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Welcome to Currents

Greetings from the Provost and Dean...

Greetings and welcome to another issue of Currents, your Capital College alumni magazine. It always gives me great pleasure to greet you on behalf of the entire College community and to share news of your alma mater.

I have wonderful news to share.

In this issue of Currents, we share with you the "Honor Roll of Donors" from our campuses. We are extraordinarily grateful for the continued interest and support from our alumni. In the Honor Roll, there are nearly 600 Penn State alumni who made a financial commitment to the College this past year. An impressive list indeed.

We recognize that alumni express their dedication to the College in many ways, including financial contributions. Alumni serve on our campus and program advisory boards. They bring timely knowledge and experience to the academic process, helping us to bridge theory and practice and to anticipate and meet the dynamic needs and expectations of the workplace. Alumni add value to the collegiate experience by sponsoring internships, mentoring students in career paths, and speaking to our classes, student clubs and organizations. Alumni provide employment opportunities to our graduates and serve as our ambassadors to prospective students, praising the world-class education we provide.

In addition to acknowledging the personal commitment made by alumni and friends, this issue also lists corporations and foundations that have supported our curriculum development efforts and scholarship programs. We thank them all.

Two of our valued partners, the Alcoa Foundation and the Morgan Foundation, have bolstered our Schuylkill campus's community outreach. An Alcoa Foundation grant will support a multi-year distinguished lecture series. The series will bring leading national and international scholars to campus to share cutting edge research and information in their respective fields with members of the campus and broader communities. Two extraordinary alumni, Joseph Piccioni, Operations Manager, Alcoa's Cressona location, and Michael Coleman, Vice President, Alcoa Business Systems and Quality and President, Rigid Packaging Division and 2000 Alumni Fellow, championed the grant on our behalf, and the John E. Morgan Foundation has committed funds to support much-needed enhancements to the existing Morgan Auditorium. The Morgan Auditorium (dedicated in 1983 and named after the late John E. Morgan) continues to see a good deal of activity at the Schuylkill campus—from student convocations and honors day ceremonies, to visiting author presentations and musical theatre performances. Students, faculty, staff, area residents, and community members frequent the Auditorium and make good use of it. The upgrades will return the Auditorium to a state-of the-art facility.

At the Harrisburg campus, a cherished, longtime friend, Gerald N. Hall Sr. and the Hall Foundation have established the College's first Trustee Scholarship, in honor of son, Gerald N. Hall Jr., an alumnus of Penn State Harrisburg. The scholarship has supported six students this year and will continue to assist deserving undergraduates in perpetuity.

We have been doubly blessed with a commitment from Penn National Insurance to create an endowed scholarship, "Penn National Insurance Award of Excellence in Management," which will support an annual award to an undergraduate student in the business management program beginning April 2005. Christine Sears, senior vice president and chief financial officer at Penn National, championed the gift. Christine, an outstanding alumna of the campus, is a member of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers and the School of Business Administration Advisory Board. We are fortunate to have the generosity and support of so many wonderful friends, alumni, and partners from our local corporations and foundations.

This is truly an exciting time in the life of your College. We continue to expand opportunities to the members of the communities we serve to earn a highly regarded Penn State degree. The Harrisburg campus is about the business of expanding lower-division study to accommodate first-year students; the Schuylkill campus is expanding additional baccalaureate study to allow students to complete their undergraduate degrees at the campus. These are strategic initiatives that will extend our capabilities and reach. We are and will remain, with your continued support, the lead institutions of higher education in baccalaureate and graduate studies in our respective regions. Each of you plays a vital role in the evolution of our College; you are, after all, the truest measure of our success.



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You can also check out the Events Calendars for each campus found on their homepages. The calendars list public events, lectures, and entertainment. Visit the calendars often and visit campus for an event.

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Alcoa Foundation Funds Lecture Series on Schuylkill Campus



With a \$60,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation, the Penn State Schuylkill campus community and residents of the region will benefit from a new, three-year Distinguished Lecture Series.

The grant comes from the Business and Community Partnerships Area of Excellence of the Alcoa Foundation.

"This public lecture series will provide the opportunity for guest lecturers to visit the campus thereby exposing students and community business and government leaders and residents to leading national and international scholars," according to Dr. Patti Mills, Penn State Capital College Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Interim Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

According to Dr. Sylvester Kohut Jr., Penn State Schuylkill Campus Executive Officer, "The object of the lecture series is to communicate the joint commitment of Alcoa and Penn State Schuylkill to the economic rejuvenation of Schuylkill County and northeastern Pennsylvania. By making this investment in community education, our partnership will be an expression of confidence in the future of our region and its residents." Dr. Kohut added that members of regional organizations will be asked to participate, including the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturer's Association of Mid-Eastern Pennsylvania, Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation, Northern Pennsylvania Alliance, Pottsville/Schuylkill Technology Incubator, and Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northern Pennsylvania.

In support of the lecture series, Joseph Piccioni, Operations Manager at Alcoa Extrusions, Inc. in Cressona, remarked, "Alcoa and Penn State Schuylkill are partners in advancing the economic development of the region. Education and discussion are key enablers to making the right choices for our families, our community, and ourselves."

Beginning in fall 2004 and running through fall 2006, there will be a total of five public lectures presented by nationally and internationally recognized experts in different fields of economic development. Each lecture will be followed by reactions from a panel of commentators and a question-and-answer period with the audience. The speakers' lectures will be published and distributed throughout the region or made available through Penn State Schuylkill's Web site and local community access television.

