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Greetings from the Chancellor...

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

The end of the academic year is a time at which we pause to acknowledge the achievements of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. It also marks a period of transition, as new graduates stand ready to meet the challenges of professional life, while retiring faculty and staff prepare for life after the rigors of the daily workplace.

At commencement ceremonies in May 2006, Penn State Harrisburg conferred some 600 degrees, and another nearly 600 degrees a few months earlier at ceremonies in December 2005. These numbers are particularly significant as we celebrate the college's 40th anniversary this year. Penn State Harrisburg's first graduating class, those students who began when the campus opened in 1966 and graduated in 1968, included 12 students. Clearly, the idea for a campus in the capital city four decades ago has proven to be a good one. The proof? The nearly 32,000 graduates Penn State Harrisburg, the Capital College, has added to the University alumni roster.

Our April 18 Donor Recognition Dinner recognized those whose philanthropy helps students either directly through scholarships, or indirectly through the donation of resources to enhance campus programs and facilities. This spring we also honored faculty and staff members with awards for outstanding achievement and leadership in the areas of diversity, service, teaching, research, and scholarship. Our award winners are featured in this issue.

On June 2, the University presented its annual alumni awards. We were honored to have two people affiliated with Penn State Harrisburg recognized during these ceremonies at University Park. Richard Ziegler, owner of R.E. Ziegler Remodeling and Construction Company and the donor and builder of Ziegler Commons on our campus, was named an Honorary Alumnus for his many contributions to our college and the broader University. Rich is featured in the *Currents* cover article. George Zoffinger, a 1970 graduate of Penn State Harrisburg and president and CEO of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni award. George is only the second Capital College alum to receive this highly coveted honor.

Penn State Harrisburg is also bidding farewell to eight faculty and staff who are retiring. Two long-time colleagues are retiring after 35 years of stellar service—Drs. William J. Mahar and Charles A. Cole. This issue of *Currents* pays tribute to their exceptional legacies.

Dr. William J. Mahar, our senior associate dean for academic affairs, has contributed significantly to the growth and strength of the college. In addition to his administrative leadership, he has served the college as an accomplished faculty member and school director.

Berg Professor of Engineering Charles Cole has been at the forefront of environmental education at the college and throughout the world. He has been a school director, Fulbright lecturer and scholar, trainer, and consultant.

We wish Drs. Mahar and Cole, and all our retirees well. Their dedicated service and talent will be missed.

Penn State Harrisburg's contributions to Central Pennsylvania are well documented. But we also are broadening our reach – to the world – and bringing the world to our campus. Our highly respected Criminal Justice undergraduate major soon will be available online to students worldwide through the University's World Campus. We are proud that, through this offering, Penn State becomes the first institution in Pennsylvania to offer an online degree in Criminal Justice.

Our college's library continues to add to its record of distinction. We have been selected to host two programs of national interest. Our library, in partnership with The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg and the Dauphin County Library system, is one of only 60 in the nation to host a five-part discussion series on Jewish literature, led by our accomplished scholars in the field. The program is funded by The American Library Association Public Programs Office and Nextbook. Also, our library is one of 63 in the nation selected to host an extraordinary exhibit re-examining the socio-political dynamics leading to Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Programs of this caliber bring national visibility of the best kind to the college, and advance our outreach mission to local and regional constituents and partners.

Finally, this spring, Penn State President Graham Spanier's Road Scholars Tour for new faculty made a stop at our campus. We were pleased to host President Spanier, several University trustees, and new faculty from around the Penn State system. We enjoy opportunities to showcase our college.

To learn more about all of these programs, people, and activities, take a moment to read *Currents*. To learn even more, I encourage you to stay in touch with your college. Visit us. Join in the many activities we offer. And never hesitate to call on us. After all, we are partners in your continued success.



Madlyn L. Hanes, Ph.D.
Chancellor
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madlyn Hanes". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Richard Ziegler was well into adulthood before he had any connection to Penn State. On June 2, 2006, he was named Honorary Alumnus, a distinction for those who have enhanced the University through commitment and service. One of Ziegler's most significant contributions to Penn State Harrisburg has been the 8,500-square-foot plaza known as Ziegler Commons. Read more about Ziegler and why Penn State has become a special place for him on page 4.

You can make a lasting impression at Penn State Harrisburg by purchasing a personalized brick to be placed in Ziegler Commons. Turn to the back cover for more information.



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More than Meets the Eye

Richard Ziegler is a study in contrasts.

He identifies himself as hard-nosed, impatient, lacking self-confidence, and prone to tunnel vision. His wife Stephanie says simply, “He’s intense.”

Yet a closer look reveals a picture of a very different man.

He could have made his living on his family’s farm, but says he wanted to be his own person. So instead, he started a construction company in 1973 at just 21 years of age, getting by at first with odd jobs like hanging doors and installing paneling. He built R.E. Ziegler Remodeling and Construction Company into a very successful business that now has built hundreds of homes and commercial buildings. That takes some confidence.

He built his own home on several wooded acres in Lebanon County. In Frank Lloyd Wright fashion, he painstakingly built amongst the many trees and around the boulders that now are an integral part of the property’s lush landscaping. It led to some headaches for the excavators and other subcontractors, he says, but turned out beautifully. Patience prevailed.

And Ziegler may be a hard-nosed business person, but it doesn’t show when he is in his element at home. This is a man who loves gardening and cooking, who delights in the presence of hummingbirds at the feeder, and who appreciates the rare Northern Orchids – the Yellow Lady

Slippers – that grow naturally on his lot.

Connecting with Penn State

Until Ziegler was well into adulthood, he had absolutely no connection to Penn State. He wasn’t even a casual fan of the football team. Today he is a major benefactor, a tireless volunteer, an Honorary Alumnus, and a football season ticket holder. He has a cat named Nittany and a Lion statue in his front yard. (It was a birthday gift from his wife Stephanie, a 1974 graduate.)

“It’s funny, the road life leads you down,” he says when describing how Penn State became a part of his life.

“My former wife and I had lived in our house a year, when she was diagnosed with leukemia,” he explains. “Obviously, it was a very difficult time.”

“Yvonne was treated at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and from the time she was diagnosed until she died nine months

Stephanie and Rich Ziegler make a priority of daily walks through the woods that envelop their beautifully landscaped property in Lebanon County.



later, she was hospitalized frequently,” he said.

Ziegler was so impressed with the care given his wife and the compassion of the medical staff, that he eventually established the Yvonne Hoffman Ziegler Memorial Endowment in Hematology at the Medical Center and the Richard Ziegler Endowed Faculty Fellowship in Hematology at the College of Medicine. Later, he established the Yvonne Hoffman Ziegler Memorial Field Hockey Scholarship at University Park.

Ziegler’s introduction to Penn State Harrisburg came a bit later, when he came to campus to meet with Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes. “Dr. Hanes gave me a tour of the campus,” Ziegler recalls, “and I was impressed.”

If Ziegler can be accused of having tunnel vision, his contributions to Penn State Harrisburg show the opposite. He has volunteered countless hours on the college’s Master Plan Committee, the group charged with ensuring that the campus facilities support its broad, future vision.

“Planning for the future is exciting,” Ziegler says, “and I felt that my experience could help. For example, even though I’ve never built something the size of the library, I understand the processes to get it done.”

Ziegler was so taken by the college’s progress and vision for the next decade, that he wanted to be part of it, he said. In 2005, Ziegler gave Penn State Harrisburg one of its largest and most unique gifts ever. Not only did Ziegler donate the philanthropic support for the 8,500-square-foot plaza now known as Ziegler Commons, he also committed his company to its construction, donating time, energy, materials, and labor. Bringing his landscaping knowledge and his own aesthetic sensitivities to the project was just icing on the cake.

“Giving to Penn State is something Rich really wants to do,” says Stephanie. “His heart is into it.”

Penn State Harrisburg Director of Development Marie-Louise Abram agrees. “Rich has devoted a great deal of personal time and resources to Penn State. Obviously, our college and its students have been the beneficiaries of his good will.”

“I’m very proud of the things I have done at Penn State. They are probably the best things I’ve done in my life.”

Richard Ziegler

As Honorary Alumnus, Ziegler finds himself in good company

What do Penn State President Graham Spanier, football coach Joe Paterno, and Mr. Richard Ziegler have in common?

All three are honorary alumni of the University, a distinction awarded previously to only 75 individuals in Penn State’s history, and to Ziegler most recently. The award recognizes “outstanding individuals, who, though not graduates of Penn State, greatly enhance the University through their commitment and service.” The award is a life membership in the Alumni Association and a cast bronze medallion.



Ziegler, owner of R. E. Ziegler Remodeling and Construction Company in Lebanon, was formally named Honorary Alumnus during June 2 ceremonies at University Park.

Asked what it’s like to be in such company, Ziegler wonders aloud if he belongs there, then says simply, “I am honored.”

The award recognizes Ziegler’s tireless and generous commitment to Penn State. He has created three Penn State scholarships in the past decade. He also provided

philanthropic support for Penn State Harrisburg’s Ziegler Commons and committed his company to its construction. A member of the Mount Nittany and Atherton Societies and the President’s Club, Ziegler serves on the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers and the Master Plan Committee.

Other notable honorary alumni include former Penn State President H. Bryce Jordan, Congressman John P. Murtha, and Sculptor Heinz Warneke, creator of the famous Nittany Lion statue.

Although Ziegler may wonder about his placement among such names, others do not.

