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## *A message from the Provost and Dean...*

I am pleased to report that Penn State Capital College has completed its 2002-2005 Strategic Plan, *One University, One College*. The Plan was generated from a thoughtful and inclusive process nearly two years in the making. Some of the comments that follow are taken from my introduction to the Capital College Strategic Plan. I share them with the hope of encouraging you — our distinguished alumni — to review our Plan, and, more importantly, to become involved in our strategic direction.

From the outset, we tapped the input of the broader campus community and established parameters — commitments we would meet as planning evolved — to set priorities and shape the planning process. First, no matter what the strategic initiative, we would hold ourselves accountable for ensuring *quality*. As good stewards of the Penn State name, quality is expected in all that we do and must come first in matters of planning. This we have done extremely well. A healthy respect for data to measure quality and an ongoing investment in informed quality improvement pervade the Plan.

Second, we would establish unequivocally the College's role in advancing the broader University's vision. The strategic planning process is a powerful venue to perfect our capabilities in seamless transitions, innovative and collaborative program ventures, and to realize our long-standing commitment to interdisciplinary learning. We can and should lead the University in these arenas. The Plan provides a blueprint to do so. There is a refreshing sense of entrepreneurial spirit that gives the Plan momentum and energy.

Finally, the Plan identifies how we wish to be perceived by our many external constituents — an opportunity to express our external vision. Our Plan makes that vision clear. There is an undeniable interdependence we share with the regions we serve. We value that. We seek, therefore, to be the higher education institution of choice for our students and area employers and to play a vital role in the economic, social, and cultural well being of our regions. Our Plan insists that our programs and services are relevant and responsive to the dynamic learning needs of our constituents. In short, we commit to being fully engaged in the life of our communities.

Five themes emerged in the planning process and defined the structural framework of the College Plan and set our overarching goals. They are:

- “Quest for Educational Excellence” — to improve continually the quality of the Capital College educational experience.
- “Technology as a Learning Tool” — to enhance technological capabilities and competencies within Capital College, especially as these affect active and collaborative learning and extend access beyond the boundaries of classroom and time.
- “Commitment to Diversity” — to foster diversity to achieve an understanding of individual, ethnic, and cultural differences and to create a campus environment based on mutual respect.
- “One University, One College” — to maximize internal alliances and partnerships to contribute to University goals and programs.
- “The Engaged University” — to maximize external alliances and partnerships to extend Capital College programs and human resources into the community to enhance visibility and foster the integration of teaching, research, and service.

We learned much about ourselves in the process. Our two-campus College benefits from our complementary expertise. Our strengths are many, most noted among them, our world-class teacher scholars and rich array of academic programs. Most importantly, we have expanded our repertoire and our reach. Our network of colleagues, alumni and friends of the College is clearly wider.

With the strategic initiatives defined in our Plan, I am confident Capital College will continue to strengthen its regional presence and serve its constituents well. We will continue to evolve as *One College* across our campuses and academic schools. We will serve as exemplars in realizing the University's strategic vision of seamless transitions and collaborative partnerships — to function as *One University*. We are poised to do so, and nothing would please us more.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.hbg.psu.edu/hbg/sp-execsum.pdf> to access the Executive Summary of the Strategic Plan. Future issues of *Currents* will highlight various hallmarks of our strategic initiatives as we proceed with implementation. As always, we welcome your comments and involvement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madlyn Hanes". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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## Senator, attorney address grads



Sen. James J. Rhoades

The state Senate's education leader and the executive vice president and chief counsel of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency delivered the keynote addresses at Penn State Capital College's commencement ceremonies May 9 and 11.

State Sen. James J. Rhoades spoke to the graduates at the Schuylkill campus and attorney Sheila E. Dow-Ford delivered the keynote at the Harrisburg campus commencement.

Sen. Rhoades was first elected to the Senate in 1980 and is now serving his sixth consecutive term. He represents the 29<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District that includes all of Schuylkill County as well as portions of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, and Northampton counties.

He is currently the chairman of the Senate Education Committee and also serves as a member of the Appropriations, Transportation, Law and Justice, and Environmental Resources and Energy committees.

After earning a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg State College and a master's in education from Lehigh University, Sen. Rhoades began his professional career as a teacher and coach at Pottsville and Mahanoy City high schools. He was named principal of Mahanoy Area Junior High School in 1971.

A native of Philadelphia and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Dow-Ford joined the Higher Education Assistance Agency in 1994. In her current position, she is responsible for ensuring the integrity of all agency functions,

services, and lines of business including its six loan programs. She also oversees all aspects of agency compliance with an array of federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and procedures affecting higher education funding and corporate administration.

Formerly the chief counsel of the New Jersey School Boards Association, Dow-Ford earned her undergraduate degree magna cum laude from LaSalle College. Active in the Harrisburg community, she serves as a trustee of Harrisburg Academy, a director of United Way of Central Pennsylvania, a trustee of Pinnacle Health Systems, and as a director of the Education and Policy Leadership Council and the Harrisburg Polytechnic Institute initiative.

## Gubernatorial Candidates on Campus

The Greater Harrisburg Area Branch of the NAACP and "Worlds Apart," a weekly television program on race, sponsored a "Gubernatorial Minority Issues Forum" in the Capital Union Building on the Harrisburg campus April 22. Democratic candidates Ed Rendell and Robert Casey Jr., Libertarian nominee Ken Krawchuk, and Green Party nominee Michael Morrill participated. The Pennsylvania Cable Network broadcast the forum throughout the state.



## New student housing to open in August

Resident students on the Harrisburg campus will be greeted in August by all new apartment-style housing.

The 72 apartment units to accommodate a minimum of 300 occupants will not only provide modern living quarters for students, but also move residents closer to classrooms, the new library, recreation activities, food and support services.

The new housing spells the end for Meade Heights, the community of three-bedroom duplex homes built by the Air Force before the property was turned over to the University in 1966. Meade Heights is in the extreme northwest area of campus, a long walk from the hub of academic and recreational activity.

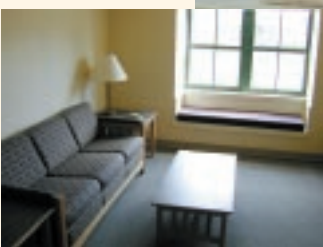
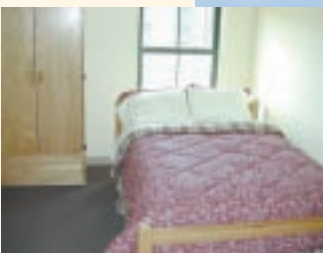
Each new apartment unit contains four single bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a kitchen, living area, and washers and dryers. The two- and three-story construction is fully sprinklered and there is a spacious Community Center for student activities.