The lectures will highlight critical issues and themes including the following: The Crisis in Manufacturing Jobs in America; Searching for Cheap Domestic Alternative Energy Sources; Providing Quality Health Care in Rural America; The Changing Marketplace and Workforce Skills; and Our Leisure Time: Economic Impact of Sports and Recreation in America.



Penn State is tied with the University of California at Berkeley as the best public university in the nation, according to a new study of high school students.

The first 14 schools in the national ranking were private colleges, including Yale, Harvard, Stanford and Princeton. Penn State and Berkeley tied for 15th.

The market research firm that conducted the study, Carnegie Communications of Massachusetts, also described Penn State as the most under-rated university in the country.

Penn State enrolls 83,177 students at 24 campuses around Pennsylvania. It has an annual research budget of \$545 million, making it one of the largest sources for funding coming into the state and resulting in thousands of jobs.

With one of the largest research budgets in the nation, the largest alumni association, one of the largest numbers of applications each year (more than 86,000 in 2003) and other factors, Penn State is considered one of the most popular universities in the country.



Kendra A. Pfautz assistant director of development

Kendra A. Pfautz has been appointed Assistant Director of Development for Penn State Capital College.

A resident of Lebanon, Pfautz was formerly the Deputy Finance Director for the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania where she was responsible for fund-raising and events and working with host committee members throughout the state. She previously served as the state committee's comptroller.

A graduate of Penn State Harrisburg with a bachelor's degree in Public Policy, Pfautz served as group supervisor and head teacher for the Lebanon YMCA's child care program prior to joining the Republican Committee.

Annual awards presentation highlight of Alumni Reunion

Penn State Harrisburg honored four of its graduates October 24 as the college kicked off annual Alumni Weekend festivities on campus.

The annual alumni awards dinner and reception and the weekend reunion are sponsored by the college's Alumni Society.

Honored were: Dr. Carolyn Kitch, Alumni Achievement Award; Michael C. Potteiger, People to Watch Award; Charles M. Dowell, Graduating Senior Award; and Ray A. Virgo, Graduate Student Award.

Dr. Kitch, a 1995 Penn State Harrisburg graduate with a master's degree in American Studies, went on to earn a doctorate from Temple University and is now a member of the faculty in its Department of Journalism, Public Relations, and Advertising. She is the former senior editor of Good Housekeeping and associate editor of McCall's.

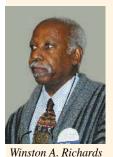
Potteiger, a 1989 graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice,



is Chief of the Northumberland County Adult Probation and Parole, overseeing the supervision of more than 1,300 offenders.

Dowell has been Hummelstown Borough Chief of Police since 1988 and has served as Assistant Borough Manager since 2000. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Penn State Harrisburg in December 2002.

A resident of Harrisburg, Virgo has completed studies in a concurrent program at the college leading to master's degrees in Information Systems and Business Administration.



Receiving a special honor from the Alumni Society was Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Winston A. Richards, who was presented the President's Award in recognition of his work with students and commitment to the college during his more than 30 years as a faculty member.

The Oct. 25 portion of the Alumni Weekend included tours of campus, a luncheon address from Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes, educational lectures from faculty and staff, and children's activities.

The 2004 reunion on the Harrisburg campus will be October 1 and 2.



Carolyn Kitch



Michael C. Potteiger

Penn State Schuylkill

Schuylkill campus lands University incentive grant

Penn State's Commission for Adult Learners recently selected ten Incentive Grant Programs representing ten University locations for funding, including Penn State Schuylkill.

The Incentive Grant Program supports program and service initiatives for adult learners at all University locations. Grants are awarded with the requirement that each location provide matching funds. Ideally, the grant-funded projects become an integral part of a location's programming for its adult learners.

Among those locations receiving grants was Penn State Schuylkill's Learning Center, which was given support for its new offering entitled "Understanding Your Computer." The program is aimed at improving the computer literacy skills of the campus's adult learners. Joyce Zajac, Learning Center coordinator, is the project director. One of every four students on the Schuylkill campus is an adult learner.

Drs. Diane Disney, Janis Jacobs, Vicky Triponey, and Craig Weidermann sponsor the University's Commission for Adult Learners. Dr. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen, CEO at Penn State Worthington Scranton, is the Commission chair. The Incentive Grant projects will be showcased as part of the 5th Annual Hendrick Best Practices for Adult Learners Conference scheduled for May at University Park.

Dr. Kathryn Robinson, Director of the School of Humanities, and Dr. George Boudreau, assistant professor of history and American studies, participated in "Liberty in Motion" at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. The day's events were part of the move of the Liberty Bell to its new \$12 million home. Dr. Boudreau is a longtime volunteer at Independence Park, and is completing an official guide to it. He and Dr. Robinson, shown here with the park's education specialist, Sue Glennon, left, are currently working on an educational partnership program between Capital College and the Independence Park.



1993 graduate earns surprise national educator award

Christopher Mazzino was expecting an assembly honoring West Scranton High School for improving its test scores.

What the 1993 Penn State Harrisburg bachelor's degree graduate with Secondary Education English certification got was a \$25,000 surprise.

The \$25,000 came with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award which he was presented before the entire school community. The award is given to just 100 teachers nationwide, and Mazzino is the first Scranton School District teacher to be honored in the program's 18 years.

Awards are presented each year in surprise ceremonies.

"I always know what's going on, and I had no idea," Mazzino told The Scranton Times. "I figured the Department of Education was coming to give us a check for having such a big improvement in our (Pennsylvania State System of Assessment) scores."

