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Congratulations GRADUATES of the Class of 2005!

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, held its **THIRTY-FIFTH** Commencement on Saturday, May 14, 2005 before an audience of over 1200. More than 120 students participated in the ceremony which was held in the new Community Center.

Keynote speaker, **Carolyn E. Blaney**, spoke to the graduates of the “Five keys that I believe will unlock other doors in that shining city on the hill that is your life, your success, your happiness and your future.”



FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Jes Hutson gave a Power Point presentation to 5th and 6th grade students at Spring Valley School regarding his 14-day trek through the Himalayas in Nepal to the Base Camp of Mt. Everest. His presentation also included the pyramids and other places of interest.

Under the direction of **Jes Hutson**, the campus hosted nearly 300 students from 42 elementary schools, who participated in free basketball and cheerleading clinics on Good Friday. Over 700 lbs. of canned goods were collected and donated to the Fayette County Community Action Agency Food Bank

Joseph Shostell gave a two-hour presentation to the Deer Lake Association Improvement Board where he discussed the effectiveness of using carp to control plants as well as discussed if geese are a significant source of phosphorus.



Joe Shostell at Deer Lake

Penn Stater of the Quarter

PAMELA SEIGHMAN, Archivist/Coordinator of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus Coal and Coke Heritage Center, was selected as the ***Penn Stater of the Quarter*** for January–March 2005. Pamela was nominated for her contributions to both the campus and community

as an ambassador of good will and education to the local schools, and for providing information and support for local/national newspapers/magazines/businesses.

Besides preparing exhibits and giving tours and lectures, Pam serves as historian, curator, and supervisor of the Center's where she oversees a "one-of-a-kind" collection of photos, artifacts, oral histories, maps, and art. The Center's collection and archives attract institutions and people from around the world, not to mention the Smithsonian and universities throughout the United States.

Administration Of Justice News

Dick Ball has completed arrangements to spend most of his Spring Semester 2006 sabbatical at the National White Collar Crime Center, where he will work on resolution of legal and operational definitions of white collar crime and white collar crime theory. He has just signed a contract with Sage stipulating a deadline of 9/1/05 for completion of the Fourth Edition of the co-authored *Criminological Theory Context and Consequences*, which should be published in March 2006.

Don Liddick is assuming the role as Program Head of AOJ as of July 1. Don is currently at work on his next book, this one dealing with "eco-terrorism."

Judy Sturges has been notified that her acclaimed manual on jail visitation, now adopted by nearly every jail in Pennsylvania, will probably be adopted by Ohio. Judy's articles on jail visitation have already achieved international recognition.

The AOJ faculty is looking forward to the return of Brad Whitsel in the fall on his completion of a full year's sabbatical.

THE LERANING FAIR BEAR GOES TO . . .

As we listened to soft strains of harmonica, John Timko prepares to pass the Learning Fair Bear to Elaine Barry, whose students won the Spring Learning Fair competition.



When it was first suggested that the 'trophy' for the Learning Fair would be a stuffed bear, little did anyone suspect that it would become such a coveted prize, nor did anyone think it would come with so many possessions!!

No one told Elaine that she would need a moving van to get the bear's stuff to her office.



The **Spring Learning Fair** offered many exciting projects and topics. One overall winner is selected from among all the projects displayed. This competition is meant only to spur some pleasurable competition and to add fun to the Fair; thus the "prizes" are (1) glory for the winners and (2) possession of the Learning Fair Bear, who will reside in the winning instructor's faculty office as a trophy until the next Fair.

This semester's winner as best overall project was "**Developmental Examination of an Epilepsy Education Program for Children,**" by Jennifer Searcy. The project was for HDFS 429, Advanced Child Development, taught by Dr. Elaine Barry.





Retirees Honored

The seventh annual *Celebrate Penn State Fayette Retirement Recognition* dinner was held on May 6, 2005 at the Summit Inn. **Carolyn Johnson** and **Gerald Rigg** were honored for their years of outstanding service to Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus.



EMS Practitioner of the Year



Ted A. Mellors, Director of the Center for Community and Public Safety, was recognized as the EMS Practitioner of the Year by the Emergency Medical Services Institute (EMSI) during their annual conference in April. Ted was presented the prestigious award by the president of the EMSI, Mr. Bill Groft. Ted has worked with the EMSI in various capacities since 1982, and currently serves as Fayette County's EMS Coordinator, the Executive Director of the Fayette County EMS Council, and the Administrative Director of the Penn State Fayette EMS Training Institute.