“Mr. Ziegler has a distinguished record of giving to Penn State,” says Penn State Harrisburg Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes. “We are grateful for his vision and generosity on behalf of our students and the broader college community. Distinguishing him as an Honorary Alumnus is a fitting recognition.”

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Ziegler recently talked with a student who told him how much she appreciated the Commons and how she enjoyed recent events taking place there. The Commons is equipped to support live entertainment, cookouts, gatherings like Rites of Spring, and many other activities. He said hearing from the student made him feel proud. But he then modestly adds, “I never expected the notoriety that has come with the Commons; it was just something I wanted to do.”

“Really, I just like alfresco dining,” he jokes.



Socolow Photography

Stephanie and Rich Ziegler talk with Penn State President Graham Spanier during an event on the Ziegler Commons.

Joining an elite group

On June 2, 2006, the University recognized Ziegler’s generosity and volunteer service by naming him an Honorary Alumnus. This prestigious award is reserved for individuals who are not Penn State graduates, but who have shown significant commitment to the University. Only 75 people in Penn State’s history have been awarded Honorary Alumnus/Alumnae status. That places Ziegler in the company of many of the University’s most illustrious leaders.

“I’m very proud of the things I have done at Penn State. They are probably the best things I’ve done in my life,” he says, putting modesty aside to briefly accept the significance of his contributions.

Then, in the next breath, that pride turns back to humility. “I’ve gotten far more from Penn State than I have given,” he says. “Penn State has become my family.”



From “0” interest to football fanatic in 15 seconds

Richard Ziegler couldn’t have cared less about Penn State football. Any football, for that matter. In fact, his disinterest was so great that he almost declined an initial date with his wife Stephanie, a 1974 secondary education mathematics graduate of Penn State.

So when he was offered tickets to see Penn State play Oregon in the 1995 Rose Bowl, he was tentative about going.

“When I heard Stephanie was a big football fan, I just wasn’t sure,” he says. “At the time, I would have preferred to just sit and read a book rather than to watch football.”

But Ziegler decided to give it a try anyway.

On the first offensive play of the game, Penn State’s Ki-Jana Carter ran 83 yards for a touchdown and Ziegler was hooked.

“From that day forward, I loved football,” Ziegler says.

It turned out, many things were coming up roses, that day. Ki-Jana Carter and quarterback Kerry Collins led the Nittany Lions to a 38-20 victory, capping an undefeated season; Carter was named the Rose Bowl co-MVP; and in 1998, Rich and Stephanie were married.

Today, the Zieglers are season ticket holders with 50 yard line seats. They travel to away games, too, and already are looking forward to this fall and their fourth trip to Minneapolis to see Penn State against Minnesota.



State's DEP Secretary addresses graduates



Kathleen A. McGinty

The secretary of the state's Department of Environmental Protection, Kathleen A. McGinty, delivered the keynote address at Penn State Harrisburg's May 12 commencement ceremonies.

The ceremonies in the Giant Center at Hershey saw nearly 600 graduate and undergraduate degrees conferred.

A native of Philadelphia, Secretary McGinty holds a chemistry degree from Saint Joseph's University and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law. Since then, her career has taken her to the White House and around the world.

Between 1989 and 2001, she served in various capacities in national and international public policy leadership. In the U.S. Senate, she worked to promote U.S. leadership in the manufacture of advanced technologies while also serving on U.S. delegations negotiating global environmental treaties. She chaired the White House Council on

Environmental Quality and acted as Deputy Assistant to President Bill Clinton. She also created and headed the first-ever White House Office on Environmental Policy. In this capacity, and as the senior U.S. government official on environmental matters, Secretary McGinty worked to create a new approach to these issues that bring together environmental and economic interests.

In 1999, Secretary McGinty completed a year stay in India as a Senior Visiting Fellow with the Tata Energy Research Institute. While there, she forged new business ventures between U.S. and Indian advanced energy technology companies, and helped to craft an historic environmental cooperation compact between the governments of the United States and India. Upon her return in 2000, she acted as counselor to Vice President Al Gore during the presidential campaign and served as a senior policy advisor to the Democratic National Committee.

In 2003, Secretary McGinty became the first woman to head the state Department of Environmental Protection, a 3,000-employee agency with a mission to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. Secretary McGinty's emphasis is in creating approaches to environmental problems that generate economic growth and encourage advanced technology development in Pennsylvania.



Rep. David Argall Earns doctorate

Rep. David Argall, R-Schuylkill, the Pennsylvania House Majority Whip, graduated with a doctor of philosophy in Public Administration during Penn State Harrisburg's commencement ceremonies May 12.

For his dissertation, Argall examined "A Policy Analysis of the First Six Years of Pennsylvania's Keystone Opportunity Zone Program, 1998-2004: Enlightened Economic Development or Corporate Welfare?"

He interviewed 109 people about the program, which is designed to encourage development and job growth by offering tax breaks to businesses. Most of those interviewed described the program's effectiveness as a "mixed bag," Argall told the Harrisburg Patriot-News.

Argall, who has served in the House since 1984, also holds a master's in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg.



Rep. David Argall and Dr. Madlyn Hanes at Penn State Harrisburg Spring 2006 Commencement



Seeing Double

The December 2005 Penn State Harrisburg commencement ceremonies included two sets of twins receiving their undergraduate degrees. Jerome and James Appel of Harrisburg graduated in Electrical Engineering and Katherine and MaryFrances Carlin of Philadelphia in Communications.



The Blue Sky Women's Learned Society Award for Female Graduate Students in Adult Education

“Since enrolling in this doctoral program in the fall of 2003, I have grown as an educator and as a person.”

Scholarship acknowledges students who assist others

Students in the college's doctoral program in Adult Education who go beyond academic excellence to help fellow students are now being rewarded with a scholarship.

The Blue Sky Women's Learned Society Award for Female Graduate Students in Adult Education has been created by a group of the program's graduates who wish to remain anonymous. The honor is designed “to award students who go above and beyond academic excellence and help others in their educational pursuits.”

The stated purpose of the award is “to offer support to women who have demonstrated a positive and consistent commitment to the betterment of themselves and others while pursuing the doctoral degree in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education.”

The first recipient of the award, Karen McMillen Dielmann of Lebanon said, “I am honored and grateful to be the recipient of the Blue Sky Scholarship in Adult Education. Since enrolling in this doctoral program in the fall of 2003, I have grown as an educator and as a person. I look at things differently now, and with a greater appreciation for aspects of our lives that affect us as educators and as students. The award serves as a way to recognize that success in this doctoral program is more than a completed dissertation and good grades. As adult educators, we build relationships and the award recognizes the importance of encouraging and cultivating those relationships.”

The Director of Educational Services at The Good Samaritan Health System in Lebanon, Dielmann continues, “This award comes at a very helpful time for me. Beginning the fall of 2006, my husband and I will have all four of our children in college at one time. Needless to say, the scholarship award will be put to good use!”

Jewish literature program, Lincoln exhibit coming to library

Penn State Harrisburg's library is one of only 60 across the nation to receive a grant which will bring a “Let's Talk About it: Jewish Literature” program to the capital region.

Awarded by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and Nextbook, a gateway to Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, the grant will fund a five-part discussion series on campus in partnership with The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg and the Dauphin County Library System.

“Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature” features scholar-led, theme-based discussions that explore the best in contemporary and classic Jewish literature. Participating libraries will host a five-part discussion series featuring one of four themes: Your Heart's Desire: Sex and Love in Jewish Literature; Demons, Golems, and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination; Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming; and A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World.

The Penn State Harrisburg library will focus on the theme, “Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming.” Dates for the 7 p.m. book discussion groups in the Morrison Gallery of the library are: September 18 (*Lost in Translation*); October 16 (*Mr. Sammler's Planet*); October 30 (*Out of Egypt*); November 20 (*The Centaur in the Garden*); and December 4 (*Kaaterskill Falls*). School of Humanities faculty member Simon Bronner will serve as the lead scholar for the programs and Humanities faculty members Matthew Wilson and Yelena Khanzhina-Wexlerwill will also be participants.

The library is also only one of 63 across the nation – and the only one in the midstate – selected to host a tour of “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation,” an exhibit which re-examines President Lincoln's thoughts about slavery throughout his political career and the conditions which led to the Emancipation Proclamation. Details regarding the exhibit at Penn State Harrisburg will be announced in the near future.



Faculty member co-edits unpublished manuscripts

When early 20th Century African American novelist Charles W. Chesnutt died, he left behind six unpublished manuscripts, including *A Business Career* and *Evelyn's Husband*.

Both novels, co-edited by Associate Professor of Humanities and Writing Matthew Wilson, are now available from University Press of Mississippi.

Together, the two "white life" novels mark Chesnutt as among the first African Americans to write fiction with a predominantly white cast of characters. Dr. Wilson's co-editor for the novels is his wife, Dr. Jarjan van Schaik, an assistant professor at Kutztown University.

A Business Career tells of Stella Merwin, a white woman who enters the working class and hopes to uncover the truth behind her upper class father's financial failure. Through her story, Chesnutt investigates the turn-of-the-century development of the "new woman" and the relationship between financial and personal success.

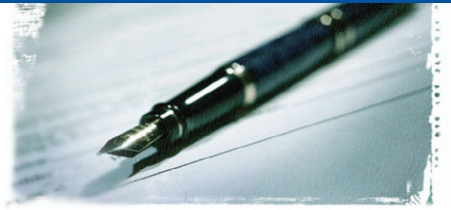
Evelyn's Husband, set in locales as varied as upper class Boston, a deserted Caribbean island, and tropical Brazil, tells of two men in love with the same young woman. In this novel, Chesnutt crafts a parody of the anxiety that was often raised in the early 1900s by the question of appropriate white male social roles.