A resident of Dickson City, Mazzino, 36, has been a teacher for 10 years and a faculty member at West Scranton for four. He teaches advanced placement English, creative writing, and advanced composition courses.

"I never thought that I would have ever received something like this during my career," Mazzino adds. He is also quick to extend his thanks to Penn State Harrisburg faculty members who had an "enormous influence on me while I was a student" – Melvin Wolf, Matthew Wilson, Patricia Johnson and Karen Bowser.

The Milken Award recognizes educators who have made a profound impact on their students and the profession through long-range goals and outstanding teaching methods.

A former funeral director, Mazzino said he was burned out and left the business about 12 years ago to become a teacher. He taught in the Pocono Mountain School District before coming to Scranton.

"I never thought that I would have ever received something like this during my career."



Christopher Mazzino celebrates the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award with Gwen Domanio, left, principal of Bancroft Elementary School in the Scranton School District, and fellow West Scranton High School teachers Megan Duffy and Elizabeth DeFrancesco, right.

Business, campus partnership proves to be big success



Technology Expo



Community business representatives meet with vendors at the first Technology Expo on the Schuylkill campus.

A new partnership between Penn State Schuylkill and industry leaders in the community is being termed a great success.

The first-ever Technology Expo on campus March 10, designed to link area businesses with technology to improve productivity, drew more than 24 local and national vendors and a crowd of 130 from the community. The outreach effort included eight breakout sessions with topics including network security, firewalls and anti-virus, wireless networking, and cable testing vs. certification.

Due to the success of the inaugural expo, plans are now being made to make it an annual event for the community. You can visit the expo Web site at www.sl.psu.edu/ iit/expo.html and there will soon be photos from the event and streaming video of the keynote speeches and a video collage of the day's activities.

Penn National Insurance endows award

Penn National Insurance is creating an endowment on the Harrisburg campus which will support an annual award to a student in the undergraduate Management program beginning in April 2005.

Christine A. Sears, senior vice president and chief financial officer at Penn National, spearheaded the creation of the endowment. Christine is a member of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers and the School of Business Administration Advisory Board and is an alumna of the campus. She has also been instrumental in the creation of a scholarship at Penn State Harrisburg to serve female undergraduate students.

The Penn National Award of Excellence in Management is being created "to honor and recognize outstanding achievement by an undergraduate management student who is a rising senior and who has achieved the highest grade-point average of students in the sixth or seventh semester and who demonstrates good citizenship as reflected in membership in campus clubs and/or organizations."

Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Weekend

Rock and Roll and alumni honors to highlight annual reunion on the Schuylkill campus May 1

Rock and Roll will take center stage when Penn State Schuylkill hosts its annual award-winning Alumni Reunion Saturday, May 1.

The fun and informative gathering on campus will be highlighted by a discussion on the "History of Rock and Roll" with William J. Kelly, professor of integrative arts at the University Park campus.

As part of his presentation, Kelly will take alumni and their families on an informative journey through Rock and Roll. Kelly's presentation is an informative blend of fact and music for all ages. He has been featured in the "Huddle with the Faculty" program prior to Penn State football games.

The remainder of the day's activities will feature two instructors who conducted popular seminars at last year's event. Dr. Michael Gallis will present a workshop entitled "Fiddling with Physics" - a hands-on approach to everyday physical science. In addition, Media Specialist Vince Mitchell will show everyone how to put their pictures to music using a computer. Both presenters were asked to return since they were so popular at 2003's event.

In addition, the Schuylkill Dance and Step teams and the campus Cheerleaders will perform.

The Schuylkill Alumni Society will present its Alumni Achievement Award during the luncheon which is free to all alumni. In addition to the award, presentations from Capital College Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes and Schuylkill Campus Executive Officer Sylvester Kohut Jr. will highlight the luncheon.

"This reunion has the best theme yet," says chairman Barbara Kern. "There is plenty of time to mingle with other alumni, learn a thing or two, and reacquaint yourself with the campus," she adds.

Feel free to contact your friends and encourage them to attend the reunion. If you need upto-date contact information, call the Alumni Relations Office at Schuylkill, 570-385-6262, or Harrisburg, 717-948-6106.

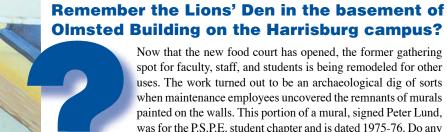
You can register for this free event by visiting the Schuylkill Web site at http://www.sl.psu.edu/departments/alumni/.

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spot for faculty, staff, and students is being remodeled for other uses. The work turned out to be an archaeological dig of sorts when maintenance employees uncovered the remnants of murals painted on the walls. This portion of a mural, signed Peter Lund, was for the P.S.P.E. student chapter and is dated 1975-76. Do any of you remember the murals? If you have any information to share, please send them to Steve Hevner via e-mail at sdh4@psu.edu. We'll share those recollections in the next issue of Currents.

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Dees speaks at Schuylkill



Acclaimed civil rights attorney and the founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Morris S. Dees Jr., right, spoke at Penn State Schuylkill recently as part of its observance of Black History Month. Prior to his presentation, Dees met with campus and community officials, including Campus Executive Officer Sylvester Kohut Jr., left.



As all alumni know, the Nittany Lion mascot is Number One! Recently, the Nittany Lion was named the "mascot with the most" as part of a fund-raiser which netted more than \$3,000 for the March of Dimes at Liberty Mountain Resort near Gettysburg. Inside the costume was Bill Howe from York Springs, a senior Communications major at Penn State Harrisburg. The Nittany Lion came in ahead of a number of other mascots, including the Baltimore Raven and the University of Maryland Terrapin.

