies, and maintained a 3.95 grade-point average. She was presented the award by Associate Professor of Humanities and Communications Samuel Winch. Villanueva Cruz, an international student from Mexico, received her master's in Health Education in May 2002 and was active in the Hispanic Club, Graduate Student Association, Minority Academic Excellence Program, and the International Student Association. MaryLou Martz, Coordinator of Student Health Services, honored Villanueva Cruz with the award.



Michael Corradino and Ronda Graby Stump



Dr. Samuel Winch and Barbara Gertzen



MaryLou Martz, left, and Irma Villanueva Cruz



Peter Seibert, left, with Dr. Irwin Richman



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Written farewells -- Alumni, family, and friends were given an opportunity to pen one final goodbye to Meade Heights on the walls of the former Community Center.



One last trip down memory lane in Meade Heights.

Golf outing supports SDCET scholarship

A scholarship to assist students in the College's Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology program has been established by the Ritter Foundation in Harrisburg.

William Brightbill, President of the Foundation, is a long-time member of the SDCET Advisory Board.

The Foundation and friends of the Brightbill family annually host a golf outing in memory of William's son, Matthew D. Brightbill, who lost his life in a 1995 traffic accident. The outing in 2002 and the upcoming event in 2003 will benefit the SDCET scholarship for students majoring in Construction Management. "Matt would have liked that," his father says.

The 2003 fall golf outing, with proceeds going to the scholarship, will be at a course to be determined and will include golf, lunch, and dinner.

For the date, location, registration, and sponsorship information, contact the Harrisburg campus Development Office at 717-948-6316, or Dr. Joseph Cecere, 717-948-6135.



Ritter Foundation President William Brightbill, left, and Dr. Joseph Cecere, SDCET program coordinator.



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Faculty and staff at both campuses of Penn State Capital College surpassed anticipated University-wide participation rates for the Grand Destiny Campaign. The current rate of giving at the Schuylkill campus is 78% and it is at 67% for the Harrisburg campus. The University goal for the campaign, initiated in 1997, was 50%. Chairs for the 2002 portion of the campaign were Dr. Susan Richman at Harrisburg and David Holden at Schuylkill. This year, co-chairs at Harrisburg are Dr. Richman and Michael Kalbaugh with Holden continuing to serve at Schuylkill.



"Irwin's legacy is to his students; our legacy is to give back to him through the school."

Graduate scholarship honors Dr. Irwin Richman

The legacy of one of Penn State Harrisburg's longest-serving faculty members, Professor of American Studies and History Irwin Richman, is being honored with a graduate scholarship in his name.

To commemorate his contributions to the School of Humanities, the Richman Scholarship will be awarded to an incoming or continuing full-time American Studies graduate student with a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Dr. Richman, who has been "stamping out ignorance" at the College since 1968, teaching courses in American art and architecture, will retire in the summer of 2003. The scholarship is being funded with the generous support of alumni and friends who credit Dr. Richman with having a significant influence in their lives and careers.

Donors interviewed readily provided examples of the "Richman influence" in their lives and why they were eager to contribute to the scholarship in his name.

Peter Seibert, who holds an undergraduate degree in Humanities and a master's in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg, says "Irwin's legacy is to his students; our legacy is to give back to him through the school." Seibert, the executive director of the Heritage Center Museum of Lancaster County, also commented that the establishment of the scholarship fund was a way to attract alumni donations from former students of Dr. Richman who had never before considered contributing to the school, but would do so now to honor their mentor.

Kathleen Markley, a 1993 master's grad who is now a member of the Harrisburg Area Community College faculty, praised Dr. Richman in describing how he enriched her understanding of art and architecture.

Lisa Christopher, who earned a master's in American Studies in 2000, encountered Dr. Richman when she enrolled in one of his garden courses during her second semester of study. She then "took a Richman class almost every semester after that." She assisted in the development of the scholarship fund because she "wanted to give back, both literally and figuratively" everything that she feels Dr. Richman added to both her personal life and career.

If you are interested in donating to the scholarship project, contact Marie-Louise Abram in the Office of Development, 717-948-6316, or e-mail mla9@psu.edu.



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George Zoffinger establishes family fund scholarship



George Zoffinger

George Zoffinger’s professional career has taken him to the pinnacle of the sports and entertainment world, but he has not forgotten his Penn State Harrisburg roots.

The President and CEO of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, Zoffinger has created the Zoffinger Family Fund Scholarship for “outstanding undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll in the School of Business Administration.” Zoffinger earned a B.S. in Business from the College in 1970.