Funding for the project was provided by University Housing and Food Services at an estimated total cost of \$14.5 million.



*Student Community Center*

*New housing to open in August*



*Comfortable single bedrooms, living rooms, and full kitchens will greet residents of the new housing on the Harrisburg campus in August.*



## Reunion to feature farewell to Meade Heights

What is your fondest memory of your time at Penn State Harrisburg?

If you were a resident student, that recollection may have something to do with Meade Heights. Maybe it was your roommate who remains a close friend. Perhaps it was a fun party. Or it may have even been a car inside a house.

Whatever your fondest memory, you should attend the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Reunion on Oct. 26, 2002 and bid farewell to Meade Heights.

The Harrisburg program will feature a goodbye to Meade Heights. By the time alumni weekend rolls around, the new housing will be occupied and Meade Heights will be permanently closed. Come and share your memories of the Heights with your fellow alumni, faculty, and current students. In addition, commemorative bricks will be available to keep a tangible piece of Meade Heights with you forever.

Don't miss this reunion and feel free to bring your children and your spouse. It is a great way to acquaint them with a place and a time that had a big influence on your life.

You will be receiving additional and more complete information on the alumni reunion activities in the coming weeks.

## Meade Heights recollections sought for video

Want to share your remembrances of Meade Heights?

With the closing of the student housing community on the Harrisburg campus, a committee of students, faculty, and staff is tackling a project to collect and publish personal recollections that are illustrative of the community experiences in "The Heights." A video and notebook are planned.

If you have thoughts to share, you are encouraged to send them via e-mail to Dr. Janet Widoff, Director of Student Affairs, at [jwc1@psu.edu](mailto:jwc1@psu.edu) or Steve Hevner, Manager of Public Information, at [sdh4@psu.edu](mailto:sdh4@psu.edu). You can also mail your thoughts to Dr. Widoff at Penn State Harrisburg, Olmsted C-120, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, Pa., 17057.

# Reflections: 1978 grad volunteers at the Winter Olympics

*Editor's Note: Kurt Vicker, a 1978 Penn State Harrisburg graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, was a volunteer at the recent Winter Olympics in Utah. A resident of Utah for 18 years, Kurt is employed by Thiokol Propulsion, the maker of the solid rocket boosters for the Space Shuttle. He and his wife, Carol, are the parents of daughters Erika, 15, and Victoria, 6, and son Stephen, 11. For the past five years, he has been a race official for the sports of bobsled and skeleton. The following are Kurt's personal thoughts on the Winter Olympics.*

The spectacle that began on TV Feb. 8 actually started more than seven years ago when Salt Lake City was awarded the honor of hosting the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. We did struggle at times, but we certainly took part. Based on how we felt during the event and the worldwide responses we've heard since, I believe we not only took part, but succeeded!

It took upwards of 24,500 volunteers, close to 5,000 full-time staff members, and \$1.4 billion dollars for his Herculean task. At times I felt like a speck on NASA's space debris radar, yet at times I was talking to Matt Lauer of the Today Show or performing my tasks on TV in front of hundreds of millions of wonderful, excited viewers such as yourselves.

I have been living in Utah for eighteen years. Park City, one of the venue cities, is an old silver mining town revived in the mid-80s as a skiing and upscale shopping area. My family and I visit there often as a brief getaway from the "daily grind." The bobsled, skeleton, and luge track facility was finished in 1997. After a visit there, I was informed it would be hosting World Cup bobsled and skeleton races in late 1998 and that volunteers were needed to help run it. After a brief pause to remember the movie "Cool Runnings" and some time to reflect on the large commitment, I made a beeline to the office to sign up. Five years of practice, local, and worldwide races later, we (and the entire SLOC team) felt we were ready to host an Olympic event for 2,400 athletes, 13,000 media personnel, and 85,000 spectators. My part in this you ask? I was a track sweeper for luge and a race official for bobsled and skeleton. Skills learned from my college training and my business training (Quality Engineer and Project Manager for the Solid Rocket Booster Program) provided me with a degree of insight that was an aid to both positions.

Though less glamorous and less technical, a track sweeper is responsible for removing snow and ice chips that may impede the swift progress and line chosen by the athletes. Luge is timed to .001 second increments, so small impedances can add up to the difference from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place or more. We are also there as a first line safety defense if an athlete lost driving contact with the sled.

The track is 1,335 meters long, dropping in elevation from the high point to the low about 100 meters. There are 220 kilometers of piping buried inside the concrete that chills the track. Water is sprayed on the surface and freezes to the desired thickness (2 to 7cm). The costs to build this track alone - \$20 million!

A race official is not unlike one of JoePa's game officials. We're responsible for ensuring equipment, the athletes' performance, and the staging of the event meet international rule requirements. This has to be done while ensuring the event is both technically correct yet enjoyable to the athletes and spectators alike. As with doping control, we've turned high tech with our controls. XRF (X-Ray Fluorescence) and LIBS (Laser-Induced Backscatter Spectroscopy) were some of the techniques used to ensure the runners (or blades) were of the correct metallurgy and not coated in any way. Issues were identified, but none affected medal standings.



*Kurt Vicker "Track Sweeper"*

Oh yes, lest I forget—there were impositions. Beginning with one year of on-site and after hours classroom training, 15 days straight working 10 to 15 hour days, 2,160 back and forth miles to a location that is 80 miles away, \$100 of gas, two meals eaten at home the entire time, five blisters, and a body temp that probably dropped 10 degrees from being outside the entire time (temps as low as -10F) were some of the challenges. There were more military personnel present than those staffed at the time in Afghanistan, but their careful attention to detail and pleasant demeanor were a plus, not a hindrance.

The benefits – well those are the enduring qualities that I will remember the rest of my life. The great efforts of all of the athletes, international friendships, the great pride of representing the State of Utah and the United States of America, the full outfit I wore and other perks from our Games sponsors.

Now, if I can only figure out a way to get asked to officiate the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turino, Italy!



*Kurt Vicker at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah.*

*I was a track sweeper for luge and a race official for bobsled and skeleton. Skills learned from my college training and my business training provided me with a degree of insight that was an aid to both positions.*

## Route 61 Revisited

Vintage autos, enlightening educational sessions, an awards luncheon, and children's activities were only a few of the many highlights at "Route 61 Revisited" -- the April 13 Penn State Schuylkill alumni reunion on campus.