These two novels by Chesnutt offer an opportunity for scholars and general readers alike to see how a man of his status and gifts perceived some of the questions, and answers, raised by the "white life" going on around him.



Charles W. Chesnutt

The Ethics in Business Annual Scholarship



Scholarship rewards student focus on ethics in business

Lititz residents Thomas and Suzan Hollinger have established a scholarship at the college which reinforces the need for ethical conduct in the business and corporate worlds.

The Ethics in Business Annual Scholarship is for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Harrisburg who have a demonstrated need for funds to meet their necessary college expenses and who are majoring in a School of Business Administration program.

But the awarding of the annual scholarship comes with an interesting ingredient. Candidates for the scholarship will be required to write an essay demonstrating an understanding of ethical business conduct, the importance of a values-based approach, why they are committed to ethical conduct, and how they intend to integrate a values-based approach into their leadership style.

Thomas Hollinger, who holds both a bachelor's in Business and an MBA from Penn State Harrisburg, said, "For some time I've been speaking with Sue about a scholarship in the School of Business Administration. With recent headlines of violations of ethics in the business and corporate world, the timing just seemed right."

He continues, "The students (applying for the scholarship) have already shown they are deserving of the funds; the essay shows their level of serious thought about the issue of ethics in business. It will encourage them to reflect on the issues of values and integrity early on in their studies. And it will complement the school's curricular emphasis on ethical professional conduct."

"The scholarship will not only aid deserving students, but the application process will serve to raise the level of awareness of ethics," Hollinger, who works in the fields of data technology and management information systems, said. "With the impressive growth of Penn State Harrisburg, the scholarship seemed important to Sue and me."

School of Humanities hosting its first Fulbright Scholar

Penn State Harrisburg's School of Humanities will host its first visiting Fulbright Scholar during the 2006-07 academic year.

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars/Fulbright Scholar Program has arranged for Dr. Haya Bar-Itzhak from the University of Haifa in Israel to join the school where she will teach two courses each semester and conduct research in her field. Dr. Bar-Itzhak comes to Penn State Harrisburg through the efforts of Assistant Professor of American Studies and History Charles Kupfer and Distinguished Professor of American Studies and Folklore Simon Bronner.

Dr. Bar-Itzhak is a Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature and head of Folklore Studies at the University of Haifa. She is the author of several books in Hebrew and English, including *Jewish Moroccan Folk Narratives from Israel* (1993), *Jewish Poland: Legends of Origin* (2001), and *Israeli Folk Narratives: Settlement, Immigration, Ethnicity* (2005) and was editor of *Chuliyot: The Journal of Yiddish Literature*.

Her research combines ethnographic and poetic approaches. Projects in progress include editing a multi-volume encyclopedia of Jewish traditions and translating East European Jewish folklorists from Russian, Polish, and Yiddish into English.



Donor Recognition

For many Penn State Harrisburg students, endowed scholarships are a path to a coveted degree and productive career.

Those students had an opportunity formally express their gratitude to their scholarship benefactors during the annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Dinner on campus.

The event serves a two-fold purpose. It provides an opportunity for students to meet and thank their scholarship benefactors and also affords the college an opportunity to formally express its gratitude to the hundreds of faculty, staff, and friends who have made substantial philanthropic commitments in recent years.

For some students, scholarship assistance is the difference between staying in school and dropping out. Director of Development Marie-Louise Abram says, "Only a small percentage of students are benefiting from endowed scholarships. The college is grateful for the essential support from its friends and alumni, but worthy, qualified students are still in need of financial assistance."

In an ongoing effort, Penn State Harrisburg is striving to increase the number of scholarships available to deserving students. During the past academic year, the college awarded more than \$152,000 in scholarships funded by private support from donors to a total of 99 students. Just five years ago, 50 students were receiving a privately donated scholarship.



*Ruth Wierman Evinger
Endowed Scholarship*
Kelley Capron, left, with
Ruth Evinger.



Kevin and Kathleen Harter Scholarship for IST
Kevin Harter, center, with recipients Antionette Evans,
left, and Jolene Meidinger.



Ernst and Young Scholarship
Rick Barger, left, and Patty
Barger, right, with recipient
Connie Soh.



*Lawrence and
Julia Hoverter
Trustee Matching
Scholarship*
Mike Surenda,
left, and Brian
Cinkutis with
Becky Cecere
and Dr. Joseph
Cecere.

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Gayle and Harry Yaverbaum Endowed Scholarship
Recipient Samuel Nop, left, with Dr. Gayle and Harry Yaverbaum.



Richard Ziegler,
Penn State Honorary
Alumnus, speaks
about *Ziegler
Commons* at
the event.



Madlyn and Michael Hanes Trustee Matching Scholarship
Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes, center, with recipients Heather Roy,
left, and Sharon Williams.



Penn National Insurance Award
Christine Sears, right, with Daniel Strait.



Intercon Systems Inc. Endowed Scholarship
Donor Doug Neidich, right, with recipients Jesse Willis,
left, and Jonathan Scott.

We're having a party and you're invited!

Penn State Harrisburg will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year and we want you to join in the celebration.

The dinner celebration on campus Friday, Oct. 27 will be highlighted by the presentation of the annual alumni awards. For information, e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu.

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



College expresses gratitude to Gerald N. Hall Sr.

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

In 2004, that commitment was greatly expanded when Hall and the foundation founded by his father created the Gerald N. Hall Jr. Trustee Matching Scholarship in honor of his son.

This spring, the college formally acknowledged and honored Hall's longstanding commitment to worthy, deserving students during a luncheon attended by family, friends, administrators, and current and former Hall Scholarship recipients.

The event included a special videotaped tribute to Hall from Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and comments from former Penn State defensive football coordinator and founder of The Second Mile, Jerry Sandusky.

At the announcement of the Trustee Scholarship, Gerald Hall Sr. commented, "The major thrust of our foundation's giving over the last 50 years has been to encourage and help young people further their education. 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."

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 the foundation chairman since 1968.



Gerald N. Hall Sr. and his wife, Robie, spend a moment with former Penn State defensive football coordinator Jerry Sandusky, who spoke at the luncheon tribute.



Two recipients of the Hall Scholarship, Carole Bruce, left, and Francine Roberts meet with their benefactor

The Hall family gathered to honor Gerald N. Hall Sr.



11th Road Scholars Tour makes stop on campus

In May of 1996, Penn State President Graham B. Spanier took about 60 faculty members on a fast-paced bus tour of sections of the Commonwealth to give them a taste of how involved Penn State is across Pennsylvania and to show them, first-hand, how everyone who is a part of the University impacts the lives of people around the state.

It has been a decade since that first group of new and newly tenured Penn State faculty hit the road, and the tour is as popular as ever. This year's edition, the 11th Annual Road Scholars Outreach Pennsylvania Spring Tour Program, took place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-10 and again included an overnight stop at Penn State Harrisburg.

The tour itinerary included visits to Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, a private tour of the State Capitol, Hershey Foods Co., an Amish farm, Penn State Berks, Independence Mall and Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, Penn State Harrisburg, Marlboro Mushroom Farm, Harley-Davidson, Penn State York, Gettysburg National Military Park, and Penn State Dickinson School of Law.



Penn State President Graham B. Spanier led the 11th Annual Road Scholars Tour in May which included another stop at Penn State Harrisburg.



Several of the Road Scholars enjoy an evening stroll on campus.



Dr. Spanier shares a moment with Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers member Vincent J. Pinizzotto.



Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes welcomes the Road Scholars Tour to Penn State Harrisburg.

Political Science joins list of undergraduate majors

The list of undergraduate majors available on the Penn State Harrisburg campus has grown to 28 with the introduction of Political Science.

Marking the first Bachelor of Arts degree at the college, Political Science will provide another career choice for students and will be housed in the School of Public Affairs, which also offers undergraduate majors in Public Policy and in Criminal Justice.

Dr. Carol Nechemias is the coordinator of the Political Science program.

In terms of requirements, the Political Science major is the same degree program offered on the University Park campus by the College of the Liberal Arts. The major provides students the opportunity to understand not only American government, but also the political systems of other nations and the philosophies that underlie them. Courses are offered in American, comparative, and international politics, and in political theory and methodology. Internship opportunities are also available.

Students in Political Science receive an introduction to the complexities of the political process and an understanding of government. The major prepares students for a variety of career paths and for advanced study in the social sciences, public administration, and law.

William J. Mahar concluding 35-year Penn State Harrisburg career

A career which nearly spans the history of Penn State Harrisburg will draw to a close June 30, 2006 with the retirement of William J. Mahar.

Dr. Mahar has served as a faculty member and administrator at the campus for 35 years, most recently as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. But the vast majority of graduates know him as the Director of the School of Humanities.

In announcing Dr. Mahar's decision to retire from the University, Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes said, "In all of his roles – faculty member, school director, and most recently, senior associate dean – Bill has contributed significantly to the growth and strength of the college. He has been pivotal to



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its history and history making. We have benefited greatly from his leadership. I have benefited greatly from his friendship."

She continues, "His decision, I know, was a difficult one, given his 35 years of stellar service, accomplishments, and life-long friendships."

In a message to faculty and staff, Dr. Mahar said, "Having joined Penn State Harrisburg when it was the Capitol Campus and witnessed the changes that have made us a 'university presence' in southcentral Pennsylvania, I am grateful to my many faculty friends and to a wonderful staff for all the guidance, assistance, and support."