Chi Gamma lota earns alumni affiliate group designation

Chi Gamma Iota, the fraternity of former military personnel on the Harrisburg campus, has taken a major step forward.

The organization has just received approval to become an active affiliate program group within the Penn State Alumni Association family.

The longest-serving organization of its type on campus, Chi Gamma Iota – or XGIs – was first created in March of 1968.

An affiliate program group is an organization of alumni at any campus or college who wish to join together as an active organization. The group recently submitted a set of signatures and by-laws to the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society for approval, which was granted unanimously by the board.

"The next step for the XGI APG will be to form an interim board of directors and send out correspondence to all interested alumni," according to Ken Green '77, who is spearheading this effort. Currently the group has over 260 names on a mailing list and is searching for more alumni.

During the process to collect signatures to initiate the affiliate group, several alumni indicated a willingness to serve on the first board of directors. But additional volunteer board members are needed. "Any XGI alumni is welcome to be a part of the formation of this group," Green says.

If you were an active or social member of the XGI fraternity and have not given your contact information to either the Alumni Office or to Green, please contact him at keg12@psu.edu or phone the office at 717-948-6715.

The group is trying to organize a formal program as part of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Reunion to be held Oct. 1 and 2, 2004.

Alumni Office seeking additional behind-the-scenes tours

The Capital College Alumni Relations Office tried something new and has met with success. In the last issue of *Currents*, a spring behind-the-scenes trip to University Park was offered to alumni and their families. The trip will feature an inside look at Beaver Stadium, lunch at the Nittany Lion Inn, a visit to the Lion Shrine, and a driving tour of campus.

The tour is nearly sold out, according to Assistant Director for Alumni Relations Laurie Dobrosky, "We had an amazing response to this tour. Alumni from many different years, both campuses, and their families are going to be enjoying the event."

The Alumni Relations Office is looking for other "behind-the-scenes tours" for alumni. "We are hoping someone could be able to arrange a tour of their place of employment that alumni would find interesting – maybe a factory tour or a museum," Dobrosky adds. "We don't want something common, we're hoping for something unusual and different – like seeing the locker rooms at Beaver Stadium."

Dobrosky hopes even the faculty from both campuses might want to get involved. "Some of our faculty members already do study tours; we are hoping some might be interested in doing tours for alumni as well."

If you can offer an interesting behind-the-scenes-tour, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 717-948-6175 or e-mail capalumni@psu.edu.



Each year, Assistant Professor of Public Policy Matthew Woessner arranges a field trip to the U.S. Supreme Court for his Constitutional Law students on the Harrisburg campus. Last year, the students met with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and recently, the class spent two hours in a private session with Justice Clarence Thomas. The 10 Penn State students on the trip to the Supreme Court were joined by eight from Elizabethtown College.

Morgan Foundation gift will enhance campus auditorium

In the early 1980s, a generous contribution from Tamaqua industrialist John E. Morgan enabled the construction of the Student-Community Center at Penn State Schuylkill.

In appreciation, the new auditorium in the center, opened in 1983, was named in his honor.

Now, the John E. Morgan Foundation he created has stepped forward with a \$150,000 gift to the campus to upgrade the Morgan Auditorium which serves both the campus and external community.

Morgan, who died in 2001 at age 89, amassed a fortune with his late-1950s invention of the waffle-stitch used in long underwear and blankets. He sold his J.E. Morgan Knitting Mills in 1984 and retired to a second career as a philanthropist, with Penn State Schuylkill and Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center among the beneficiaries. Among his gifts was \$1 million toward a biomedical research building at the Hershey Medical Center.

The Morgan Auditorium on campus has become a true community resource with use by both the college and region continually on the upswing. Among the uses for the facility are theatrical productions, musical events, classes, rehearsals, commencement exercises, motion picture showings, academic examinations, fashion shows, lectures, presentations, and cultural events.

Since 1998, the campus has spent nearly \$60,000 on necessary upgrades to the auditorium. The Morgan Foundation gift will now enable the campus to bring state-of-the-art renovations to the facility.

Included in the planned renovations are: new paint throughout; new lighting and sound system; new stage steps; and a new curtain. Should monies remain after the initial work, it will go toward a new stage floor and general upkeep. In addition, new carpeting is being installed with funding from University Park for major maintenance.

In addition to the Morgan Auditorium, the Student-Community Center also houses the Hidden Stream Café, campus bookstore, and offices.

Alumni mentoring programs on both campuses feature 'speaker's bureaus'

Penn State Harrisburg's Alumni Society is expanding opportunities for students through its Mentoring Program.

The longstanding program matches students with mentoring alumni in their chosen field. A new ingredient will be a "one on many" opportunity for mentoring as well as the traditional "one on one."

Mentor Committee chair Sam Kpakiwa, stresses that the society will continue to match students with alumni on an individual basis, with the new initiative designed to expand the exchange of alumni expertise with students.

In order to accomplish this goal, the committee is seeking alumni interested in speaking before classrooms and student clubs. The Harrisburg campus has a large number of student clubs which could benefit from the expertise alumni can provide.

The Mentor Committee hopes to assist the clubs in setting up panel discussions with alumni on issues affecting their careers. In addition, more general panels could be provided on issues such as women's rights, minority issues, job search strategies, and election topics. Faculty would also make use of this list to include speakers and their real-world experiences in their classroom.

The Schuylkill campus has always conducted its mentor program in this manner. However, additional volunteers are needed. Many of the Schuylkill student clubs, including Business and Pre-Law, have had speakers but other clubs and classes would also like to take advantage of the opportunity.