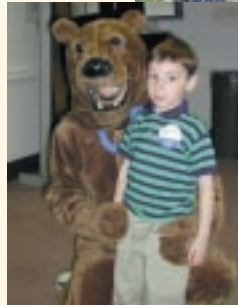
Although the day was overcast, nothing could cast a shadow on the enthusiasm brought to the event by the alumni in attendance. After a morning filled with tours and looking at antique cars, the group came together for several educational seminars. The children had fun with crafts and games while the adults were learning about financial planning, disasters in the media, long-term care, and healthy living.

The luncheon included the presentation of the first-ever Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Achievement Award to Allen E. Kiefer, President of the Penn State Schuylkill Advisory Board and a dedicated friend of the campus for many years.

Mark your calendars and join in the fun at the next reunion in April of 2003.



*Allen E. Kiefer is presented the inaugural Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Achievement Award by Liz Bligan, Society president.*



*Even future Penn Staters enjoyed the Schuylkill campus alumni reunion festivities. Here, one youngster gets a greeting from the Nittany Lion.*

## Summer reading program returns to Schuylkill campus

First-year students on the Schuylkill campus are again beginning their college experience early this year through a summer reading program.

Building on last year's successful inaugural effort, the campus has chosen Simon Wiesenthal's *The Sunflower* as the basis of this year's program.

Focused on encouraging intellectual interaction among students even before the semester formally begins, the campus is asking each incoming freshman to read the book over the summer. And readers of *Currents* are also encouraged to participate by reading the highly acclaimed book, which studies the possibilities and limits of forgiveness.

Last year's reading program focused on James McBride's *The Color of Water*, a book about difference — a black son and a Jewish-born white mother residing in a New York City housing project. As part of the program, each first-year student received a copy of the book, study questions, and other relevant materials with the request to read them before beginning classes in August. The reading was integrated into New Student Orientation, classes, and displays. This year's focus with *The Sunflower* will follow a similar format.

First published in 1976, *The Sunflower* is Wiesenthal's thought-provoking memoir of life in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. As a young prisoner, Wiesenthal was taken one day from his labor brigade to a hospital at the request of a mortally wounded Nazi soldier. Tormented by the crimes in which he had participated, the SS man wanted to confess to — and if possible, receive absolution from — a Jew.

Wiesenthal left the room in silence, but remained haunted by the issues the man's request raised about the limits and possibilities of forgiveness. Twenty-five years after the Holocaust, Wiesenthal asked leading intellectuals what they would have done in his place. Collected into one volume, their responses became one of the most enduring documents of Holocaust literature and a touchstone of interfaith dialog. The new edition, being used in the summer reading program, brings together the voices of a new generation of thinkers.

*Currents* readers who would like to know more about the summer reading program are encouraged to contact Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Patti A. Mills at [iom8@psu.edu](mailto:iom8@psu.edu) or Assistant Professor of Humanities and Writing Billie Jones, faculty adviser to the program, at [bjj6@psu.edu](mailto:bjj6@psu.edu).



## Business Journal honors graduates

Each year, the Central Penn Business Journal honors 40 young professionals under the age of 40 who have shown exemplary commitment to their community through their professional and personal activities. An annual banquet is held to honor these special people for their contributions.

Again, Penn State Harrisburg is well represented by those who have achieved the coveted "40 Under 40" honor.

Award winners include:

Janak M. Amin, senior vice president of Waypoint Bank, '94 MBA and a member of the College Alumni Society Board; Marquita J. Jones, owner, operator, executive director, teacher of Heaven Sent Learning Center, '90 BE SC; Craig L. Kauffman, senior credit product manager/vice president of First Union National Bank, '90 MBA; Frank J. O'Connell, assistant general manager finance and administration, Hersheypark Group; '90 P ACC; Todd Sager, president of Civil and Environmental Design Group Inc., '92 ENVET; and Thomas V. Traino Jr., vice president and plant manager, GANCOM, a division of Gannett-Fleming, '99 INFSY.

Also honored were: Eric Morrison, an attorney with McNeas Wallace and Nurick, and Richard H. Pizarro, chairman and CEO, Med-Media Inc, members of the College's Technology Programs Advisory Board; and Bret E. Peters, principal, Office for Planning and Architecture, a member of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers.

## Grant assists students and technology incubator



*Dr. Robert D'Intino*

A \$5,000 grant awarded to Penn State Schuylkill faculty member Robert S. D'Intino has increased educational opportunities for students while strengthening the campus ties to the Pottsville/Schuylkill Technology Incubator.

Dr. D'Intino, an assistant professor of management in the School of Business Administration, applied for and has been awarded the grant from the Coleman Foundation in Chicago that is funding students working as interns at the incubator. He explains, "The Coleman Foundation funding will allow Penn State Schuylkill students to learn about technology firms and the entrepreneurial start-up process while working as paid business interns."

The incubator provides a business environment with mentoring, consulting, and support services to assist local entrepreneurs in the development of technology-oriented business firms. The first Penn State Schuylkill business student intern has begun working with the incubator director in Internet projects to help with the facility's startup. College faculty from business, computer

science, engineering, IST, and the physical sciences will be involved with the incubator in both consulting and promoting technology transfer to the new business ventures.

Dr. D'Intino joined the faculty in 1998. His research focuses on management and entrepreneurial issues, drawing on 25 years of professional work experience.

## Beautification project

*Several years of Graduate Student Association fundraisers on the Harrisburg campus have funded landscaping on the new parking lot adjacent to the library. At the tree-planting were, left to right, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Howard Sachs, Clarence Hardaway representing the Office of Physical Plant, Sue Ellen Ramer from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, and graduate students Roderick Lee and Jennifer Kasunick.*



## Original musical production



*For the fourth year in a row, an original musical production written by Capital College faculty member Dorothy King was a highlight of Martin Luther King Day celebrations on both campuses. Dr. King is shown introducing the cast of "Radio Then." Another play written by the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education faculty member, "White Rose/Black Skin: The African-American Presence in York County in the 1800s," debuted May 2 at York's Crispus Attucks Center.*

## You can help Penn State be Number 1

As a graduate of Penn State, you now have a unique opportunity to make Penn State Number One!

How? Penn State is participating in an alumni challenge with other Big Ten universities to determine who has the best and most loyal alumni. This Big Ten GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Challenge will show alumni across the Big Ten which school has the highest percentage of alumni donors.

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Or, even more convenient, you can call toll-free at 1-888-800-9163 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and speak to one of the Annual Fund Representatives.