As President and CEO of the Sports Authority since March 2002, Zoffinger is responsible for the continuing viability of the Meadowlands Sports Complex which consists of the Meadowlands Racetrack, Giants football stadium, and the Continental Airlines Arena. The complex contributes \$1.2 billion to New Jersey’s economy and supports more than 7,500 full-time jobs. The NJSEA also manages Monmouth

Racetrack, Atlantic City Convention Center, Historic Boardwalk Hall, Wildwood Convention Center, and the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1990, New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio appointed Zoffinger, a resident of Skilman, N.J., to serve as the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development for the State of New Jersey. During his tenure, Zoffinger spearheaded the effort to bring the 1994 FIFA World Cup soccer games to the Meadowlands Sports Complex and he served as chairman of New Jersey’s Host Committee for the 1994 World Cup games held at Giants Stadium.

Zoffinger, who also holds a master’s degree in finance from New York University, is a member of the New Jersey Council of Economic Advisers, is chairman of the New Brunswick Development Corporation, and is a board member of the New Jersey Resources Corporation, the New Jersey World Trade Council, Commercial Federal Corporation, Admiralty Bancorporation, and St. Peter’s University Hospital.

Board of Advisers adds new member

The president and chief executive officer of PinnacleHealth System, Roger Longenderfer, M.D., is the newest member of Penn State Harrisburg’s Board of Advisers.

Longenderfer was appointed to his present post in 2001 with the Harrisburg-based system after serving PinnacleHealth as its executive vice president, chief operating officer, and vice president for medical affairs.

A family practice physician and administrator for 20 years, Longenderfer earned his degree in medicine from Hahnemann Medical College and completed his residency in family practice at Geisinger Medical Center. He later went on to earn a master’s degree in business administration from Oklahoma City University.

Penn State Capital College is extraordinarily grateful for the generous financial support it receives from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, faculty, and staff. A gift to Penn State Harrisburg or Penn State Schuylkill is returned to communities in many ways through scholarships for students, graduates who work in diverse fields, practical applications of faculty and research, public service, and outreach programs. We are pleased to recognize on the following pages those individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations that have helped strengthen the College and its service to the community through their philanthropic support.

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Society promotes mentoring program

In June I will complete my three-year term on the Board of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society. It has been a fast three years and a whirlwind indoctrination for me into the activities of your Alumni Society. Heck, when I visited with Lois Jordan way back in 1999 it was simply to find out what this organization was all about . . . I had no intention of serving on any board or committee. And then when I joined the Board, it was with a sense of caution and hesitancy about jumping in with any degree of enthusiasm. However . . . it didn't take long before I was literally thrust into serving as the chair of the Mentor Committee and shortly thereafter, I became a staunch advocate of what I consider to be the best program of its kind on this campus. The Mentor Program is truly the best-kept secret on our campus. The students who participate have an advantage that others don't . . . they often find doors opening, questions answered, and career guidance theirs for the asking. You can't put a price on this kind of career support but for those who have participated, it has proven to be invaluable.

However, it is never enough to just announce a program or activity . . . we must support it completely. As William Randolph Hearst once wrote, "If you make a product good enough, even though you live in the depths of the forest, the public will make a path to your door, says the philosopher. But if you want the public in sufficient numbers, you would better construct a highway." Your Alumni Society has done just that with our already excellent Mentor Program. We have built a wonderful product that addresses the needs of our students.

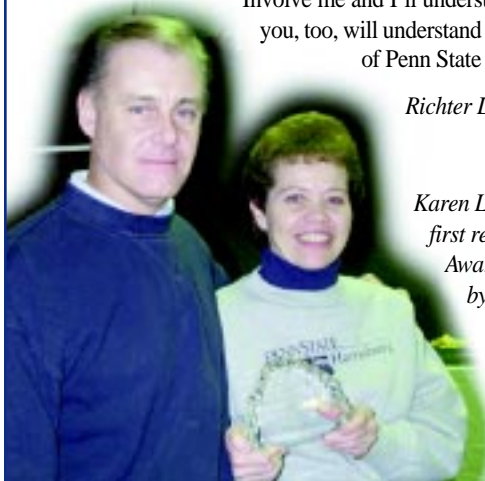
Chaired by Sam Kpakiwa, the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Mentor Program has, since its creation in 1992, brought together more than 400 students and alumni. In the past year, we have taken another step in building the highway to success for our students and mentors by establishing a relationship between Penn State Harrisburg and the College Central Network, the first of its kind within the Penn State family of campuses. Through this new program, students can now use the convenience of Penn State Harrisburg's homepage on the Internet to search our database of mentors and identify possible matches, add their own information and get moving on the next step in their career.

After that, it's up to the students and mentors to make it work. As a graduate of Penn State Harrisburg, I urge you to become involved in this program. I challenge you to become involved and to make it better. As Confucius said, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I'll remember.

Involve me and I'll understand." Get involved and you, too, will understand and will touch the future of Penn State Harrisburg and beyond.