Alumni interested in being part of this "speaker's bureau" can sign up with the Alumni Relations Office by calling 717-948-6715 or by visiting either campus alumni Web site.

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UPCOMING Alumni Events

Join your fellow alumni to network and have fun at one of these upcoming events

Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game and Dinner

Friday, August 27, 2004 City Island, Harrisburg Cost: Adults \$13, Children 3 – 12 \$5 – represents a \$5 savings on each ticket Limited Number of Tickets – Register Early!

New Hope Winery Tasting Party

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Route 202 between New Hope and Peddler's Village, Lahaska, Pa. (Bucks County) Enjoy a sampling of wines, fruits, cheeses, and breads at this beautiful local winery. Plus a souvenir wine-tasting glass. Cost: Adults 21 and older only - \$10

To register for these events go to either campus alumni Web site or call 717-948-6106.

Hall Foundation creates Gerald N. Hall Jr. Trustee Scholarship at the Harrisburg campus

Since 1990, Gerald N. Hall Sr. and the Hall Foundation have supplied scholarships each year to deserving students at Penn State Harrisburg.

Hall, a former member of the campus Board of Advisers, and chairman of the Foundation founded by his father have now greatly increased their commitment to the campus through the creation of a Trustee Scholarship.

"The major thrust of our foundation's giving over the last 50-plus years has been to encourage and help young people further their education," Hall says. "It's very gratifying to hear from former recipients who are doing well in their professional lives. We are grateful we have been able to aid students who may not have been able to enter Penn State without our financial assistance."

He continues, "The Hall Foundation is very proud to honor the University's Board of Trustees and my son, Gerald N. Hall Jr., the grandson of the foundation's founder and a 1996 Penn State Harrisburg graduate, with this scholarship."

The Hall Foundation is a private foundation founded in 1952

by Carlisle native John N. Hall, a successful Harrisburg business, civic, and cultural leader. Gerald N. Hall Sr. has served as foundation chairman since 1968.

A large part of the foundation's giving has been for educational assistance. Scholarships are given to local students to encourage them to continue their education. The foundation also generously contributes to many cultural, religious, and civic organizations and supports community activities primarily in the greater Harrisburg and southcentral Pennsylvania areas.

Robert Garrettson, a graduate of Central Dauphin East High School who earned a Public Policy degree from the Harrisburg campus in December and who was the recipient of the Hall



Foundation scholarship, says "It is touching and reassuring to know there are generous people out there like Gerald Hall."

The Trustee Scholarship Program grew from the recognition that many students need financial help to attend Penn State, and that public funds are insufficient to meet this need. In 2001-02, for example, 76 percent of the University's undergraduates received \$405 million in aid from all sources, both public and private. Unfortunately, nearly two-thirds of those funds were in the form of student loans, resulting in an average student loan debt of \$17,900 at graduation. The Trustee Scholarship Program, when fully endowed, will increase the amount of privately supported endowed spending on academic scholarships (as opposed to loans) by 40 percent.

As the University and Capital College strive to ensure that all qualified students can afford a Penn State education, the Trustee Scholarship Program launches a five-year, \$100 million matching scholarship initiative that partners Penn State supporters with general funds from the University to keep the doors of opportunity open to everyone.

Unlike other scholarships, contributions to the Trustee Scholarship

Program will be matched by funds from Penn State, adding 5 percent of the original gift to the spendable income from the endowment. Since the average spending from an endowment is 5 percent of its market value over the preceding three years, the matching will, in effect, double the funds available. The University is adding a minimum of \$1 million each year through 2006-07, making at least \$5 million available.

For further information on the Trustee Scholarship Program, phone the Penn State Harrisburg Office of Development at 717-948-6316.

Robert Garrettson, center, recipient of the Hall Foundation Scholarship, is flanked by Gerald N. Hall Jr., left, and Gerald N. Hall Sr.

Health Administration student awarded Highmark Blue Shield Fellowship

Penn State Harrisburg graduate student Susan Parker has been awarded the Highmark Blue Shield Fellowship for 2004.

Parker, who resides in Berks County, is pursuing a master's degree in Health Administration in the School of Public Affairs at the college.

"Highmark Blue Shield is involved in many areas of the Central Pennsylvania community and this is just one more terrific example," said Mike Fiaschetti, senior vice president, Mid-Atlantic Region for Highmark Blue Shield. "We are pleased to continue this commitment to students at Penn State and excited we can play a role in assisting Susan to pursue her education."

Parker is currently a health care consultant in Harrisburg. Commenting on her award, she said, "My grandmother gave me money many years ago and I said that one day I would put it to use for a special purpose in my life. My grandmother passed away several years ago, but I know she would be proud that I am using the money for my education. However, when I decided to attend graduate school, the amount of money was about one-third short of the amount I would need to complete the coursework. Now that I have been awarded this fellowship, it will fill in the financial gap."

The Highmark Blue Shield Fellowship was established in 1989 with a donation of \$50,000 to Penn State Harrisburg.

Highmark Blue Shield is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans.

Zoologist, educational leader to address May graduates at commencements

Dr. Keith Bildstein, Director of Conservation Science at the world-famous Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and John A. O'Brien, president of the Milton Hershey School, will address Penn State Capital College graduates in May.

Bildstein will deliver the keynote address at the Schuylkill campus commencement ceremonies Thursday, May 13, and O'Brien will speak to Penn State Harrisburg graduates on Saturday, May 15.