*Terri Lee Mercuri, an undergrad student at Penn State Schuylkill, was crowned the 2002 Queen of Snows during the Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Pageant in early February.*

## Environmental programs bolstered by donation

The College's undergraduate and graduate environmental engineering programs have been enhanced with the donation of a pilot-scale activated sludge wastewater treatment plant from Cromaglass Corporation of Williamsport in conjunction with AMS, Inc., a subsidiary of Skelly & Loy Engineers in Harrisburg.

The treatment unit, valued at approximately \$5,000, treats up to 500 gallons of wastewater per day, and is housed in the Wastewater Pilot Plant Laboratory in the Science and Technology Building on the Harrisburg campus. The treatment unit was specially modified so that students can easily view operations. Students used the unit in their annual Wastewater Pilot Lab experiment this year.

The donation was facilitated in part by Jeffrey Gunnett, an alumnus of the Environmental Engineering Technology program (Class of '95) who now works for AMS, the distributor of Cromaglass' wastewater technologies.



*Dr. Sam McClintock, left, Chair of the Environmental Programs, shakes hands with Robert Kauffman of AMS, Inc., in front of the wastewater pilot plant.*

## Students tackle research projects at Schuylkill

With reorganization of Penn State Capital College and the long-awaited baccalaureate programs it brought to the Schuylkill campus, new opportunities have emerged for research collaboration between students and faculty.

For students, such collaboration gives direction and skills needed to succeed in graduate school or employment in human services. For faculty, collaboration with highly motivated undergraduates can inspire new research interests. During the spring semester, half of the 58 psychology majors enrolled at Schuylkill undertook original research in collaboration with faculty sponsors. Faculty sponsors in recent semesters have included Dr. Stephen Couch (sociology), Dr. Robert D'Intino (business), Dr. Marianne Goodfellow (sociology), and Dr. Helen Hendy (psychology).

Finding a centralized location for the research team projects was initially a challenge at Penn State Schuylkill, because the research tasks had to be accomplished in buildings scattered across campus. However, in spring of 2001, the research teams found a home in the Ciletti Memorial Library. With \$15,000 received from grant proposals submitted by Dr. Hendy, the Undergraduate Research Center (URC) was established. Support for the URC came from the Schuylkill Advisory Board, the College's Office

of Research and Graduate Studies, the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, the Office of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, and from private donations provided by Schuylkill County business leaders.

URC facilities include small meeting rooms, wireless laptop computers, printers, lockable file

cabinets, and display cases showing research team publications and announcements about new research opportunities. The wireless laptop technology allows the research teams to conduct all stages of their investigations in the centralized location and supportive atmosphere of the library.

Many of the studies conducted by the Penn State Schuylkill research teams have an outreach component and include the active participation of community human service agencies, such as Child Development, Area Agency on Aging, Center for Independent Living, and Women in Crisis. Each study is approved by the University's Office of Regulatory Compliance (ORC), with student researchers required to complete an ethics seminar and exam provided by the ORC.

The research teams have been very productive, both in terms of conference presentations and publications for national refereed journals. Some of the student researchers who have designed original studies, obtained ORC approval, and submitted their results for publication as the first authors include: Barbara Wade (B.S. in Psychology and now a graduate student in the Community Psychology and Social Change program at Penn State Harrisburg); Richard Miller (B.S. in Psychology); and Shanna Kremer (B.S. in Psychology).



*Students involved in undergraduate research at the Schuylkill campus joined their Harrisburg campus counterparts in a Psychology and Social Sciences Undergraduate Poster Exhibition of their work recently. Shown left to right are Melissa McGoey, Dr. Helen Hendy, Mary Ann Eberth, Lynn Miller, and Gretchen Manbeck.*



## Faculty, staff honored Harrisburg campus

Teaching, research, and service were formally applauded at the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Program on the Harrisburg campus April 11.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Maria (Toni) DuPont-Morales was announced the winner of the Award for Excellence in Teaching, Assistant Professor of Management Robert D. Russell was presented the Faculty Service Award, and Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering Yuefeng Xie earned the Excellence in Research Award.

Nancy L. Leister, staff assistant in the Office of Student Activities, was named the recipient of the Staff Service Award and Coordinator of Student Health Services Marylou Martz received the Kathryn Towns Women's History Month Award.

At the annual recognition luncheon for the student clubs and organizations, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Barbara Sims was presented the James A. Jordan Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.



*Nancy Leister*



*Marylou Martz*



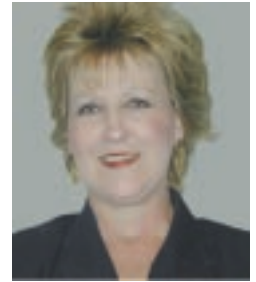
*Dr. Yuefeng Xie*



*Dr. Robert Russell*



*Dr. Toni DuPont-Morales*



*Dr. Barbara Sims*

## Schuylkill campus

Assistant Professor of Psychology Helen Hendy was presented two awards at the annual Penn State Schuylkill Honors Day ceremonies April 24.

Dr. Hendy earned the Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Award for Excellence in Research.

The Award for Excellence in Faculty Service went to Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature Hartmut Heep, the Staff Service Award was presented to Staff Assistant VIII Edith Fenstermacher, and the Kathryn Towns Women's History Award was earned by Campus Health Services Nurse Linda Fehr.

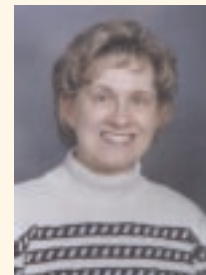
Mrs. Fehr, who retired March 31 after serving the campus since 1975, passed away at her home on May 14, three weeks after receiving her award. Her husband, Dick, and daughters Pam and Angie and their respective families survive her.



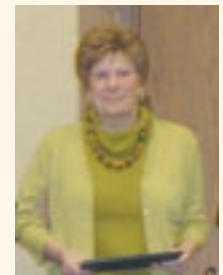
*Dr. Helen Hendy*



*Dr. Hartmut Heep*



*Edith Fenstermacher*



*Linda Fehr*



*Kevin Harter, center, President of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania, meets with two recipients of the Kevin and Kathleen Harter Scholarship for Information Sciences and Technology, Jeremiah Huggins, left, and Matthew Neiswender.*



*Ralph Peters, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Benatec Associates, greets Patricia Wesley, recipient of the Ralph Peters Renaissance Scholarship.*

## Students thank benefactors

For many Capital College students, endowed scholarships are the path to a coveted degree and a productive career.

Those students had an opportunity to say thank you to scholarship benefactors during recent receptions on both campuses.