Richter L. Voight '99

Karen L. Wilson '96/'00g, is the first recipient of the President's Award for Service presented by the Harrisburg campus Alumni Society. Wilson is shown receiving her award from Richter Voight '99, Society president.



A message from Schuylkill's Alumni Society President

Dear Fellow Schuylkill Alums:

It's hard to believe another new year has begun already. Sadly, for me, it is my last as President of your Society. I have really enjoyed the two and a half years getting this Society up and running – running so well that we won an award for our first full-fledged reunion. Keep your eyes open for information about the next reunion scheduled for April 5 which we believe will be even bigger and better than the last!



Liz Bligan

Your Society is always looking for ways to re-connect its members to each other, the Society, and Penn State. To that end, we have scheduled a lunch-time reception in Harrisburg for area Schuylkill alumni – of which there are a few hundred! Be on the lookout for an invitation to join your fellow alums at the Downtown Center at noon on May 6. A light lunch will be served, and in addition to catching up with old friends, you will also have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Madlyn L. Hanes, Provost and Dean of Capital College (of which Schuylkill Campus is a part), and Dr. Sylvester Kohut Jr., Schuylkill Campus Executive Officer. In fact, you might see friends from your college days who you didn't even know were right there in the Harrisburg area with you!

We have the reunion on April 5, two regional receptions to get alumni reconnected, and more activities planned for 2003. As you can see, your Society is hard at work fulfilling its mission to support our alums, our campus, and the University. We really need your involvement and support, so contact us if you would like to help out with any of these or other events. This Society can only be as good as you, our members, make it.

Also – one last reminder – Life Membership in the Penn State Alumni Association is going up to \$600 as of July 1. If you are not yet a Life Member, now is the time to sign up – save \$100 and, by joining through the Real Life program, get an extra \$50 given to the Society. If you do join, be sure to do it with a Real Life application, available from your Society. Remember that electronic funds transfer is available to make paying for your membership easy and affordable, by paying just \$20 per month for 25 months.

Thanks for all your support in the last two years.

Liz Bligan '81

Friends continue commitment to Environmental programs

Michael Gillespie and Max Stoner have been close friends since their days as engineering students at the University Park campus.

Over the years, that friendship has evolved to include a business association and a longstanding commitment to the environmental programs at the College. The most recent support of the undergraduate and graduate programs has come in the form of donations from the two business owners.

Gillespie is president of Envirep, a water and wastewater equipment distribution firm, and Stoner is president of Glace Associates, a consulting environmental engineering firm. Both businesses are located in the same Camp Hill building. Gillespie serves on the Environmental Programs Advisory Board and has hired Penn State Harrisburg graduates, and Stoner has frequently sponsored internships at his firm for students.

Gillespie donated equipment valued at \$16,000 to be used by the four-year undergraduate and the master's degree programs in Environmental Engineering and Environmental Pollution Control. Included in the donation are a centrifugal pump station to be used as a training aid and to enhance maintenance skills, a hose pump to be used in workshops for water plant operators and by students, and a flow proportional sampler used by industry and municipal water and wastewater treatment facilities to collect samples. The flow sampler has already been used by a graduate student in an EPA sustainable engineering project for a local food processing manufacturer which led to a reduction in water consumption and pollution.

The Glace Associates gift of \$5,000 will be used for a variety of purposes, including enhancing the program of study for freshmen and sophomores leading to the Environmental Engineering major at the College.

That program enhancement will support needed equipment purchases, lab upgrades, field trips, and other academic-related expenses.



An Environmental Engineering student explains a lab experiment to Max Stoner.



Michael Gillespie and Environmental Training Center coordinator Alison Shuler are shown with one of the pieces of equipment donated to the College.

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Elvin R. Green, '77 BUS, Mt. Gretna, was recently promoted to Senior Vice President/Regional Brokerage Sales Manager with Fulton Financial Advisors, Lancaster.

Christine A. Dormer, '95 LIB, Schuylkill County, graduated in December from McCann School of Business and Technology's paralegal program. E-mail: chrissey67@yahoo.com

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Linda D. Orsini, 74 EIED, Sewickley, taught in the Lower Dauphin School District prior to moving to suburban Pittsburgh where she is an active volunteer in the Child Health Association. E-mail: orsini5@attb.com

Michael W. Barnett, '77 HUM, Lederach, Pa., is completing a master of divinity degree at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa., and is slated to graduate in May. E-mail: hallbarn@tradenet.net

Mark S. O'Toole, '86 BUS, Woodbury Heights, N.J., is employed at News Plus Newsstand in Philadelphia. He and his wife are the parents of three children.

Carl J. Wunderler III, '86 FIN/MGMT, Allentown, and his wife celebrated the birth of daughter Brooke Anne on Aug. 26, 2002. E-mail: cjlw@enter.net.