Founded in 1934 in Kempton, Schuylkill County, as the world's first refuge to protect birds of prey, Hawk Mountain's 2,226 acres provide state-of-the-art research, conservation education, and outdoor recreation opportunities and facilities for visitors from throughout the world.

A leader in carrying out the sanctuary's mission, Bildstein has been affiliated with Hawk Mountain since 1992, having previously served as its Director of Research and Education. He leads a research team at Hawk Mountain's new education and research complex in Orwigsburg, the Acopian Center for Conservation and Learning.

A native of Hoboken, N.J., Bildstein earned his B.S. in Biology from Muhlenberg College in 1972, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He completed his M.S. in Zoology and later his Ph.D. in Zoology from The Ohio State University.

As president of the Milton Hershey School, O'Brien is responsible for the realization of the vision and delivery of the mission of MSH - to serve children in financial and social need so they ultimately live fulfilling and productive lives. In addition to being responsible for all the school's programming, he ensures that the actions of the school's Trust Board are in alignment with the school's mission.

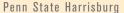
Originally from Snow Shoe, Pa., O'Brien grew up at Milton Hershey School where he was enrolled at the age of three. His post-secondary and post-graduate studies include psychology, learning theory, and education. Following positions in teaching leadership in organizational effectiveness and experiential learning technology, he founded Renaissance Leadership Inc. in 1978. He served as a high-performance coach for more than 62,000 managers and executives until accepting his post at Milton Hershey School in 2003.

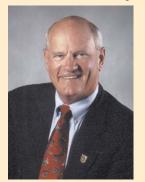
O'Brien holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton and a master's from Johns Hopkins.

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Dr. Keith Bildstein





John A. O'Brien

Dinner honors Irwin Richman

riends, family, and former students gathered on the Harrisburg campus for a double celebration - a retirement dinner for long-time faculty member Irwin Richman and the creation of a scholarship in his honor.

The scholarship honoring Dr. Richman, who retired last summer as Professor Emeritus of American Studies and History, will go to an incoming or continuing full-time American Studies graduate student.

Contributors to the scholarship were among those invited to the event honoring Dr. Richman who is

continuing his popular summer study tours in retirement as well as his impressive work as an author.

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Irwin Richman and wife M. Susan Richman (top). Irwin with Peggy Ottens (left) and Leslie Kraus (right). The appreciative crowd at the dinner in the Morrison Gallery.

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WHITAKER FOUNDATION REGIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORTS Expanded Academic Opportunities at Penn State Harrisburg

S ince its inception in 1975, The Whitaker Foundation Regional Program has proved time and again to be a valuable and productive partner with Penn State. To date, the foundation has contributed more than \$5.6 million in grants throughout the University, enhancing the educational and research efforts of the College of Engineering, College of Health and Human Development, College of Medicine and the Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center,

The Dickinson School of Law, and Penn State Harrisburg.

Created upon the death of U.A. Whitaker, the founder of AMP, Inc., the Whitaker Foundation's initial purpose as a private foundation was to improve human health through support of biomedical engineering. During his lifetime, Whitaker

also created the foundation's Regional Program which continues to support human service agencies to stimulate economic self-sufficiency and educational institutions in the Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry county region in the area of inquiry-based math and science education.

Through the Harrisburg Regional Program, the foundation has been a major factor in the expansion of academic opportunities for students attending Penn State Harrisburg. In 1996, the foundation earmarked \$300,000 to assist in the expansion of the Science and Technology Building on campus to enhance environmental education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The grant matched an equal commitment from the University to support construction costs for new labs and facilities.

Simultaneous with these commitments, Miles J. Gibbons Jr., then president and CEO of the foundation, expressed a desire that Penn State Harrisburg offer baccalaureate engineering degrees in addition to engineering technology degrees. "The ability of Penn State Harrisburg to offer an engineering degree program is a major step forward. Hopefully, environmental engineering will be the first of several engineering degree programs available at Penn State Harrisburg," commented Gibbons at the time of the grant.



Gibbons' hope for expanded pathways to a Penn State engineering degree at the Harrisburg campus became a reality in fall of 2003 when the college began accepting firstyear students into a program of study leading to the majors in Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Environmental

Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, and Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology. Again, The Whitaker Foundation Regional Program administered by The Greater Harrisburg Foundation was at the forefront of the initiative, committing \$360,000.

Further options for midstate students will come to the campus in fall 2004 when Penn State Harrisburg will offer the first two years of study leading to more than 160 Penn State

undergraduate majors available throughout the University system, including 26 of

its own programs.



Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes announced the availability of first-year study at Penn State Harrisburg in 2002 saying, "We are confident our efforts will elevate interest in engineering education in the capital region." Dr. Hanes added, "And as a result of our continuing work with our colleague academic institutions, we are creating additional educational options and pathways for students in the area."

The program is aimed at retaining skilled graduates to fuel the economic vitality of the region and counteract a recognized brain drain. Designed to provide a unique experience for the entire four years of baccalaureate study, the program emphasizes internships and other outof-classroom field experiences for students, with continuous exposure to the real-world environment of business and industry. This involvement further links students from the onset of their college education with regional employers.

Most recently, the Regional Program funded the purchase of equipment and the creation of physics and drafting laboratories on campus



to enhance study in engineering and engineering technology. As a means of thanking the foundation for helping make the program a reality, Dr. Hanes invited representatives to campus. Gibbons toured Penn State Harrisburg along with The Whitaker Foundation Re-

gional Program Governing Committee and other foundation staff members. While on campus, the group had lunch with two freshmen in the new program, toured the facilities, and spoke with students in the labs about their academic experiences.