For some students, scholarship assistance is the difference between saying in school and dropping out. "It allowed me to stay in school," said Robert J. Passaro, a sophomore accounting major who received the R. Michael Fryer endowment at Schuylkill.

"Only a small percentage of students are benefiting from endowed scholarships," said Harrisburg campus Director of Development Marie-Louise Abram. "The College is grateful for the ongoing support from its friends and alumni, but qualified students are still in need of financial assistance."

Events on both campuses gave students an opportunity to put a face to a scholarship donor name and express their gratitude.

The Harrisburg campus scholarship reception included a tribute to the late Frances H. Berg, who died in 2001. Mrs. Berg, one of the College's most generous benefactors, first created the Berg Professorship in Engineering and later the Berg Chair in Engineering.

At the Schuylkill campus, annual donors have quadrupled the number of scholarships over the last five or six years, said campus Director of Development Jane Zintak.

Talented and committed students are still in need of endowed scholarship assistance at both campuses. For information on endowments, contact Abram at 717-948-6316 or Zintak at 570-385-6260.

## University lauds Roderick Lee

Roderick Lee's commitment to Penn State Harrisburg was formally honored April 14 when he was presented the University's Graduate Student Service Award during ceremonies in University Park.

The award recognizes students who combine academic achievement with leadership in University or other activities.

Lee recently earned an M.B.A. from Penn State Harrisburg, and is finishing an M.S. in Information Systems. He is the first teaching assistant at the master's level to design and teach a course from start to finish for the School of Business Administration. He will enter the Ph.D. program in Information Sciences and Technology at University Park in August.

He is also credited with bringing about a renaissance in participation by his fellow students in the campus Graduate Student Association. Among other efforts, he successfully campaigned to get a graduate student elected at Harrisburg to serve on Penn State's overall Graduate Council, and has been involved in numerous advisory boards, committees and student organizations, such as the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society.

Beyond Penn State, Lee is former director and founder of the Community Tutorial Program, works with local youth as a mentor and summer camp instructor, serves as a studio assistant announcer for the Cavalcade Radio program, and is a member of the National Fatherhood Initiative.

A U.S. Army veteran, Lee earned a bachelor's degree in Information Systems in 2000 from Penn State Harrisburg.

Lee was also the recipient of the 2002 Graduate Student Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools which was presented to him April 5 at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa.



*Roderick Lee*

## Capital College news updates

### XGI's sought

Were you a member of Chi Gamma Iota (XGI) during your time as a student at Penn State Harrisburg?

If you were, the organization of former military service personnel is looking for you. The longest-serving service club on campus is hoping to hear from as many XGIs as possible. Please contact Jay Browning at 717-948-6316 or e-mail [erb141@psu.edu](mailto:erb141@psu.edu).

### Program accredited

Penn State Harrisburg's Bachelor of Science major in Electrical Engineering has earned the highly prized accreditation from the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET).

First introduced in 1998 as a new major at the College, the Electrical Engineering major complements the long-established program in Electrical Engineering Technology, also fully accredited by ABET.

The rigorous accreditation process of the Electrical Engineering program resulted in praise for the major's instructional facilities, labs, faculty, and the College's state-of-the-art library. Also noted was that the curriculum exceeds ABET criteria in the areas of mathematics, basic sciences, and engineering topics.

### M.B.A. in Lancaster

Penn State Capital College's highly regarded and fully accredited MBA program is being offered at Penn State, the Lancaster Center.

Bringing a Penn State MBA to Lancaster is just the beginning of an expansion of programs and services at Penn State's Lancaster Center to meet the evolving educational needs of the Lancaster County community. A unique partnership has brought together Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley, Penn State Great Valley, Penn State Harrisburg, and Penn State York to serve the Lancaster community.

For information on the MBA in Lancaster, please contact Dr. Terence Brown at (717) 948-6140 or visit the Harrisburg web site at [www.hbg.psu.edu/sbus](http://www.hbg.psu.edu/sbus)

### M.P.A. reaccredited

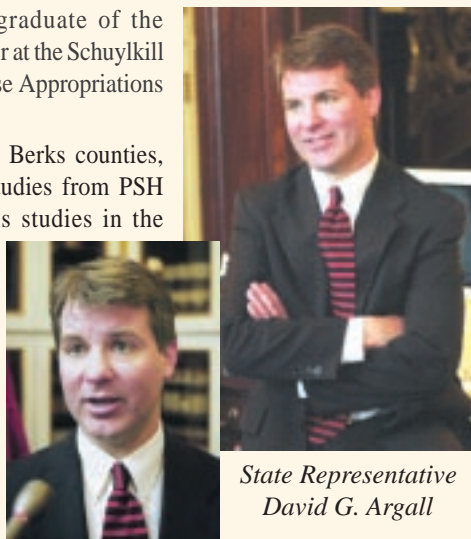
The College's master's degree program in Public Administration has been awarded reaccreditation by the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. Of the nine M.P.A.-granting institutions in Pennsylvania, only three — Penn State Harrisburg, Carnegie-Mellon, and the University of Pittsburgh — have NASPAA accreditation.

## Rep. Argall elected house appropriations chair

State Rep. David G. Argall, a graduate of the Harrisburg campus and part-time instructor at the Schuylkill campus, is the new chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Argall, who serves Schuylkill and Berks counties, holds a Master of Arts in American Studies from PSH and, as time permits, he continues his studies in the College's doctoral program in Public Administration.

He became the youngest representative in the history of Schuylkill and Berks counties when he was first elected to the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislative District seat in 1984. The nine-term Republican most recently served as House Majority Caucus Chair.



*State Representative David G. Argall*

## 'Virtual Job Fair' open to alumni

If you are a Penn State graduate and are seeking employment, Penn State Harrisburg Career Services has an opportunity for you.

Career Services, in conjunction with the Cumberland Valley Consortium, is conducting an on-line "Virtual Job Fair" June 1 through July 31 and you are invited to participate.

The Web-based job fair will provide alumni the opportunity to link with hundreds of employers throughout the country through an on-line exchange of job openings and resumes available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The service is free to Capital College alumni. Beginning June 1, alumni can participate by registering on-line at [www.collegecentral.com/Cumberland](http://www.collegecentral.com/Cumberland). They can then upload a resume, view the list of employers, submit a resume to selected employers, search for positions, or tag a resume for any interested employer to see.

For information, contact Career Services at 717-948-6260.

## Update your information!

Have you moved into a new home recently? Has there been a job title or company change in your career? Did you get a new e-mail address? If so, be sure to let Penn State know.