"Filled with so many good memories and the good wishes of so many people, I will leave Penn State with great optimism for its future," he added.

Dr. Mahar was appointed senior associate dean in January 2002 after serving as the director of the college's School of Humanities since 1984. A professor of humanities and music, he joined the faculty in 1971, when Penn State Harrisburg was only five years old.

With Dr. Mahar's retirement, Mukund Kulkarni, Director of the School of Business Administration since 1999, has agreed to serve as senior associate dean for academic affairs on an interim basis while a national search is conducted. Dr. Hanes also announced Associate Professor of Management Stephen Schappe will fill the role of acting director of the school.

Dr. William J. Mahar, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, at Penn State Harrisburg's Spring 2006 Commencement.

30 students spend spring break in London

Remember what you did during spring break when you were a college student?

This year, 30 Penn State Harrisburg students, along with three faculty members, made good use of the seven days with a three-credit study tour to London.

From March 4 through 10, the students were involved in the tour which offered credit in one of three academic categories – Emerging Technologies, Finance, and Criminal Justice.

The technology course, Design for Society, was taught by Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Rick Ciocci, International Capital Markets was under the direction of Associate Professor of Managerial Economics and Statistics Jacob DeRooy, and Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Toni DuPont-Morales was the instructor for the Honors course in Comparative Justice.



The three-credit study tour was sponsored by the Office of International Programs at Penn State Harrisburg in partnership with the schools of Public Affairs, Business Administration, and Science, Engineering, and Technology.

The Emerging Technologies course included a London architecture tour, a visit to a manufacturing facility, a lecture and tour with a British standards official, a lecture on environmental issues, and a tour of transportation and infrastructure.

The focus on finance entailed lectures and tours of the Bank of England, Lloyd's of London, and London Stock Exchange, a lecture on United Kingdom financial institutions, and a lecture on investment in Europe.

The comparative justice class featured lectures and tours of the Home Office, Inns of Court, London Museum, and the Tower of London, a lecture on security and terrorism, and a presentation on corporal punishment.



Softball squad caps off successful intercollegiate athletics year

To say the return of intercollegiate athletics to campus was successful would certainly be an understatement.

From the fall success of the men's soccer and women's volleyball teams to the winter basketball competition, and then the spring baseball and softball accomplishments, six squads qualified for the conference playoffs.

And, led by the women, two made it to the finals.

Profiled in the previous issue of *Currents*, the men's soccer team surprised the league by compiling a 10-3 regular season mark and advancing to the conference tournament semi-finals where it dropped a tough 3-2 decision to defending champion Penn College of Technology. And the women's volleyball squad qualified for the postseason and opened with a victory over Hazleton in two straight games before falling to Beaver to end the season. The women completed the campaign with a 7-7 record.

The winter sports were no less unsuccessful as both basketball teams reached the conference playoffs with the women's team falling in the championship game of the Final Four to Penn College on two last-second foul shots, 69-67. The Lady Lions began their playoff run with an 85-74 nod over Hazleton at home and then dropped Delaware County, 70-63, in the first clash of the Final Four at the Bryce Jordan Center in University Park.

Women's coach Marissa Graby Hoover, herself a former member of the women's team at University Park, reflected on the Harrisburg season by saying, "What is even more remarkable is the heart and determination that this group of players displayed all season long. This team had only six players for the majority of the season and finished out the season with only seven, yet still managed to reach the title game and compile a 10-6 record."

Paced by the scoring of guard Abe Hitz, the men's basketball team reached the conference playoffs before dropping an 86-47 decision to McKeesport. Harrisburg finished the season at 12-9.

This spring, the women's softball team nearly handed Harrisburg its first championship, advancing to the finals of the Penn State University Athletic Conference playoffs before losing two straight games, 4-1 and 4-3, to defending champion Schuylkill in the league finale. The Lady Lions racked up a near-perfect 16-1 mark entering the best-of-three finals.

The baseball team became the sixth Penn State Harrisburg squad to make the playoffs. In spite of a 10-15 overall mark and 8-13 in the league, the Lions were fourth in the Western Division and qualified for the postseason tournament where they lost a single-elimination test to Penn College.



The Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball team, in only its first season of competition, advanced to the championship game of the Penn State University Athletic Conference before dropping a heartbreaking, two-point decision to Penn College. The Lady Lions, left to right, front row, Kayma Sonii-Ricks, Jamie Brindle, and Brooke Conjar. Top row, Krystal Miranda, Kristen Koether, Amanda Mentzler, and Nicole Adams.



The Western Division champion softball team, left to right, front row, Janessa Byard and Krystal Miranda. Back row, Coach Nicole Petrovich, Amanda Mentzler, Jamie Brindle, Justine Livelsberger, Kristen Koether, Nicole Adams, Melissa Yingling, Kathleen Winters, Jess Novack, Amanda Martins, Erica McDonald, Amanda Pearson, and Coach Tonya Dengler.

Hitz named first team all-star

Penn State Harrisburg guard Abe Hitz capped an impressive basketball season by being selected to the first team All-Penn State University Athletic Conference squad.

A 5-11 sophomore Management major from Annville-Cleona High School, Hitz paced the Harrisburg Lions in scoring with a 21.1 points-per-game average, including a 45-point outburst against Penn College of Technology.



Basketball players earn all-league honors

Three key members of the college's women's basketball team capped their successful season by earning all-conference honors.

Newport High School product Nichole Adams was named to the All-Penn State University Athletic Conference first team while teammates Brooke Conjar and Kayma Sonii-Ricks earned honorable mention.

Adams, a 5-9 Criminal Justice major, averaged 15.1 points per game for the Lady Lions while hauling down 9.5 rebounds a game and totaling 11 assists and 15 steals.

Conjar, a junior from Steelton-Highspire High School, was the team leader in scoring at 19.6 per game from her guard spot. The Communications major also recorded 43 assists and 24 steals.

Guard Sonii-Ricks, a Computer Science/Mathematical Sciences major from Edison Township, N.J., averaged 11.6 points per game, 4.3 rebounds, and a team-leading 3.81 assists.

Intercollegiate athletics adding golf, tennis, women's soccer



The number of intercollegiate varsity athletic teams at Penn State Harrisburg will grow from seven to 10 this fall.

The college, which successfully re-established an intercollegiate program last year after an absence of more than a decade, has announced women's soccer, and men's and women's golf and tennis will join the list of programs in fall 2006.

"Our intercollegiate sports program is growing which is exciting for the University and for the students who attend Penn State Harrisburg. I have received inquiries about the possibilities of intercollegiate tennis, golf, and women's soccer programs, and now current

students, as well as prospective students, can consider participating in these sports along with the other seven athletic programs we currently offer," Director of Athletics Rahsaan Carlton said.

The return of intercollegiate athletics for the 2005-06 academic year included competition in men's soccer, baseball, and basketball, women's volleyball, basketball, and softball, and cross country.

For information on the athletic program, contact Carlton at 717-948-6744, e-mail rlc122@psu.edu, or visit the Web at www.hbg.psu.edu.



Longtime athletic director retires

Throughout his two tenures and 25 years with Penn State Harrisburg, Reuben "Bud" Smitley was a tireless proponent of exercise and physical fitness to improve both the mind and the body.

Bud retired as assistant director of athletics in July 2005 after helping build the new intercollegiate athletic program on campus from scratch. He first joined the college as coordinator of recreation and athletics in 1973 and left in 1987 to become the state director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He returned to his former role in 1993.

The three-mile fitness trail which traverses the campus was Bud's brainchild and he was involved in much of its actual construction.



Reuben 'Bud' Smitley

Players earn all-star honors

In a crowning touch to a remarkably successful first campaign, six Penn State Harrisburg softball players have earned All-Penn State University Athletic Conference Western Division postseason honors.

Junior pitcher Jess Novack (Pottsville/Pottsville Area H.S.), junior third baseman Erica McDonald (Pottsville/Pottsville Area H.S.), and junior outfielder Amanda Pearson (Lititz/Warwick H.S.) have been named to the First Team.

Junior outfielder Justine Livelsberger (York/Eastern York H.S.), senior first baseman Kathleen Winters (Strasburg/Lampeter-Strasburg H.S.), and freshman shortstop Krystal Miranda (South Bound Brook, N.J./South Bound Brook H.S.) received Honorable Mention honors.

And they're off... *bathtub races, a tradition on campus many years ago, returned with the annual Rites of Spring this year. Teams from clubs and organizations competed in front of the Olmsted Building with Chi Gamma Iota, the fraternity of former and active duty armed forces personnel, taking the trophy.*



Athletics planning alumni events

If you participated in intercollegiate sports at Penn State Harrisburg, the athletic department wants to hear from you.

The department is planning athletic alumni events for the upcoming year and is seeking updated home addresses and contact information from former athletes in order to keep them up-to-date. Intercollegiate athletics alumni are encouraged to contact Athletic Director Rahsaan Carlton at 717-948-6744 or e-mail rlc122@psu.edu.

Criminal Justice joins Penn State's World Campus



Penn State Harrisburg's highly respected and established undergraduate major in Criminal Justice will soon be available to students throughout the world.

First introduced at Penn State Harrisburg in 1986, the Criminal Justice program will be available online through the University's World Campus beginning this fall, making Penn State the first institution in Pennsylvania to offer an online degree in Criminal Justice.

The Penn State World Campus provides adult learners worldwide with some of the University's most highly regarded graduate, undergraduate, and continuing professional education degrees, certificates, or courses available anytime, anywhere.