Following the tour, Governing Committee member Harold A. McInnes commented, "I was delighted with what I saw during my lab and classroom visit. The setup of the computer-aided design lab (CAD) was well-equipped and I was very impressed by the way the course was being taught. And the physics lab equipment is really on the cutting edge."

Pool at Penn State Harrisburg serves campus and community

Capital College students, faculty, staff and the external community now have the benefit of an indoor aquatics center on the Harrisburg campus.

The 9,000-square-foot facility contains a six-lane pool and is designed to serve users of all ages. Constructed as an addition to the Capital Union Building, the center's exterior is brick and limestone with large glass window walls.

The aquatics center's pool is uniquely designed to permit maximum program use for therapy, wellness, leisure, and competition. Persons on wheelchairs or those with limited mobility will be able to access the pool through the use of a lift. Key to its use will be service to the large senior citizen population in the area and learn-to-swim programs for children.

Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects of Allentown designed the facility with Lobar, Inc. of Dillsburg the contractor for the \$2.3 million project. State appropriation to the University directed \$1.8 million to support construction of the facility aimed at serving the community as well as the college.



Baker Jr., Inc. boosts SDCET endowment

The Michael Baker Jr., Inc. newest commitment to the Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology major at the Harrisburg campus comes in the form of a \$25,000 contribution to the SDCET program endowment.

James B. Williams, Baker's Vice President and Regional Manager, says, "The engineering program at Penn State Harrisburg provides a unique and valuable service to central Pennsylvania. Young professionals ready to enter the work force and contribute to the community graduate each year. They bring a skill and knowledge base not provided by other local colleges and universities. We at Michael Baker Jr., Inc. know this because we have hired may of these engineering graduates."

He continues, "I personally have served on and am the current vice president of the advisory board for the SDCET program. Baker has demonstrated its interest in the program by being a major corporate donor."

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Alumni Reunion Weekend





With another successful alumni reunion under its belt, the Harrisburg campus is making plans for the next gathering of graduates and their families Oct. 1 and 2, 2004.

The 2003 reunion attracted more than 200 to campus and featured a variety of activities, campus tours, educational seminars, children's activities, and an update on the College from Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes.

Scenes from the reunion include, counterclockwise from top right: Charles F. Carlin III '73 from Philadelphia with his twin daughters Mary, right, and Katie who are Communications majors at the campus; luncheon speaker Dr. Michael Barton and "friend;" '87 Business grad Loretta Barbee-Dare; and a large group in the new food court viewing the Penn State football game on a big screen TV.



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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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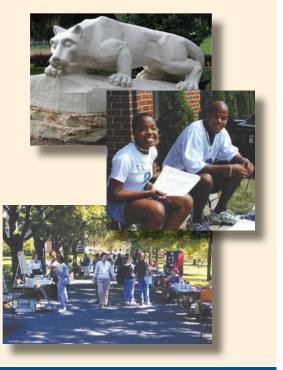
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Obituaries

Robert J. Brown, professor emeritus of finance in the Penn State Harrisburg School of Business Administration, died Nov. 15 at his home in Lower Paxton Township near Harrisburg.

Dr. Brown retired in 1991 following 22 years on the college faculty. From 1969 to 1973, he served Penn State Harrisburg in various academic and administrative positions including that of associate dean of faculty.

Among his immediate survivors are his wife, Irene, and his son, Robert J. Brown of Los Angeles.

Frank J. DeNapoli, 51, who attended the Schuylkill campus from 1969 to 1971 and later earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mineral Economics from Penn State, died Sept. 2, 2003. Survivors include his parents, Francis and Alice DeNapoli of Pottsville, his wife, Christine Slusser DeNapoli, son Andrew, and daughter Alexis. A resident of DuBois, Mr. DeNapoli was completing doctoral studies in Mineral Economics at Penn State at the time of his death.

John J. Benacquista, who earned a Master of Public Administration from Penn State Harrisburg in 1978 and who resided in Fairfield, Calif., died July 31, 2003.

Eugene Kevin Himes, a mechanical engineering student on the Harrisburg campus, died Oct. 26, 2003 from injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident.

Joseph R. Chrin, who earned a degree in Mechanical Design Engineering Technology from the Harrisburg campus in 1975, died Feb. 21, 2003. Among his survivors is his wife, CeLeste O'Brien-Chrin, Macungie, Pa.

American Studies graduate earns national prize

Hideyo Konagaya, who earned a master's degree in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg in 1991, is the 2003 winner of the Richard Reuss Prize for Students of Folklore and History presented by the American Folklore Society.

Konagaya was formally presented the award at the association's annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. The award is presented annually for the best student essay in the history of folklore studies. Her essay was on the Kunio Yanagita and the development of folklore studies in Japan.

Konagaya recently earned a Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania and has returned to Seibold University in Nagasaki, Japan, where she is a professor of cultural studies.

Alumni News and Notes

Schuylkill Campus

Leonard L. Aulenbach, '70 BS, Flourtown, Pa., retired from GlaxoSmithKline after a 31-year career as a pharmaceutical marketing manager. E-mail: wiredme69@yahoo.com

Tom Schreffler, '74, Orwigsburg, who attended the Schuylkill campus from 1965 to1967, is a lieutenant colonel (retired) in the U.S. Army Reserve, holds and MBA from St. Joseph's University, and is employed by Light Heigel Associates. He is married to the former Sandra M. Woleschok '69. E-mail: tschref@earthlink.net.