By keeping Penn State up to date, we can in turn keep you informed of the happenings here on campus. You can find out the news about current students and faculty. Your current information is essential so we can continue sending you alumni publications such as *Currents* and your School Newsletter.

It's easy to update your information through the Alumni Association. Go to <https://www.lionlink.psu.edu/AddressC.nsf/AddressChange?OpenForm>. Complete the form and e-mail it back to the Alumni Association. Another way is click on <http://www.alumni.psu.edu> — then click on "how do I?" In the upper right hand corner – the third question links you to the address change page.

Keep your information up to date and we will keep you connected to your alma mater.

## A message from the Harrisburg Alumni Society leader



*Michele Hart-Henry*

My how time flies when you're having fun! This is the last column I will write as president of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society. My term will end in June and a new set of officers will take over the reins of this organization.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the alumni of Penn State Harrisburg. I have represented you on Alumni Council, the governing body of the Penn State Alumni Association. As a member of the Membership Committee, I worked to get a more accurate recording of our membership data. I served on the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers—an organization that has the Provost and Dean's ear on critical campus issues.

Working with the Alumni Society's Board of Directors and its officers, I believe that we laid the groundwork to continue effectively serving all Penn State Harrisburg alumni. We reorganized the board to make it more flexible and responsive to the ever-changing needs of the campus. We enhanced our bylaws, updated our strategic plan, and we are working to change the structure of the committees so they more closely reflect the activities of the society.

The Society Board continues to thrive and succeed based on our alumni's interest in our campus and in our activities. Whether your interest is in networking with other alumni, working with students, rewarding outstanding alumni, or participating in community or campus service projects – there is a place for you in the Alumni Society. Can you give a couple of hours to your Society? If so, contact the staff at the alumni office and volunteer.

I will continue to serve the Alumni Society as past president of the Board and one of my goals is to begin the process of raising money for an endowed alumni scholarship. I believe that the best gift our alumni can give to Penn State Harrisburg is a scholarship to help the next generation of alumni.

Thank you to the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Board of Directors members; to my fellow members of the executive committee; to the staff of the Alumni Relations office and to the administration of Penn State Harrisburg – it's been a phenomenal two years.

*Michele Hart-Henry '88*

*When this year's Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon raised a record \$3.6 million to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, two Harrisburg campus dancers were lending a hand. Jonathan Myers, right, a Mathematical Sciences major from Myerstown, and Lynette Carter, left, a Criminal Justice major from Steelton, successfully completed the 48-hour, no-sitting, no-sleeping marathon with the help of campus organizer Melissa Kupchak, center, a Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology major from Scranton. The largest student-run philanthropy in the world, "Thon" has raised an estimated \$20 million since its inception in 1973.*



## College's appreciation

Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes formally expressed the College's gratitude for the creation of an endowed Information Sciences and Technology scholarship by the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania at a recent Board of Advisers meeting. Dr. Hanes is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Tech Council vice chair Gerald Morrison, who also served as Penn State Harrisburg Grand Destiny Campaign chair.



## Five American Studies graduates publish books

Books by five graduates of the master's in American Studies program were published in 2001, an admirable achievement. In recognition of this and of the program's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, coordinator Dr. Simon Bronner, has announced an American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series featuring "alumni authors" as its special theme for the 2002-2003 academic year.

When asked to comment on the apparently extraordinary productivity of master's students in American Studies, Dr. Bronner said, "We attract ambitious students committed to preserving and presenting our country's heritage. The program guides them in the research process from hunting sources to the preparation of professional presentations in the form of books, articles, and exhibitions."

The first speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series will be Dr. Carolyn Kitch, author of *The Girl on the Magazine Cover: The Origins of Visual Stereotypes in American Mass Media*, published by the University of North Carolina Press. This book traces contemporary mass media images of women to their historical roots on magazine covers from 1895 to 1930 and includes 75 photographs of cover art by the era's most popular illustrators. Much of the material used in the book came from the Alice Marshall Collection in the Penn State Harrisburg Library. Dr. Kitch is presently an assistant professor of journalism and affiliate assistant professor of women's studies at Temple University. She will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 on campus.

The spring 2003 speaker, Dr. Chris J. Magoc, assistant professor of American history and culture at Mercyhurst College in Erie, has written another highly acclaimed work, *Yellowstone: The Creation and Selling of an American Landscape, 1870-1903*, published by the University of New Mexico Press. Dr. Magoc looks at American myths and values, the urge to preserve along with the urge to exploit, and how they act upon the West's ecological health.

Other works by graduates include:

*Plain Women: Gender and Ritual in the Old Order River Brethren*, by Margaret C. Reynolds. Published posthumously by the Penn State Press, *Plain Women* is the first volume in the new Pennsylvania German History and Culture Series and examines women's functions in the Old Order River Brethren of Pennsylvania.

*Nine Months in York Town: American Revolutionaries Labor on Pennsylvania's Frontier*, by James McClure and published jointly by the York County Heritage Trust and the York Daily Record, is a lively history of the pivotal work of the Continental Congress in York, Pennsylvania, in the late eighteenth century.

Also relating to York County, June Lloyd's *Faith and Family: Pennsylvania German Heritage in York County Area Fraktur* has been published by the York County Heritage Trust. Lloyd's book, with maps and 60 color plates, focuses on the exquisite fraktur birth and baptismal certificates made for Lutheran and German Reformed people of the greater York County area.

## Greetings from the Schuylkill Alumni Society President

Dear Fellow Schuylkill Alums:

As the Schuylkill Alumni Society begins its second year, I am very excited about the strides we have made as an organization.

We have been active on campus with the First-Year Seminar program, in which students meet with alums to learn about their "real world" experiences, and we have been involved in campus recruiting, meeting with high school students who have been offered admission to the campus.

What we are most excited about is our Alumni Weekend, which, by the time this reaches you, will (I hope) have been a great success. We have planned a very interesting and fun day of timely topics for "mini-classes" as well as awards for outstanding alums, free food, the campus' International Festival, and antique cars.

Incorporated into our Alumni Weekend is our first foray into community service, which is one of the important areas of work for the Society. We have set up collection boxes for personal care items for the Schuylkill Women in Crisis center, an organization serving victims of domestic abuse in Schuylkill County. Students, faculty, and alumni will be donating soap, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, and other personal care items for the residents served by SWIC. It is our hope that this will be the first of many community outreach efforts by the Society, in conjunction with the campus.