Students can expect the same high-quality, academically challenging courses through the World Campus as those taught in the classroom. And, the credits earned are identical to those earned at Penn State's traditional campuses.

Since the World Campus launched its first pilot programs in 1998, it has grown to include adult learners from all 50 states, from more than 40 countries, and from all 7 continents. The Criminal Justice program is the second Penn State Harrisburg involvement in the World Campus. The college is part of a Penn State partnership delivering an MBA through the online effort.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice curriculum approaches the study of the discipline as an applied interdisciplinary science, teaching students both the theoretical and the practical aspects of crime control and the administration of justice.

Penn State's online Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare students to work in the fields of policing, courts, law, and corrections, as well as with a wide variety of crime-related populations ranging from crime and abuse victims to substance-addicted offenders. The degree can even prepare students for graduate-level study. Penn State Harrisburg offers a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Barbara A. Sims, the program's coordinator, says the availability of the major through the World Campus "is the culmination of a great deal of planning and development on the part of the program faculty." The first two courses to be delivered in the fall are Theories of Crime and Delinquency, to be taught by Dr. Sims, and Criminal Justice Research Methods, instructed by faculty member Dr. Don Hummer.

"Two more courses in the major will be offered in the spring 2007 term and one during the 2007 summer session," Dr. Sims adds. "It actually takes two semesters to effectively develop a course for delivery online," she says. "Objectives must be set with careful development of assessment tools to see whether those objectives are being met. Developing an online course has made me look more closely at how I teach; I've had to look at what the course should accomplish and how to better engage students in learning activities that align with course objectives. The World Campus preparation has impacted the way I teach and will improve my performance in the traditional classroom setting."

A multitude of studies indicate that student

interactions actually increase with online delivery of courses. "The students more readily take advantage of message boards and chat rooms connected with online courses and this interaction is a required ingredient," she says. "Students are not left on their own the way they so often were in the beginning days of distance learning. Faculty are available online at established times across the week for interaction with students."

In striving for quality, "the faculty member develops the curriculum and content of each course and the World Campus is merely the delivery mechanism. Program faculty benefit greatly from a group of professionals with expertise in graphic design and display." Dr. Sims points out that in her course, all 14 lessons/lectures are available to students through the Web in audio.

"I'm excited about it," she says. "I was very much a traditional classroom teacher. I've changed since becoming involved with developing an online course through the World Campus. Interaction with students will be extensive and mandated. It will force students to speak up online as they find their voice in each class, students who would more than likely remain silent in the traditional classroom setting."

She concludes, "We've always been about quality programming and faculty/student interaction and both of these will certainly continue through the World Campus initiative. High academic standards will continue through our teaching staff and just the right balance between theory and practice."



Alumni 'Couples Event' coming Feb. 10

Are you and your spouse both Penn State Harrisburg graduates?

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

The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting a Feb. 10, 2007 dinner for Penn State Harrisburg couples - with free babysitting courtesy of Elementary Education majors and the Lion Ambassadors.

If you and your spouse are Penn State Harrisburg grads, please let us know by e-mailing hbgalumni@psu.edu and look for more details on the February Couples Event in the next issue of *Currents*.

Penn State Harrisburg Lion Ambassadors

Nothing 'backward' about college Lion Ambassadors

Lion Ambassadors at Penn State Harrisburg do a whole lot more than the customary backwards walk while providing tours of campus.

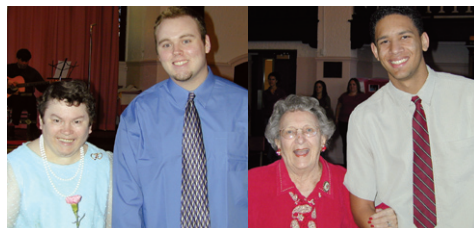
They have become award-winning representatives of the college, both on campus and throughout the community.

Among their many duties, Lion Ambassadors are called on to lead prospective students and their parents, as well as alumni and guests, on guided tours of campus. The tour guides walk backward to best address their groups as they point out campus features and apprise visitors of life at the college.

But, there's nothing "backward" about the Lion Ambassador commitment to the external community throughout the year. The 2005-06 academic year was certainly no exception with the 50-member organization being named the college's Outstanding Club of the year while Vice President James Dougherty from Camp Hill was named Club Officer of the Year.

The Ambassadors play vital roles in the campus undergraduate and graduate open houses and multicultural recruitment events as well as at commencement ceremonies, homecoming, and even halftime activities at basketball games.

But reaching out to the community has become a hallmark of the group's efforts. This year, members went to the nearby Middletown Home and played bingo with the elderly residents and visited youngsters in the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey. They planned the successful "Boobies Ball" for cancer research and raised funds to purchase books for the hurricane-devastated Moss Point School District in Mississippi.



Members organized a community-wide egg hunt in April and for Valentine's Day, a number of the male members served as "dates" for women residents at the Middletown Home.

Adviser Laurie Dobrosky says, "Because of first-year students now on campus and joining Lion Ambassadors, we have been able to expand the scope of activities for the group. It was a very good year. Sean Stanton served as president and brought the club together by initiating a number of social events and Jim Dougherty came up with the Boobies Ball concept, which was a large project and served to bring the members together as a unit."

Next year's Lion Ambassadors will have a difficult time matching the success and commitment of this year's "forward moving" students.



Valentine's Day Event

James Dougherty, left, and Sean Stanton with their "dates."

New focus, name for alumni mentoring program

The college Alumni Society's successful Mentor and Career Development Program has a revised focus and a new name. Now called Nittany Connections, "the name change reflects a change in the focus of the program away from a formal mentoring program and toward an effort to connect alumni with students," says Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Laurie Dobrosky.

Incoming Alumni Society President and chair of its Mentoring Committee Fred Sembach said, "For several years, the Alumni Society's top priority has been offering an array of mentoring and networking opportunities to interested students – either one-on-one or in groups. Alumni speakers are available for classes, events, campus organizations, clubs, and other networking opportunities."

He continues, "The Alumni Society has found that adding real-life experiences from real-life people helps to expand students' classroom experiences. Combined with their education, this gives students a better understanding of the things that they will need to know and do to better succeed in their chosen careers. With the early success of the mentor program, it was decided to change the name of the effort to better describe the purpose and focus."

Nittany Connections will continue to offer students at Penn State Harrisburg the opportunity to receive advice, counsel, and direction from members of the college's Alumni Society who have professional work experience in the student's field of academic interest.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Nittany Connections, e-mail hbgalumni@psu.edu.



Fred Sembach



Learning Center earns peer tutor certification

Peer tutors in Penn State Harrisburg's Learning Center have earned tutor training certification through the College Reading and Learning Association.

The certification provides recognition and positive reinforcement for the tutors' successful work and sets a standard of skills and training for tutors.

The center employs 30 student tutors in writing, math, and six other subject areas ranging from chemistry to psychology to finance and serves students by providing supplemental academic support through one-on-one peer tutoring, study group peer tutoring, PPST and PRAXIS preparation, and workshops and professional tutoring. The center also houses student solution manuals in a number of subjects, calculator guidebooks, several academic resource books, as well as a self-serve library of handouts on various math and writing topics. It also sponsors and provides student workshops, including in-class workshops on various writing topics.

Each year, the center employs two graduate assistants who add another dimension by providing post-graduate expertise. Students may also take advantage of supplemental instruction leaders who attend selected classes. These students have been successful in the course content in prior semesters at Penn State Harrisburg.

The center is equipped with five PCs with Internet access, including assistive technology. A small group room is available for students to meet and practice presentations and staff is available to answer general questions about resources and to help schedule tutoring appointments.

Additional student housing completed on campus

Penn State Harrisburg's resident student population will increase by 32 when the second phase of new housing on campus is occupied at the start of the fall semester.

The construction project came in answer to increasing requests from freshmen for on-campus housing, says Senior Director of Student Life and Enrollment Services Donald Holtzman.

Construction was completed on the \$1.9 million, 11,000-square-foot building in early spring. Lobar Associates of Dillsburg was the general contractor for the project funded by University Housing and Food Services.

The new two-story student residence was designed to look similar to the adjacent apartment-style housing constructed on campus in 2002 with only the layout of the interior altered.

While the 2002 construction to accommodate nearly 300 students features four single bedrooms in each unit, the new construction to house freshmen includes four units accommodating eight students each. Bedrooms large enough to accommodate two students, a full-size kitchen and dining area, living room, and bathrooms are featured in each unit of the new project.

"When the housing constructed in 2002 was designed, the focus was on older, upper division students since we did not have freshmen on campus at that time. Now, with the introduction of all four years of undergraduate study at Penn State Harrisburg, it has become essential that we also consider the needs of younger students," Dr. Holtzman adds.



The newest apartment-style housing on campus will accommodate freshmen in the fall.

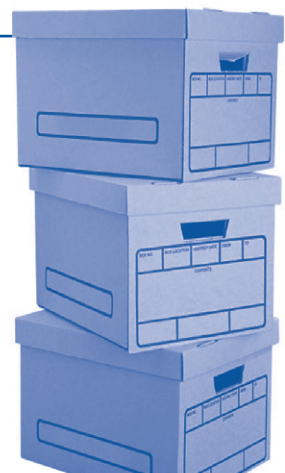


Lend a hand on 'Moving In Day' September 2

Alumni are encouraged to visit campus and lend a hand to a student on "Moving In Day" for the fall semester on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Help a student get settled and spend a few hours at your alma mater anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at hbgalumni@psu.edu.



Faculty and staff applauded at Awards Convocation

Four faculty members and three staffers were presented major honors as part of Penn State Harrisburg’s annual Awards Convocation.

