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Celebrating 40 Years of Success!

PENN STATE FAYETTE, THE EBERLY CAMPUS

Talking Among Ourselves



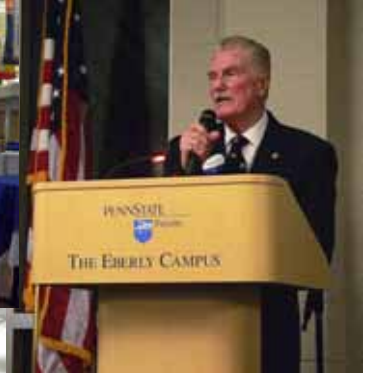
On October 22, 2005, we marked the 40th anniversary of Penn State Fayette. From its humble beginning to its magnificent present...Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus has played a vital role in the community. The growth of this unique learning community is the result of the vision of our Founders, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the excitement of our students. As we move into the future, and reflect on our successes of the past, we envision an extraordinary future in southwestern Pennsylvania.



“Life Begins at 40 — Again.”

Wolford and Lenore Swimmer

The anniversary dinner was a meshing of old memories and new visions.



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Outreach

The Center for Community and Public Safety and Penn State's Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technologies is currently preparing a proposal to provide support to the Joint Non-Lethal Education and Training Center (JNETC) located at Ford Leonard Wood, MO in order to enhance its capability to provide training support to the military services regarding the employment of non-lethal weapons. The objective of this effort will be to enhance the existing JNETC capability to improve the quality, scalability, and scope of the resident and mobile JNETC process (education) and to satisfy urgent needs brought about by current and projected military operational deployments.

During the month we also received a letter from Joseph K. Pocsatko, Sergeant of the Borough of Brad-dock Hills, who indicated that the training provided by Ted Mellors' group on critical incident response to school emergency were, "definitely some of the best instructing" that Sergeant Pocsatko had ever seen. Our outreach instructors John Hartman, Kirk Hessler, Richard Horner, William Markle, and Jerry Cavanaugh were recognized for their knowledge and professionalism during the class.

New Mining Degree

The University Senate formally approved the new **Associate of Science Degree in Mining Technology** at Penn State Fayette. Many people have been involved in developing this program, and it appears that is coming to fruition. We will begin teaching mining classes this January and a kick off was held on campus November 17.



November 17th was "**Fuel Your Future Day**" at Fayette and included several activities including an engineering program for high school students developed by **Dave Meredith**, a press conference to announce the degree, an open house for interested students in taking the degree and of course the mining companies employees coming to campus for registration and advisement. All activities were conducted from the Coal and Coke Heritage Center.

Coal and Coke Heritage Center



The Coal and Coke Heritage Center, Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, has announced plans to hold a conference entitled: "Working Together, Living Together: African-American Miners and the Coal Culture of Southwestern PA, 1870-1970." This three-day seminar will be held March 9, 10 and 11, 2006, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The main conference, scheduled for Friday, March 10, will examine interactions among Af-

rican-Americans and other ethnic groups who lived and worked in the region's coalfields and attempt to situate ethnic dynamics within the larger influences on the area. On Saturday, March 11, local history sessions will be scheduled culminating with a special luncheon recognizing noteworthy members of the African-American community with the Outstanding Citizens Award. One goal of the overall program is to foster and develop scholarship of African-American

Miners living and working in this geographical region, while promoting future study and research. The conference is open to the general public with advanced reservations.

Those interested in presenting or attending all or any part of this event, as well as those wanting to make suggestions or comments, are welcome to contact Pamela Seighman at 724.430.4158 or pxs47@psu.edu for more information.

Picking Judges in a Free Society

New Excellence Awards

Last spring the *Ellen M. Laun Advising Excellence Award* was presented to **Jane Witt**, and **Joy Fike** was the recipient of the *Rose Ann Williams Staff Mentoring Excellence Award*.

In spring 2006 we will present the first winner of the *Barbara Solesky Staff Assistant Service Excellence Award*. These new awards go along with the Excellence Awards and are on display in the Library.

Picking Judges in a Free Society

December 1, 2005—Noon

“Is There Anything New at the Supreme Court?”

Colloquium by Dr. Michael Comiskey
101 BioMed Building

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Open to Public

“How Should We Pick Judges?”

A Panel Discussion

Judge John F. Wagner, Jr., Judge Steve P. Leskinen,
Dr. Michael Comiskey, Attorney Wayne H. Port and Professor
Chris Bonneau, University of Pittsburgh

Corporate Training Center—Eberly Building

Exciting New Initiatives...

We are about to undertake some new and I feel exciting activities on campus which will provide academic stimulation. We have recently entered into an agreement with the *Herald Standard* to provide a monthly guest editorial from one of our faculty members. In the near future, Dr. Saltz will be coordinating this activity with our faculty. The first editorial should appear in the *Herald Standard* some time between November 28th and 30th and will be on the selection of supreme court justices—guess who?