We need you! In order to be able to continue to help the campus with recruitment, help students find their way as they prepare for the "real world," and help Penn State Schuylkill enhance its standing as a community leader, we need more alumni to give of their time and energy. We hope that you have noticed your new membership card and will visit our Web site to learn more. And we hope that you will contact us with ideas and offers of assistance.

I am very excited about how this organization is growing and how its role is expanding. Now we need you to continue this excitement! Give us a call!



Liz Bligan

Liz Bligan '81

## Finance major awarded Finnegan Fellowship

Penn State Harrisburg students have an impressive reputation for earning coveted fellowships with state government.

Junior Finance major David Sunday is the latest in that long line to land a highly prized and competitive fellowship. A graduate of East Pennsboro High School and Harrisburg Area Community College, Sunday is the winner of a 10-week



David Sunday

paid James A. Finnegan Foundation Fellowship for this summer.

Formed in 1960, the foundation was established to honor the memory of James A. Finnegan, Secretary of the Commonwealth (1955-1958). It provides support for the paid internship with an administrative agency of Pennsylvania government.

To be eligible, candidates for the fellowship must be either an undergraduate student at a Pennsylvania college or university or a Pennsylvania resident attending a college or university outside the Commonwealth. Sunday will be joined by undergrads from Swarthmore, William and Mary, and Boston College this summer.

A four-year U.S. Navy veteran and a student in the College Honors Program, Sunday earned the internship as a result of a competitive evaluation of his academic transcript and extra-curricular affairs and an essay on the concept of altering the national sales tax system in response to online retailing.

## Bureau chief

Terry L. Clark, who earned a bachelor's degree in Public Policy in 1990 from the Harrisburg campus, is now directing the state bureau developing policies and regulations for all children and youth protective agencies.

A resident of Wyomissing, Pa., Clark became Chief of the Division of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation for the Bureau of County Children and Youth Programs in January 2002. He was previously Director of Social Services for Berks County Children and Youth Services in Reading.

## College loses close friend, former administrator, faculty

### Robert E. McDermott

Penn State Harrisburg's first provost, Dr. Robert E. McDermott, died Oct. 31, 2001 at his home in Harrisburg. He was 81.

Dr. McDermott served as provost of the then-Capitol Campus from 1972 to 1978, succeeding campus director Coleman Herpel, who had served from the founding of the location in 1966.

Appointed professor of forestry and head of the Department of Forest Management in the Penn State School of Forestry in 1959, he later served as assistant director of the school and as associate dean for administration of Penn State's Graduate School before coming to Penn State Harrisburg as provost and professor of regional planning.

Dr. McDermott earned a bachelor's and master's from Iowa State University and a doctorate in botany from Duke University. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

The author of more than 30 scientific and technical journals and textbooks, he is survived by two daughters and three sons.



Robert E. McDermott

### John S. Wade

Retired Professor of Electrical Engineering John Sperry Wade Jr., 77, died Jan. 31, 2002 at his Lower Allen Township home.

Dr. Wade was a member of the faculty at Penn State Harrisburg from 1971 until his retirement in 1985. He previously served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University. Among his writings was a memoir of his life as a soldier in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, who was a founding member of the Capitol Campus Faculty Women's Club, three sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

### A. Roger Tobias

Penn State Schuylkill lost a loyal, lifelong friend Feb. 6 with the death of 78-year-old Orwigsburg resident A. Roger Tobias.

Profiled in the spring 1998 edition of *Currents*, Mr. Tobias and his wife, Betty Ann, carried on a tradition of commitment to the campus begun by his father more than 50 years previously when he served on the location's first advisory board.

Father and son served together on the board for a period of time, creating a Tobias leadership presence on the campus advisory board every year of its existence.

Roger Tobias' tireless support of the Schuylkill campus was highlighted by his \$105,000 annuity commitment to create the Tobias Family Scholarship. His generosity continued recently when he and his wife donated funds to resurface the campus tennis courts.



A. Roger Tobias

### Thomas M. Hunter

Former Schuylkill campus faculty member Thomas M. "Marshall" Hunter died Jan. 29 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, Pa.

An associate professor of history, he retired in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

### Michael Ferugio

Among the survivors of Michael D. Ferugio, who was lost in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, are his wife, Susan, his mother, Joan Ferugio, and sisters Gayle Sleva and Joan M. Koslosky.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Rich Cairo

A 1973 Public Policy graduate of the Harrisburg campus, Rich went on to earn a master's degree in Regional Planning in 1975 from the then-Capitol Campus.

He worked with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission for one year and, as he says, "intent on becoming a professional student, I went off to law school at the Dickinson School of Law for what eventually became my third Penn State degree."

After graduation, he returned to the River Basin Commission as secretary and in 1992 became its general counsel.

Rich explains the agency manages the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin, a 27,500-square-mile area covering portions of New York State, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. "The Susquehanna supplies half of the fresh water that enters Chesapeake Bay and obviously exerts a great deal of influence on the health and welfare of that great natural resource. The Commission itself is a federal-interstate compact agency. Compacts are agreements between or among states that are consented to by Congress. In this case, Congress not only consented, but also made the federal government a full-fledged member," he says.

Rich continues, "We have extensive regulatory as well as planning powers over water resources. We presently fill big regulatory and management gaps, owing to the fact that both Pennsylvania and New York still allocate water mainly under old common law principles rather than according to some statutory scheme."

His aim, as a "frustrated college professor" would be to some day teach government, constitutional law, constitutional history, and American history. To fill his desire to teach, he has been guest lecturing in high school government classes in the area.



Rich Cairo

## Harrisburg Campus

**Susan W. Dougherty**, '73 EEd, Pennsauken N.J., teaches a pre-kindergarten class at Respond, Inc., Camden. Her daughter, Andrea, 20, attends the culinary school at Atlantic/Cape Community College.