The award winners included: Dr. Clemmie E. Gilpin, Dr. Barbara A. Sims, Dr. Simon J. Bronner, Dr. Matthew T. Wilson, Nancy Leister, Vernon L. Witmer, and Jennifer J. Allshouse.

Dr. Gilpin was honored for more than 30 years of dedication to fostering students’ understanding of others – across cultures, races, ethnicity, religion, and gender. He serves as the faculty adviser to the International Affairs Association and the Black Student Union and was the founding force behind the creation of the Model United Nations on campus 34 years ago.

Dr. Sims was presented the teaching honor for receiving continual praise from students, for her service as a mentor, adviser, and role model, and for her involvement in the University’s Teaching and Learning Consortium.

Dr. Bronner is the author of more than two dozen books and 150 journal articles, the winner of teaching and research awards, the moving force behind the growth, size, and stature of the college’s American Studies programs, and the recipient of two Fulbright Awards to teach and study overseas.

Dr. Wilson has continued a steady scholarly record of publishing since his arrival at the college in 1991. He has published 18 articles in peer-reviewed journals, three edited books, and a single-authored book. Dr. Wilson’s predominant focus is African American writing, particularly the 19th century works of Charles W. Chesnutt. His research and scholarship were recognized in 2005 when he was presented the Sylvia Lyons Render Award by the Charles W. Chesnutt Society.

Leister was singled out for her dedication to students and commitment to diversity as she mentored student clubs and organizations to ensure equal representation of the student body. Her work in developing the Multicultural Noontime Series was also noted.

Witmer was described as “cheerful, pleasant, and always helpful” in his nominations for the honor. His work in setting up rooms for events and his willingness to go above what is expected of him were factors in him receiving the award.

The Kathryn Towns Women’s History Month Award goes to a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated commitment to heightening the awareness of issues and concerns having an impact on women at the college. Allshouse is extremely active in women’s issues, teaching rape aggression defense classes and implementing a self-defense awareness program. She also serves as a member of the college’s Sexual Harassment Team and is active in programming efforts to increase women’s awareness in the areas of sexual assault and domestic violence.

The award winners included:



Faculty Diversity Award
Clemmie E. Gilpin
Assistant Professor of Community Systems and Afro-American Studies



Award for Excellence in Teaching
Barbara A. Sims
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice



Faculty Service Award
Simon J. Bronner
Distinguished Professor of American Studies and Folklore



Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity
Matthew T. Wilson
Associate Professor of Humanities and Writing



Staff Diversity Award
Nancy Leister
Staff Assistant in the Office of Student Activities



Staff Service Award
Vernon L. Witmer
Maintenance Worker



Kathryn Towns Women’s History Month Award
Jennifer J. Allshouse
Police Services Officer

Retirements announced

Three long-time faculty members and five staffers have retired from the ranks of Penn State Harrisburg.



Dr. Charles A. Cole

The longest-serving retiree is Dr. Charles A. Cole, who for 35 years has been at the forefront of environmental education at Penn State Harrisburg – and throughout the world.

School director, professor, Fulbright lecturer and scholar, trainer, and sought-after consultant, Dr. Cole will conclude distinguished service to Penn State Harrisburg with his retirement this summer.

But, his impact on the college will be a lasting one; especially on the environmental programs

which he shepherded from infancy to the current mature undergraduate and graduate Environmental Engineering and graduate Environmental Pollution Control majors. Along the way, Dr. Cole expanded the influence and respect of Penn State Harrisburg and the University far beyond the midstate with his service on numerous state commissions and as a Fulbright lecturer and scholar overseas. In 1991, he was an American Association for Advancement of Science Fellow at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Jane M. Trainor

For her entire professional life, including more than 29 years with Penn State, Dr. Jane M. Trainor has been involved in the nursing field. She retired in December 2005.

Dr. Trainor joined the staff at University Park in 1976 and soon moved on to Hershey to teach for the School of Nursing where she became the liaison coordinator of the baccalaureate program. In 1986, Dr. Trainor became the second coordinator of the RN/BS program, first at Hershey and later at Penn

State Harrisburg.

As an assistant professor of Humanities and Communications since 1978, Eton F. Churchill helped in the development of the college's unique interdisciplinary Communications program. He cites its development as his most rewarding achievement at Penn State. Churchill retired following the fall 2005 semester.



Dr. Thomas I. Streveler

Dr. Thomas I. Streveler, Penn State Harrisburg's Director of Enrollment Services since 1995, retired with the end of the spring 2006 semester. At the May 12 commencement ceremonies, Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes acknowledged his dedicated service to the college, saying, "Dr. Streveler joined Penn State Harrisburg in 1995. As the College Registrar, he has guided more than 10,000 students, ensuring that all their degree requirements are met and paving the way for them to earn a coveted Penn State degree."

On the staff side, Mary Alice Finn-Stewart, staff assistant in the Office of Enrollment Services, concluded her college career which began in 1978, Nancy Leister, staff assistant in the Office of Student Activities, retired after nearly 20 years of service, as did Brenda Luttrell, a staff assistant in the library.

Dr. Brown-Haywood earns coveted University award



Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood

"Just understanding who Dr. James Robinson was is humbling for me. The work I do could not be done without him paving the path so that efforts promoting equal opportunity can be recognized throughout the University and the world."

Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood, director of student affairs at Penn State Harrisburg, has earned the University's 2006 Dr. James Robinson Equal Opportunity Award.

The Robinson Award recognizes a Penn State faculty or staff member who has promoted equal opportunity through affirmative action and/or contributes to enhancing the educational environment of the University through improving cross-cultural understanding.

The award is sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association and given in honor of Dr. James Robinson '49, a devoted alumnus and former Alumni Council member.

Every year, the University recognizes faculty and staff for the highest levels of academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and meritorious service.

"I'm just honored," Dr. Brown-Haywood says reflecting on the Robinson Award. "Just understanding who Dr. James Robinson was is humbling for me. The work I do could not be done without him paving the path so that efforts promoting equal opportunity can be recognized throughout the University and the world."

She continues, "I can't come up with a word to properly describe my feelings when I was informed I would receive the Robinson Award. Overjoyed, perhaps, that the work I am doing is making a difference on one hand and saddened on the other hand that such work that promotes access and equality is not universally socialized into the fabric of humankind and is only celebrated once a year. Equal access and equal opportunity should be a part of everyone's realized dream, 365 days a year. I simply want everyone to have an opportunity to maximize their fullest potential.

"All my life, I have been driven by this ... knowing that we all have something to contribute to the greater good. My ultimate dream is that everyone in the world adopts and lives by the mindset that we are all created equal so that equality for all would be as unobtrusive as inhaling and exhaling. I strongly believe that everyone on this earth has been created to contribute ... we are uniquely purposed for one another."

Over the past 14 years at Penn State Harrisburg, Dr. Brown-Haywood has been involved in creating an educational environment that nurtures and celebrates differences of the community. Joining the Student Affairs staff in 1991 as a counselor, she has taken a leadership role in improving service to students and has conducted workshops that help individuals celebrate differences in ethnicity and culture on campus and in the community.

Innovation Zone supports business, engineering student partnership

The local business community frequently benefits from the work of undergraduate engineering and technology students at Penn State Harrisburg.

Most programs in the college's School of Science, Engineering, and Technology require a senior project for graduation in which students working mainly in teams design, manufacture, and test their inventions – many times with financial support from business and industry.

This year, four of those projects were supported by Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) grants and two – a noise cancellation headset for motorcycle riders and a sandblaster cabinet – are also benefiting from Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) assistance which partners the innovators with students in the School of Business Administration. The business students develop business plans for the public marketing of the developed projects.

The unique Technology and Commercialization Partnership teams engineering and business students supported by their respective faculty advisers to create new products and then assess their marketability.

Assistant Professor of Management Robert Russell said, "The School of Business Administration is looking at this first effort with two projects as a trial run with the plan to extend the opportunity to not only more students at the college, but to the external business community. Our business students have been remarkably successful in business plan competitions against other colleges and universities, so it's logical that we extend this partnership to regional small business and promising entrepreneurs."

"Our engineering students are required to complete senior projects," explains Dr. Omid Ansary, director of the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology. "Many of these are technologically advanced products that could become commercially successful. But in the past, the products never made it to that level simply because the engineers – our students – didn't have the business marketing background to make it happen."

The Harrisburg Market KIZ, run by the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC, as well as its partners, is designed to facilitate better communication between the business community and the education community and increase commercialization activities, with a focus



Undergraduate students involved in the Noise Reduction Headset project supported by the Keystone Innovation Zone were, left to right, Steven Myers, Stacy Bell, Greg Horton, and Brandon Clare.

on creating entrepreneurial cultures on campuses in the partnership. It consists of eight academic institutions and a dozen business support organizations.

The Noise Cancellation Headset for use by motorcycle and off-road vehicle drivers incorporates a headphone which cancels noise while providing music and the ability to hear emergency vehicle sirens and horns. It was developed by Electrical Engineering majors Brandon Clare of Marietta and Greg Horton of Harrisburg and a marketing plan has been developed by Stacy Bell, a Management major from Mechanicsburg, and Steven Myers, a Management major from Hershey.

Mechanical Engineering Technology students Anthony Jones of Newport and Chad Davis of Muir developed the Sandblasting Cabinet with marketing assistance from Chris Daly of Lititz, Afolabi Oyelowo of Harrisburg, and Robert Summerton of Lancaster. The cabinet is designed to eliminate operator fatigue and permit the use of both hands during the sandblasting process.