Brian P. Schaney, '88 SDCET, Chalfont, Pa., is employed by Spectrasite Broadcast Group. E-mail: samalamba@netcarrier.com

Darvin C. Geyer, '88 SocSci, is employed by the Maryland Division of corrections as a prison manager and behavior management/mental health practitioner. E-mail: dgeyer@dpscs.state.md.us

Robert S. Kunzinger, '89 HUM, Virginia Beach, Va., is a professor of humanities at Tidewater Community College and has recently published *Out of Nowhere: Scenes from St. Petersburg*, a memoir of more than 20 trips teaching and traveling through Russia. E-mail: bobkunzinger@yahoo.com

Steven A. Reeder, '89 SocSci, Baltimore, is employed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at Spring Grove Hospital Center, Baltimore. He recently attained Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner designation from the International Association of Psychological Rehabilitation Series in recognition of acquired knowledge skills and competencies in psychiatric rehabilitation. E-mail: sreeder@dhhm.state.md.us

David K. Brubaker, '90 SDCET, Severn, Md., has been named a project manager for construction claims with HDH Construction Consultants, Annapolis. E-mail: d.brubaker@hdhcci.com

College adds environmental engineering master's degree

Penn State Harrisburg's newest master's degree is built on its longstanding, respected reputation for environmental studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Beginning immediately, Penn State Harrisburg is offering the Master of Engineering in Environmental Engineering, complementing established baccalaureate study in the same discipline and graduate programs in Environmental Pollution Control.

The Master of Engineering in Environmental Engineering degree offers opportunities for graduates to work in any aspect of environmental protection. The major areas include water supply, wastewater management, storm water management, environmental microbiology, air pollution control, industrial hygiene, hazardous waste management, toxic materials control, solid waste disposal, public health, and sustainable engineering.

With Penn State Harrisburg's undergraduate program in Environmental Engineering fully accredited, the addition of the counterpart professional graduate degree was the next step in expanding quality Penn State engineering education to the region as well as offering another choice in the field for students and local professionals.

Further enhancing environmental engineering study at Penn State Harrisburg is the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology's longstanding working relationships with the state Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Rick A. Gottlieb, '92 BS, Palm Harbor, Fla., has been appointed director of sales and national sales manager for Lucifer Lighting, a specification-grade lighting company in San Antonio, Texas. He and his wife, Lori '90, are the parents of two sons. E-mail: gottlieb@tampabay.rr.com

Gregory D. Stanton, '92 EET/'99g, Myersville, Md., was promoted to Director of Manufacturing at Smiths Aerospace Germantown facility. He is a member of the IEEE Microwave Techniques and Broadcast divisions and the Surface Mount Technology Association. He and his wife, Sheila Mae, are the parents of a son and daughter. E-mail: gdstanton@alumni.psu.edu.

Rick Delgiorno, '93 PubPol, Mountville, is Associate Director of Alumni Programs at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, is also the owner of The Shirt Loft, Shirtloft.com, and Shirt Loft International, and is in the process of acquiring facilities and equipment for his newest company, Bragging Rights and Bragging Rights.com. E-mail: rick.delgiorno@fandm.edu

Helen W. Ebersole, '94 T&D, Lancaster, has been elected president of the Lancaster County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. E-mail: heleno5@aol.com

David Kostiak, '96 CrimJ, and his wife celebrated the birth of their second son on September 8. E-mail: skipy3@erols.com

Jodi L. Gutshall Maurer, '99 Applied BehSci, Lancaster, is a full-time graduate student and was married on Aug. 3, 2002. E-mail: jodi1126@yahoo.com

Angel M. Beck-Ovsak, '99 CrimJ, Elizabethtown, is employed by Pennsylvania Blue Shield and has earned the designation of Certified Professional Coder by the American Academy of Professional Coders. Beck-Ovsak is now one of 16,000 certified members who receive ongoing education and recognition for expert professional skills in medical coding for the health care industry. E-mail: amb251@alumni.psu.edu

Bryan A. O'Neill, '01 PSYC, Wyomissing, Pa., has been promoted to Clinical Project Coordinator with Clinical Trial Services in Audubon, Pa. In his new position, he serves as a liaison with customers, creating and conducting pharmaceutical clinical trials. He plans to wed in September. E-mail: bo'neill@cts-usa.com

Brian Miller, '01 SDCET, Lititz, Pa., is a partner in an engineering and landscape architectural firm, ELA Group. He and his wife Melanie celebrated the birth of their third daughter in February, 2001. E-mail: bmiller@elagroup.com

Michele Braccioldi Bratina, '01 AppBehSci, Little Rock, Ark., is employed by an accounting firm and attends the University of Arkansas Law School. E-mail: mpbratina@ualr.edu

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