2005 Excellence Awards

Members of our faculty and staff were recognized for awards and longevity, and the following 2005 Excellence Award winners were announced:

Administrative — **Joseph Segilia**

Public Service — **Sharon Rendine**

Scholarly — **Michael Comiskey**

Teaching — **Nicole Hill-Perret**

Adjunct Teaching — **Tom Rocks**

CE Teaching — **Dennis Glaus**

Ellen Laun Advising Award — **Jane Witt**

Rose Ann Williams Staff Mentoring — **Joy Fike**

College for Kids



The continuing Education Department will hold their **COLLEGE FOR KIDS** program again this summer. Classes will run for two weeks in July (July 11-15 and July 18-22). Call 724- 430-4211 for more information and a schedule.

Student of the Quarter

JACKI LINCOLN, Student of the Quarter for January–March and a graduating senior in HDFS, is incredibly busy! Not only is she a Lion Ambassador, member of the Adult Student Organization and HDFS Association, she also works in the Admissions Office. Her community service includes Meals on Wheels, co-coordinated Letters and Shoe Boxes to Troops Overseas, co-coordinated Valentine Dance for elderly at Lafayette Manor Personal Care Home, co-coordinated Milk and Cookies for Santa program, service work for Rendu Services, co-coordinated After-School for Dunlap Creek children, co-coordinated our Easter Egg Hunt, etc., and started Parent Organization at the Cub's Den Day Care Center. *WOW!*



Athletics – New Coach Hired

Shea Fleenor was hired to coach the men's basketball team at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. He spent the last three seasons as girls basketball coach at Albert Gallatin. "I've put a lot of work into getting this job and I'm obviously happy to have been hired," Fleenor said the Eberly Campus job is intriguing to him.

"With the facilities we have here, I see that great things can happen here, greater than what people may think," Fleenor said. He is already busy recruiting and Fleenor said he will not limit himself to kids from the area, although they are a priority. "Obviously, we want to target local kids, but we can't limit ourselves to this area," he said. "We want to assemble good basketball players who want a Penn State education. My plan is to work hard, to get to every gym and find the most promising players we can find."

Student Government Officers

The following students will serve as the Student Government Officers for 2005-2006:

PRESIDENT - JAMES WOLFE
VICE PRESIDENT - ROSLYN PARSHALL
SECRETARY - MANDEE REESE
TREASURER - JULIE MALENOSKY
SAC CHAIR - TIM HOCHSTEIN

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful and rewarding term.



STUDENT/ATHLETE

Congratulations to Jamie Kowalczyk, Penn State Fayette baseball player, who was recognized by the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (WPCC) as the **#1 Student Athlete** in the conference for highest academic achievement during his baseball season.

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

- Memberships are now on sale in the fitness center.
- Summer Hours
- Monday — Friday 7:00 am-9:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- Phone: 724-430-4100 ex. 4516
- Web: http://www.fe.psu.edu/Community_Center/



Joseph A. Hardy, III

Outstanding Fellow of 2005

On May 12, 2005 *Joseph A. Hardy, III* was honored by the Advisory Board as the 2005 Outstanding Fellow of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. Mr. Hardy was lauded for his leadership, vision and support of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus and the community.



L-R Wayne H. Port, Joseph Hardy, and Gregory Gray

Educator of the Year & 40 Years of Outstanding Teaching/Service

DR. DENNIS BRESTENSKY, Professor of English, was recently honored by The Education Council of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce as the post secondary school Educator of the Year.

Dr. Brestensky was lauded by his presenter, Miranda Fullem for his efforts to “bring Shakespeare’s works alive for his students.” She noted, “Dr. B is THE best professor at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus...his passion comes through every single time he teaches a class, talks to a student, or advises a Lion Player member on a certain line from the play they are performing.”

Many of Dr. Brestensky’s colleagues were present on May 4th at the State Theatre Center for the Arts when he received this prestigious award.

In addition, this year marked a milestone for Dr. Brestensky and the campus, this year he has completed 40 years of teaching and service to the campus. Dr. Brestensky is the only remaining faculty or staff member that began his/her tenure when the campus opened in 1965.



40 Years of Outstanding Teaching/Service

Congratulations Dr. Brestensky!

12 years of Outstanding Service to Penn State Fayette!

**John Hays — Good Luck,
Best Wishes & Much Happiness**



Thank you...



Dr. Gib Prettyman

*For Your Exceptional Service as
Interim Director of Academic Affairs*

Happy 40th Birthday
PENN STATE FAYETTE
The Eberly Campus

40 years of Making Life Better in Southwestern Pennsylvania

(June 1, 1965—June 1, 2005)

ALUMNI SOCIETY

On **October 22, 2005** the Alumni Society will sponsor a special event celebrating Penn State Fayette’s 40 years of success. The chairman of the planning committee for this exciting occasion is **Edwin C. Balis**.

Success... The 3rd annual Alumni Golf Outing was held on **Friday, June 10, 2005** at the Uniontown Country Club. The Outing was a great success—lots of camaraderie, lots of sunshine, and the golf...well, golf is always GREAT!!!



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Did you know?

One in every four meteorologist
 in the United States is a
 Penn State graduate.