Other KIZ-supported projects are an Auto Landing System for radio-controlled planes developed by Jeremy Gonyea of Elizabethtown and the retrofit of a small mill for Computer Numerical Control that will also record motions made by a machinist so the part can be made once and then copied by the system. It was developed by John Joseph of Mechanicsburg and Wesley Hill of Dillsburg.

Business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma honors Salvatore D. Fazzolari

Salvatore D. Fazzolari, president, CFO, and treasurer of Harsco Corporation, has earned the Distinguished Honoree Award presented by the Penn State Harrisburg chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national student business honor society.

The award is presented annually to a person in the community who has achieved distinction primarily in business and administration. All Beta Gamma Sigma alumni and student members are invited to the awards dinner each year.

Fazzolari, a 1977 Penn State Harrisburg graduate with a degree in Business, has served in the senior financial management of Harsco Corp. since 1980, holding progressively responsible positions including director of auditing, corporate controller, and chief financial officer and treasurer. He was assigned the additional responsibilities of president in January 2006.

In his present position, he has executive responsibility for the treasury, controller, tax information technology, and internal audit function of the corporation. He also serves on the company's board of directors, to which he was elected in January 2002.

He was honored during induction ceremonies which saw 25 Penn State Harrisburg students join Beta Gamma Sigma. His speech during the ceremonies mirrored the mission of the organization – to encourage and honor academic achievement and personal excellence in the study and practice of business.



Class trip to prison underscores focus on ethics

For several years, the business world has been rocked by corporate greed, financial mismanagement, and other deceptive practices by top executives.

Some of these scandals have had far-reaching consequences. Innocent employees have been robbed of lifetime retirement funds and millions of people have lost their investments.

With these unethical practices in mind, Penn State Harrisburg's School of Business Administration emphasizes ethics in its undergraduate and graduate programs, paving the way for more responsible leaders of the future.

In addition to the classroom focus on ethics, 20 MBA students were provided first-hand insights into the impact of corporate wrongdoing when their class visited the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg in April.

Students in the Business Ethics and Corporate Governance class met with four inmates, including three serving time for "white collar business crime," reports School Director Mukund Kulkarni who taught the course. Serving terms ranging from 55 months to 8 years, the four – "all articulate college graduates who were business successes" – related to the students how they ignored problems and failed to take corrective and personal action in their respective business. "They spoke to the students about where they went wrong," Dr. Kulkarni adds.

Harrisburg resident Sarah Trite, an MBA student, said, "The trip was an eye-opening experience. Most of the white collar criminals seemed to not fully admit their crimes, but more admitted their neglect. There was one who admitted he knew exactly what he was doing wrong, but appeared to justify the crimes at the time, claiming he intended to pay back everything."

She observes, "They all led fast-paced business lives and seemed to get caught up in business without stopping to think about every action they were making and the related consequences. The crimes often involved a lack of internal, and possibly, external control. This is another example of why good corporate governance is needed."

"Almost all courses that we teach now emphasize the need for ethical behavior by managers and executives," said Dr. Kulkarni. "After all, managers are the agents of their shareholders and as such, they are required to act in the best interest of shareholders." He continues, "All our faculty members instill this philosophy in their instruction. We do not just teach theoretical and analytical aspects of business education, but emphasize the need for ethical underpinnings in the practice of business management."



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Air Force thank you

As part of the annual college Faculty and Staff Recognition Program on March 30, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew S. Lemmon presented an American flag, certificate, and commemorative coin to the School of Business Administration.



Tech. Sgt.
Matthew S. Lemmon

The presentation was in recognition of faculty and staff in the school who have promoted patriotism and support for U.S. armed forces. He also presented Chancellor Madlyn L. Hanes with a flag for the college. Both flags were flown on a Christmas Eve 2005 combat mission over Iraq as part of America's war on terrorism during Operation Iraqi Freedom by the crew of the EC-130E Commando Solo.

Tech. Sgt. Lemmon stated, "The first flag and certificate are a token of appreciation for the staff and faculty of the School of Business Administration. Their efforts have allowed me to continue my degree program requirements around a short-notice overseas deployment. The second flag and accompanying certificate are a thank you to the entire Penn State Harrisburg community for welcoming service members and veterans during our academic pursuits. This supportive culture is a reason to be Penn State Proud!"

Tech. Sgt. Lemmon is currently serving his tenth year with the 193rd Special Operation Wing in Middletown. He provides command and control communications for airborne missions as a ground radio operator. He served in Kuwait during November and December on his third post-9/11 overseas tour. He returned as a senior computer systems analyst at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle on release from active duty and is continuing progress in the MSIS and MBA programs at Penn State Harrisburg.

Faye Fox Feger



Faye Fox Feger, a 1988 Professional Accountancy grad was back on campus to speak to Dr. Mukund S. Kulkarni's Business Ethics Class. Feger is now a partner in the Audit and Accounting Services Group of bmc and resides in Rosedale, Md.

Students resurrecting 240 years of history in Harrisburg City Archives

The Harrisburg City Archives are receiving a long-awaited re-establishment and reorganization, thanks to a creative collaboration involving a Penn State Harrisburg professor and American Studies students.

The archives were founded by Mayor Stephen R. Reed on a lucky break in the early 1980s when he discovered that old municipal records were being thrown into the trash

public use. Another problem arose when the space occupied by the archives in the City Government Center had to be relinquished for other administrative needs. So every document and artifact – tons of material – had to be boxed up and moved to a third site.

Then city history got another lucky break. Penn State Harrisburg Associate Professor of American Studies and Social Science Michael Barton dropped by City Government Center in the summer of 2004 and asked to use the archives for his research. Jeb Stuart, the Mayor's special consultant for historical projects, showed him the conglomeration and told him they were inaccessible, to put it mildly. So Barton offered his assistance on the spot. He told Stuart he could provide his own expertise and contacts, including the energies of student interns and volunteers that he knew he could encourage to aid in the restart of the project.

An agreement was signed before the end of 2004 between the college and the city that spelled out their joint relationship with the archives. It was recently renewed for three years. Hundreds of feet of steel shelving have been set up by students, bound volumes of records have organized, loose records have been sorted, maps have been set aside, and scores of boxes of ephemera are being inventoried. Today the city's records are being organized by the student interns and volunteers "at no cost to the city or the university," reports Dr. Barton,

faculty adviser to the project.

"The internships provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to learn archival skills," he adds. "Because we have Susan Hartman, an archivist from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, constantly working with us, the project is a true example of a productive city-state-Penn State collaboration."

The collection is worth millions and is kept at a location city officials will not disclose until the archives are opened to the public, perhaps later this year.

There are personal letters and business correspondence, old photos, political buttons, books, and multiple volumes of city records detailing everything from crimes to deaths and property transfers. "This is a gold mine, a treasure trove," Dr. Barton told the *Harrisburg Patriot-News*. "It's very important to Harrisburg and to the researchers. It's remarkable when you think a lot of this was in a Dumpster." All the documents and records are being painstakingly organized, read, and cataloged.

The first priority has been to catalog the paper documents in the archives before turning to the artifacts.

For two years, a rotating group of nearly a dozen American Studies students from Penn State Harrisburg has been working at organizing the archives. Michele Garcia, an undergrad student from Mechanicsburg, has been at it most recently for a year. She notes that she is so familiar with long-dead city clerks she can recognize their handwriting. The catalogue of bound records she has created is the first scholarly description of those records and may some day be on-line.

Other American Studies students who have participated in the opportunity to assist the City of Harrisburg are Mike Griffin, Erik Fasick, Tiffany Hall, Stephen Noel, Stephanie Patterson Gilbert, Jason Jones, Dan Pierce, and Jason Price. Other students are waiting in the wings for this summer.

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Among those involved in the City Archives project are, left to right, special consultant to the City of Harrisburg for history Jeb Stuart, American Studies graduates Steve Noel and Tiffany Hall, and Susan Hartman from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.



Tiffany Hall

during Harrisburg city government's move from the old City Hall near the State Capitol to the new Dr. Martin Luther King City Government Center near Market Square.

Mayor Reed rescued the records from the Dumpster, collected the remaining ones, stored them in the new building, and then had a preliminary inventory compiled by Christine Amadure, a former graduate student in Penn State Harrisburg's American Studies program working on a grant. However, the grant expired before she could complete her inventory and before the archives were ready for



Legislative Fellowships expand the classroom



Interdisciplinary Humanities undergraduate students Mary Barnhart and Lisa Kubeika maintained Penn State Harrisburg’s impressive reputation for landing Pennsylvania Legislative Fellowships as they both worked in the State Capitol last fall.

They were among a handful of students statewide selected for this full-time opportunity which allows interns to work directly with leaders in the House of Representatives. Their internships, supervised by Associate Professor of Humanities and History Louise Hoffman, familiarized them with every stage of the legislative process and introduced them to leaders in the state legislative and executive branches. Each student wrote a piece of actual legislation as a part of her final project.

The 13-week Legislative Fellowships place students in either the office of a House leader or with a committee chair in Harrisburg. Interns are paid a monthly stipend and receive academic credit.

Lisa’s internship segued into a part-time job during the spring semester working with a team writing a book about former House leader K. Leroy Irvis. She’s already been offered a full-time legislative job that starts after her graduation in December.

Asked about the most interesting aspects of her internship, Lisa said, “I always had a dream of working in government since I was very young. Looking down onto the State House floor was much different than sitting down there. I will never forget the first time I set foot down there. It is the most amazing building I have ever been in, and the House floor is my favorite room. Realizing that I had a chance at working [there,] my dream job was coming true.