Our next activity is currently in the planning stages. However, the idea is to further explore the topic which appeared in the local paper. On December 1st, our plan is to have a general theme of "Picking Judges in a Free Society." **Dr. Michael Comiskey** will be presenting his faculty colloquium at noon which will be open to the general public. Mike's topic is, "Is There Anything New at the Supreme Court?" From 6:30-8:00 p.m., Mike will moderate a panel discussion around the topic, "How Should We Pick Judges?" In addition to Dr. Comiskey, we hope to have another political scientist, a lawyer, and two local judges participate. I feel that this type of program will help to highlight and, indeed, publicize the quality of our faculty and academic programs.

Project 720

As you know, the state of Pennsylvania recently approved Project 720, a program for high school students to obtain dual enrollment at certain colleges and universities. Fayette Campus is very involved in developing partnerships with local schools, and we anticipate a great deal of high school students on campus this January for the purpose of taking our course work. Indeed, many people had a great deal to do with our participation in the 720 project, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention the outstanding efforts and leadership provided by **Yasmin Brown** in her role as our Tech Prep Coordinator. We will keep you updated on the number of 720 students in attendance.

Nursing Students Serve the Community...

On Saturday, October 15th, 2005 nine Nursing students from Nursing 211 participated in the Fayette Home Care and Hospice 7th Annual Diabetic Health Fair and Awareness Day held at Uniontown Hospital. The nursing students participated in educating the public about diabetes screening and management such as proper diet and exercise.

Volleyball Team Champions!

Congratulations!

2005 PSUAC Volleyball Champions!

The Penn State Fayette Roaring Lion volleyball team won the PSUAC Championship title for the first time in Fayette volleyball history. The team defeated Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State DuBois, and Penn College to remain undefeated in Saturday's play to be the first seed into Sunday's Final Four. After a comeback in match one from Penn Col-

lege, Fayette took the conference title with a 2-0 win over Penn College. Congratulations to the Penn State Fayette Women's Volleyball team on a successful **season!**



The men's baseball team



finished the fall season with an overall record of 14-10. Their conference record was 9-4 which placed them 3rd in the conference for the fall. These records will continue over to the spring season and the PSUAC championship will be held at University Park at the end of April.

Service Learning

Service learning continues to prosper. As I understand several projects are currently underway including administration of justice students doing a presentation at public schools, HDFS 311 students doing 25 hours intervention service learning projects. Kinesiology class is working with AG Montissour; Dr.

Cohen's class working with city missions; Joe Shostell and Nathan Viswanathan doing science-related projects; Dick Cupelli, Junior Achievement; Lynn Petko, Angel Tree with City Mission, Cub's Den Reading Project, etc, etc. Indeed, the Service Learning Program which was initiated several years

ago on our campus continues to flourish and provide an excellent, hands-on educational experience for our students while at the same time providing a great deal of service to the community. Thanks to Lynn Petko for her continued leadership.

Coffee House

The Coffee House is now in its 7th year and draws performers and visitors from the student body, faculty, and community to its monthly events.



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We received a note from the city mission thanking us for the continued interest, kindness and support of Penn State Fayette to the city mission and its interests.

Recently several inventoried old computers were installed in the library at city missions. Adrian Wilson sent a thank you as well as appreciation for **Dave Meredith, Lynn Petko, Bev Peterson, Al Thompson and Eric Cohen** who support the activities of city missions.

Veteran's Day

The Campus community honored the courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country of our veterans and those who have fallen during the Global War on Terrorism on Friday, November 11, 2005 at Noon in front of the Williams Building.

This Veteran's Day followed an announcement that over 2000 American soldiers have been killed in the Global War on Terrorism. The Campus Veterans Affairs Office and The Student Government Association teamed together to sponsor a memorial display consisting of

2000 American Flags commemorating those who have fallen in the Global War on Terrorism. The memorial was displayed on the grass behind the Hippo Memorial between the Eberly and Williams Buildings.



Penn Stater of the Quarter...

Congratulations!

JANET GIBSON, Staff Assistant in the Office of Development and University Relations, was selected as the Penn Stater of the Quarter for July - September 2005. Janet was nominated for her extraordinary and relentless activity in the planning and execution of the myriad activities for Penn State Fay-

ette's 40th Anniversary Celebration while simultaneously maintaining the same high level of efficiency and effectiveness in her added responsibilities during the absence of her supervisor who was on military leave. Janet was commended for her impeccable record keeping skills during this time of maximum activity and for unerringly processing all incoming revenue for the 40th celebration



Janet Gibson accepts her award.