Beverly E. Kramer, '82 A.S., Burley, Ind., is the human resource manager for the Kraft Foods facility in Rupert, Ind., which manufactures Philadelphia Cream Cheese and string cheese. E-mail: Beverly.kramer@kraft.com.

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Dr. Joe Reilly, '72 SocSci, Upper Darby, is the Coordinator of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and Senior Lecturer in the Goodwin College of Professional Studies at Drexel University, Philadelphia. E-mail: josephreilly@eart hinlink.net.

Al J. Herrle, '73 ElEd, retired from the Montour School District in 2003 and purchased a condo on the beach in Singer Island, Fla. He and his wife, Carol, will soon move aboard a sailboat for an extended trip up the coast and then on to the islands. Al even has a Web site which profiles the progress on the boat at www.geocities.com/ alherrle. E-mail: alherrle@aol.com.

William Alan Moore, P.E., '77 SDCET, Mansfield, Mass., was named Chief Transportation Planner with the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's Central Transportation Planning Staff in November. He was former a resident engineer for the Bechtel Group on Boston's Central Artery/Tunnel Project termed "The Big Dig." E-mail: DandBMoore@cs.com.

John J. Sammarco, '78 BSET, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., was awarded a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering in fall 2003 from West Virginia University.

Daniel Boyce, '78 SocSci, Fairfax, Va., has been promoted to Associate Director, Security Policy and Awareness, for the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Security in Arlington, Va. E-mail: daniel.boyce@psualum.com.

Morris R. Fansler, '80 MPA, Devon, Pa., is employed by Main Line Health Systems. E-mail: fanslerm@mlhs.org.

Karla D. Kase, '83 PubPol, Franklin Park, N.J., is employed by the FBI and was awarded the Director's Award for Outstanding Counterintelligence Investigation in September, 2003. Karla recently served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as an interrogator for the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Jeff Foreman, '85 PubPol/'90g AmStudies, Harrisburg, is currently a partner in his own law firm, Foreman and Foreman, a general practice firm in Harrisburg. Foreman also serves as solicitor

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1995 graduate elected Lancaster County Prothonotary

Penn State Harrisburg graduates have established an impressive record of public service.

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When Randall O. Wenger, a 1995 Public Policy graduate, was elected Lancaster County Prothonotary by a landslide in the November 2003 election, it meant he had to leave his position as executive director of the Lancaster County Republican Committee.

Now, that spot has been filled by another Penn State Harrisburg grad, Terry Trego, who earned a Master of Public Administration from the college in August of 2002.

Trego resigned from his teaching position with the Hempfield School District to take the executive director's post. Trego had been chairman of the Lancaster County Young Republicans for a year and worked on campaigns and events. He served as Wenger's events coordinator during the race for prothonotary.

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for the Harrisburg Parking and Derry Township Municipal authorities. E-mail: Jeff@foremanforeman.com.

Helen Bradley Foster, '87g AmStudies, cowrote the introduction and co-edited Wedding Dress Across Cultures, published in 2003. She also contributed a chapter entitled "An Athenian Wedding, Year 2000" to the book.

Loretta Barbee-Dare, '87 BusAdmin, Harrisburg, was a 2003 candidate for Dauphin County Clerk of Courts and is Director of Pre-Paid Legal Services, serving as its area coordinator and corporate trainer. E-mail: loretta@consultant.com.

Lisa Ridley Garrett, '89 HComm, Southlake, Texas, and her husband, Bradley Garrett, adopted Luisa Fernanda from Villeta, Colombia in July 2003. Five-year-old Luisa joins sister, Amanda Amigh, 9. Lisa is a project manager for CitiCapital Technology. E-mail: lisag0925@charter.net. **Bob Kunzinger,** '89g Hum, resides in Virginia Beach, Va. His book, out of nowhere, has just entered a third printing and his essay from the book entitled "Sweeping," won the New England Award for Non-Fiction. His current work, a monologue entitled "Profs," is being read in Norfolk and Atlanta. E-mail: bobkunzinger@yahoo.com

Jennifer Bruscato Foye, '92 FIN, Davenport, Fla., and her husband, Todd, celebrated the birth of daughter Autumn Grace on Nov. 29, 2003.

Jane M. Arnold, '94 PubPol, Lebanon, Pa., is the coordinator of the Section 8 Program for the Lebanon County Housing Authority.

Jennifer L. Esposito Homendy, '94 Hum, Fredericksburg, Va., is employed by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Washington, D.C., and married software engineer Michael Homendy on Oct. 19, 2002. E-mail: jesposito@teamster.org. Shawn A. Kachmar, '94 PubPol, has been named a partner at Hunter Maclean, the largest law firm in Savannah, Ga. Kachmar, who holds a law degree from the Emory University School of Law, practices in the areas of employment law and business litigation.

Diane R. McCullough Hagen, '95 EIEd, Midlothian, Va., and her husband Chris, celebrated the birth of their second child, daughter Sarah Elizabeth, on Jan. 25, 2004. She joins brother Paul Alexander. E-mail: DRHagen1@aol.com.

Denise E. Clouser Kauffman, '95 CrimJ, Duncannon, Pa., is employed by Jacobs and Associates' Nationwide Trial Division, Camp Hill. She and her husband Kenneth are the parents of two sons. E-Mail: Kauffmd1@nationwide.com

Angela M. Lohss Jack, '98 ABESC, Lunenburg, Mass., is employed by the Institute of Professional Practice, Fitchburg, Mass., and married Edward M. Jack May 31, 2003 in Sterling, Mass. E-mail: angela@jack.net.

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