“I had many exciting experiences such as helping with legislation and preparing pre-committee reports, but sitting on the House floor was the most exciting. I also made contacts down there that are capable of helping me greatly in the future. Working on the House floor made my face recognizable to many representatives [and] executive directors, and I had the chance of meeting many exciting people such as the governor and the lieutenant governor. The experience was priceless!”

The most difficult and challenging aspect of the internship for Lisa was reading legislation. “It was difficult at first; it’s a legal document so, of course, it uses legal words. It got easier as the internship went on.”

But the benefits of the experience far outweigh the challenges, Lisa adds. “I have a wonderful internship on my resumé that stands out. My fellow interns and I will stand out when we go for job interviews in the future because of successfully completing this. Many people in the Capitol complimented [us on] the internship and what it taught us. By completing this internship, we proved that we are ready to take on a job in the Capitol. We are ahead of other applicants because we basically went through the nine-month training process and are ready to start the job. It gave me the chance to get out of the textbooks and into real life.”

Looking at ‘Folk Roots of American Masculinities’

Take this test. You think today’s sensitive, caring man is: (a) a myth, (b) an oxymoron, or (c) a moron. No matter whether you laugh at this bit of folk humor, its wide circulation bespeaks a modern predicament for American men.

Men’s “manly” traditions have been shaken in an age of “sensitivity,” or what many scholars interpret as the “feminization of American culture.” Some observers have even referred to a crisis of masculinity for a new generation of boys.

In *Manly Traditions: The Folk Roots of American Masculinities*, edited by Penn State Harrisburg Distinguished Professor of American Studies and Folklore Simon J. Bronner, established scholars in the fields of folklore, men’s studies, and gender studies identify the folkloric roots of what it means to be a man in America. They examine the traditions men inherit and adapt for their own purposes in contemporary life.

The book, published by the Indiana University Press, was released in February.

“This book gets at the roots of what it means to be a man in America,” observes Alan Dundes in the afterword. “By focusing on traditions, the book seeks to interpret the mechanisms by which masculine values are maintained, adapted, invented, and discarded, especially in situations where manliness has been challenged.”

Scenes include formerly all-male occupations now tensely shared with women; African American step shows on college campuses filled with male bravado; Japanese-American drum performances countering perceptions of Asian men as weak; rituals in which Chicano men in border towns negotiate between Mexican and American versions of machismo; rave parties in which gender differences are blurred; and gay circuit parties filled with muscular displays but no violence.



Post-It Notes

Eight students in the spring semester Advanced Graphic Design course taught by Craig Welsh created a mural depicting the Penn State Nittany Lion in the campus library – from Post-It Notes. The mural was located in the main stairwell between the second and third floors, took four weeks to plan and an estimated three hours to install. When completed, the mural consisted of 1,680 Post-It Notes. Students who created the Nittany Lion mural in the library were, left to right, Anthony Tezak, Lisa Mauti, Monica Helt, Rosalind Agbugui, Kristen Poole, Desiree Khouri, and Adam Fanus. Absent is Alison Smith.

Public embraces campus events

Along with sharing its academic and research expertise with the external community, Penn State Harrisburg also invites its neighbors to share in its cultural programming.

All the college's lectures, performances, and entertainment events are open to the public at no charge and have been experiencing an increased public attendance.

This year, the highly attended events began with the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration again featuring an original drama. More than 300 were in attendance – most from the community.

The annual International Film Festival's eight-day run drew as many as 60 community residents to the auditorium each evening and a jazz concert in the Morrison Gallery of the library played to a full house. Dr. Michael Barton reported, "Full house; all chairs taken; all food eaten; all music enjoyed!"

The 2006 Chancellor's Lecture, featuring author and illustrator Brian Selznick, included a packed artist's reception in the Morrison Gallery and a full auditorium for the lecture. Organizer Dr. Robin Veder said, "We had Penn State students, staff, and faculty, and a good variety of artists, teachers, librarians, and families who came from throughout Central Pennsylvania. At one point during the reception, I counted 60 people in the gallery!"

The largest turnout came in March with the Sunday evening lecture by Rwandan Paul Rusesabagina. As Rwanda descended into madness in 1994, Rusesabagina made a promise to protect the family he loved. In the process he found the courage to save the lives of more than 1,200 people. The event in the Capital Union Building's Student Center drew more than 400 – the vast majority from the community.

The college offers an extensive list of public events throughout the year. To stay up-to-date on the schedule visit the calendar on the Web at <http://www.cl.psu.edu/calendar/>.

Save the Date!



The third annual Penn State Harrisburg Family Day at the Harrisburg Senators will be Saturday, Aug. 26 on City Island. Picnic dinner and game ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. To register, visit the Web at <http://www.hbg.psu.edu/alumni/>.

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Alumni News and Notes

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Barry A. Cupp, '74 WRET, Mechanicsburg, is the sewer system manager for Upper Allen Township and is responsible for administering all wastewater-related activities. E-mail: bcupp@upperallentwp.org.

Darryl S. Stackhouse, '74 MBA, Harrisburg, recently retired as director of administration for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, where he was employed for more than 30 years.

David J. Schelcusky, '80 BUS, Pottsville, is the owner of Schelcusky Accounting and Tax Services and has recently acquired the assets of Brian R. Cody Tax and Accounting Service in Harrisburg. E-mail: taxprof@verizon.net.

Rosanne M. Rosenberger, '81 BUS, Strongsville, Ohio, has been appointed vice president, director of electronic payment services at Sky Bank. E-mail: kcmr@msn.com.

Helen Bradley Foster, '87g AMSTD, has published "*Greek Sparto: Past and Present*" for the journal TEXTILE 4. It is a material culture study of the use of sparto, a broom plant, for rope and textiles that has continued into the present from ancient times. Foster is instructor in the Department of Art History at the University of Minnesota.

Julie A. David Echterling, '89 ACCT, Harrisburg, celebrated the birth of daughter Cassandra on Jan. 4, 2006.

Russell A. Duff, '93 MIS, Pittsburgh, married Maryann Bruno on June 25, 2005. Duff is a technology engineer with PNC Bank.

Allison L. Fulton Livingston, '99 AppBehSci, York Haven, and her husband, **Scott E. Livingston**, '98 EIED, celebrated the birth of son Connor Matthew on Feb. 1, 2005.

Carl G. Roe, '99 MPA, Carlisle, was unanimously appointed the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission in December, 2005. Roe previously served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 2000, retiring with the rank of colonel.

Mary Hall, '00 AppBehSci, Harrisburg, is the program officer at the Foundation for Enhancing Communities in Harrisburg. Prior to joining the foundation, she worked as a Special Needs Liaison for ACS HealthChoices.



Mary Hall

She is a member of many professional associations within the community including the National Safe Kids Coalition and is responsible for the Whitaker Foundation Regional Grantmaking Program.

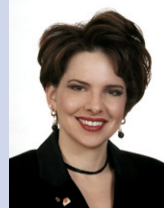
April M. Hershey, '01 M.Ed, Ephrata, successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation on Oct. 12, 2005 at Duquesne University

Nolan W. Kurtz, '02 MBA, Harrisburg, has been promoted to chief operating officer for the mid-Atlantic regional law firm of Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, Harrisburg. Prior to his new position, he worked as a government affairs consultant in the firm's governmental affairs practice group and its gaming practice group. He is now responsible for strategic operations, strategic planning, and has oversight of human resources, management information systems, and marketing. E-mail: nkurtz@klettrooney.com.



Nolan W. Kurtz

Judy L. Hricak, '89 HComm, was recently named the national practice manager for the Marketing and Business Development Practice Leadership Team at Gannett Fleming, an international planning, design, and construction management firm. Based in the firm's corporate headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., Hricak is also a vice president and senior associate.



As the national practice manager, Hricak is responsible for directing and overseeing the firm's marketing activities, with an emphasis on developing and maintaining a corporate marketing strategy. She coordinates the work of marketing and business development personnel from the firm's 50 regional offices to consistently and effectively promote Gannett Fleming on a national basis.

Judy has also accepted a position on the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society's Board of Directors.

'97 grad earns board certification

Michael A. Campbell, who earned a degree in Elementary Education from the college in 1997, is among 58 Pennsylvania teachers to recently earn National Board Certification, the highest standard for the teaching profession in the United States.

He was certified in the National Board's Middle Childhood Generalist category.

To earn the voluntary certification, teachers undergo an extensive series of performance-based assessments that include teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes, and thorough analysis of the candidates' teaching and student learning. Teachers also complete a series of written exercises that probe the depth of their subject-matter knowledge, as well as their understanding of how to teach that knowledge to students.

Campbell currently teaches fifth grade at Milton Hershey School Memorial Hall Elementary School. This is his seventh year at the school.

Susan Meehan 'Historian of the Year'

Susan Meehan, who holds undergraduate, '00, and graduate, '01, American Studies degrees from the college, has been honored as "Historian of the Year" by the Historical Society of Cumberland County for her contributions to a number of history projects.

One of her accomplishments was researching and writing the story of Greek heritage in Carlisle during which she conducted oral interviews with local family members while organizing records and photographs to create a permanent archive. Her archival efforts also led to the publishing of *The New Way: Greeks Come to Carlisle*.

Since 1998, Meehan has volunteered every Tuesday in the society's photo archives and since 2004 has been part-time curator of the Rolls-Royce Foundation in Mechanicsburg. She was also a member of the editing team for the McCormick family papers while a student at Penn State Harrisburg.

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