**Karl E. Salmon**, '74 SoSci, Douglassville, joined Baldwin Hardware Corp. as vice president/human resources in Nov. 2001. Baldwin is a leading manufacturer of home décor items. E-mail: Karlsalmon@talon.net

**Katherine Davis Moore**, '78 Bus, Galveston, Texas, is Port Director, Port of Galveston.

**Patricia McKelvey Dieter**, '83 MPA, Hillsboro, N.C., has been named associate clinical professor of community and family medicine by the Duke University Board of Trustees. A Duke faculty member since 1986, she is associate program director of the Physician Assistant Program, director of the Pfizer Physician Assistant Teaching Fellowship, and a commissioner on the Accreditation Review Committee on Physician Assistant Education. E-mail: patricia.dieter@duke.edu

**Linda L. Fasnacht Chesney**, '84 EEd, Pottstown, wed Frank J. Chesney Nov. 11, 2000, and is a residential support specialist with the Salvation Army. E-mail: f.chesney@worldnet.att.net

**Richard A. Carpenter**, '87 PubPol, East Northport, N.Y., recently accepted the position of northeast regional manager with Brink's Cash Logistics, Brooklyn, N.Y. In this operations management position, Carpenter is responsible for the management and profitability of the number one and number two Brink's branches in the United States. E-mail: Rick.Carpenter@brinksinc.com

**Lisa L. Garrett**, '89 HComm, Southlake, Texas, has been promoted to Systems Project Manager with Citicapital Technology, Irving, Texas. Lisa and her husband Brad are the parents of a daughter, Mandi. E-mail: lisag0925@yahoo.com

**Craig T. Adkins**, '90 EET, Orlando, Fla., and his wife, Ida, welcomed their first child, Emily Marie, on Jan. 29, 2002. E-mail: craig\_ida@msn.com

**Robin L. Dague**, '91 EEd Cape Coral, Fla., is a first grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. She and her husband, Travis, are the parents of sons Logan Travis, 5, and Ian Alexander, 1. E-mail: flom@vei.net

**Cathy L. Shovlin**, '92 Mngmt, Hazleton, gave birth to a daughter, Jordana Rae, Jan 10, 2002. E-mail: jimncath@webtv.net

## Alumni leader new township supervisor

Former Harrisburg campus Alumni Society Board president Sharon K. Cole has been elected a Rye Township Supervisor in Perry County.

A Marysville resident, Cole was sworn in as supervisor on Jan. 7, 2002 after winning the position in the November 2001 general election.

A Pennsylvania House of Representatives Caucus Legislative Research Analyst, Cole earned a bachelor of social science degree from Penn State Harrisburg in 1989. In addition to her service as board president from 1994 to 1997, she also served as secretary (1989-91), and vice president (1991-94).

## Schuylkill Campus

**Alex J. McDonald**, '40 B.A., is a retired educator residing in Spring Lake Heights, N.J.

**Arthur D. Campbell**, '72/'74 B.S., Camp Hill, was named 2001 Greater Harrisburg Area Realtor of the Year and is affiliated with KLN/B Campbell Commercial Real Estate. E-mail: Acampbell@klnbcampbell.com

**Karla Kiefer**, '81 B.A., is a writer employed by the Sponsor of National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Md.

**Candice R. Graef**, '94 Psy, East Lansing, Mich., earned a B.S. in Nursing in 2000 from Michigan State University and is now employed at Sparrow Health System, Lansing, Mich. E-mail: candiassland@hotmail.com

**William T. Consugar**, '96 PAcct, Pottsville, is the newly appointed manager of the newly acquired Hamburg location of Ross & Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. E-mail: wconsugar@rosscpa.com

**Christopher T. Guear**, '92 M.P.A., Burlington N.J., is an assistant election finance analyst at the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. He married the former Jo Ann Bilger June 23, 2001.

**Kevin M. Aach**, '92 SDCET, Schnecksville, joined the firm of Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Horsham, as a structural engineer in September 2001. E-mail: kmaach2@yahoo.com

**Mark R. James**, '92 CompSci, Mechanicsburg, is employed at JSYS. He and his wife, Marsha, celebrated the birth of son Charles Edgar recently. They are also the parents of twin sons, age 3.

**James T. Collum Jr.**, '93 InfoSys, has been promoted to senior systems/tech support engineer with Aplion Networks Inc., Edison, N.J.

**Debra S. Papciak**, '94 ElEd, Durango Colo., teaches fourth grade in the Farmington Municipal School District, and is engaged to wed James Carney in October 2002.

**Lee E. Engel**, '94 SDCET, Highspire, is em-

ployed by Rettew Associates in Lancaster and passed the Professional Engineer exam in October 2001. E-mail: Lee2karen@aol.com

**James G. Mann** '95 PubPol, Etters, graduated from Widener University School of Law and passed the state Bar Exam in 2000. He has been appointed Policy Director for State Sen. Mike Waugh (York County). Mann and his wife, Kathleen, welcomed their fifth child on May 8, 2001, and he is serving as an adjunct faculty member at Penn State Harrisburg in the School of Public Affairs. E-mail: jmann@paonline.com

**Kirk A. McCoy**, '96 SDCET, Clymer, is employed at Corjen Construction/Allequippa Construction LP, Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Connie, celebrated the birth of their second child, Connor Wayne, June 5, 2001. E-mail: Kamccoy64@aol.com

**Ann E. Mease**, '97 HComm, Gettysburg, is regional director of sales with Hersha Hospitality, New Cumberland. E-mail: AnnMease@hotmail.com

**Elizabeth Speece Steward**, '97g AmStudies, Palo Alto, Calif., is working at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University doing administrative work and research. She recently won a grant from the Sourisseau Academy to do an online historical timeline of Santa Clara Valley. E-mail: steward567@yahoo.com

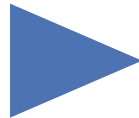
**Cheryl L. Huber**, '98 HComm, Hershey, is employed by TVC Communications, Annville. E-mail: Chuber@tvcinc.com

**Navy Ensign Michael J. Riley**, '00 B.S., recently received his commission after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

**Kerry Monaco**, '01 HComm, Southampton, N.Y., is engaged to marry and is employed as sports editor of the Southampton Press.

**Melissa Weida Ventresca**, '01 M.P.A., Harrisburg, is employed at the Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency and married Dustin M. Ventresca on Nov. 10, 2001. E-mail: missy3246@aol.com

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 or [capalumni@psu.edu](mailto:capalumni@psu.edu)

# 30 years of dedication applauded

Dr. Clemmie E. Gilpin's 30 years of dedication to the Model United Nations at Penn State Harrisburg were formally applauded at a special reception following the annual gathering's opening ceremonies Feb. 21.

Dr. Gilpin, a member of the faculty in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, is the "founding father" of the Model U.N. at the College and has remained active with the project since its inception. An estimated 10,000 high school students have visited Penn State Harrisburg for the Model United Nations since it was established on campus by Dr. Gilpin.

Honoring Dr. Gilpin at the reception were Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes, Associate Provost/Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs William Mahar, Interim Director of the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education Ernest Dishner, and the former Prime Minister of Barbados, Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford. Dr. Gilpin was also presented congratulatory proclamations from Sen. Jeff Piccola and Rep. Frank Tulli.



*Dr. Clemmie E. Gilpin shares a moment with Provost and Dean Madlyn L. Hanes at a Model United Nations reception in his honor.*

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