...Student of the Quarter



Dr. Gregory Gray and Jamie Kowalczyk

JAMIE KOWALCZYK is involved in a wide array of activities and organizations on campus. He wrote a baseball article that appeared in the *Roaring Lion*. As a member of the Roaring Lions baseball team, Jamie developed, organized and completed a community service activity in which he collected \$140 for the hurricane relief fund. Jamie was also the captain of the champion intramural flag football team and the captain of an intramural dodgeball team. Jamie serves as the game-day manager of the basketball team and ran the scoreboard for the last four home volleyball games. He is part of the public relations division of SGA where he works on advertising campus events in the local papers to enhance community involvement. He presently volunteers in the adopt-a-highway clean up initiative. Jamie is a sophomore with a 4.0 GPA. Jamie epitomizes the phrase, "Penn State Proud." **Congratulations, Jamie!**

Outstanding Alumnus

Penn State Fayette bestowed the twenty-first “Outstanding Alumnus of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus Award” to **Daniel E. Lyga.**

In 1992, Mr. Lyga began his college career at Penn State Fayette majoring in mechanical engineering, but discovered he preferred the design and applied aspects of the Architectural Engineering Technology program. In the summer of 1995, Daniel moved to northern Virginia to accept an

employment opportunity as a mechanical designer for EAC Engineers & Architects where he worked for 10 years, all the while



L-R Wayne Port, Daniel Lyga, Gregory Gray

traveling all across the world and consulting for numerous government agencies, including the State Department, Department of Defense, DEA, NASA and the Smithsonian Institution.

Daniel’s novel, *Mark of Deliverance*, was published in 2004. He has been featured in two local newspapers and a Washington, DC radio program regarding the book. Daniel is currently with the Bell Company, managing the Computer Aided Drafting department at their Richmond, Virginia office.

Activities

Thanks to Gerry Dorobish for hosting 20 first-grade Tiger Club Scouts from Pack 623 on a tour of the Library. For almost all of them, it was their first visit to the campus. The class of 2017?

Jes Hutson is a member of West Virginia University’s Physical Education Visiting School Advisory Board and recently spent several

days in Morgantown collaborating with colleagues from around the country.

The Kinesiology Department conducted its first K Day recently, by hosting 8 students from the AG Montessori Grade School. The students participated in taebo, walking, jogging and

strength training, and were coached and mentored on a 1 to 1 basis by K students in Jes’s classes.

“Our faculty and staff are making a difference in southwestern Pennsylvania.”
Greg Gray

Jes is conducting a 10 week basketball fundamentals program at the South Union Rec Center, for approximately thirty first and second grade students in the Laurel Highlands School District.

Native American History



As part of Penn State Fayette's Cultural Series, The Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers celebrated Native American culture from the past, present and future on Tuesday, November 8th. The event took place in Swimmer Hall. Following the performance, a small reception was held in the Cultural Center to discuss the performance and explore the Native American artifacts and art displays.



During the month of November, the Library is featuring a native American History display. Dr. Rodger Henderson stands in front of the latest edition—a replica of a totem pole, **“Spirit of the Raven.”**

Art Exhibition

Patrick Daugherty has two art exhibitions at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh from October 17 to November 29. Mr. Daugherty will be exhibiting his oil painting "The Tavern at Nemaocolin Woodlands", 24" x 24", in the **Alumni Show 2005**. The painting is a still life of the Tavern bar and was first exhibited at Nemaocolin Woodlands.

The second exhibition was at Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, **Education Department Exhibit**, September 16 to November 19.



"The Tavern at Nemaocolin Woodlands"



"Niki"

The oil painting "Niki", 13" x 17", is a figure painting demonstration, painted from life, presented in my painting class at Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

Faculty Publications

Dr. Evelyn Pluhar's

"Experimentation on Humans and Non-humans, THEORETICAL MEDICINE AND BIOETHICS has been accepted for publication in 2006.

Dr. Jerry Hoeg has agreed to co-edit a volume for Rutledge tentatively titled, *Latin American Women Writers* which should be out in 2008. Dr. Hoeg recently returned from Mexico City where he attended a conference he organized at the La Casa de la Primera Imprenta, which is where the first printing press in the Americas was — and still is. In addition to organizing, he presented a paper and chaired a session.

Dr. Elaine Barry has had a paper accepted for publication in *Clinical Psychology Review*. It is called "Depression, Implicit Memory, and Self: A Revised Memory Model of Emotion" and is coauthored with Mary Naus and Lynn Rehm.

Dr. Terry Halfhill, Eberly Professor of Business, spent four weeks in Europe this summer studying European economies in transition, assisting com-

panies in Moscow (Coca-Cola), Bulgaria (Carlsberg Brewery), and the Czech Republic (Volkswagen Skoda Auto). In addition, he has published two refereed articles:

Halfhill, T., Sundstrom, E., Lehner, J. E., Calderone, W.S. & Nielsen, T.M.(2005). Group Personality Composition and Group Effectiveness A Qualitative Review of Empirical Research. *Small Group Research*, 36, 83-105.

Halfhill, T., Sundstrom, E., Nielsen, T.M. & Weilbaecher, A. (2005). Group Personality Composition and Performance in Military Service Teams. *Military Psychology*, 17, 39-53.

Dr. Halfhill also published two book chapters:

Nielsen, T.M., Halfhill, T., & Nielsen, S.K. (2005). Prosocial behavior and performance at three levels of analysis: An integrative model. In D.

Turnipseed (Ed.), *Handbook of Organizational Citizenship Behavior* (pp. 157-177). Hauppauge, NY Nova Science.

Nielsen, T.M., Sundstrom, E.D., & Halfhill, T.R. (2005). Group dynamics and Effectiveness: Five years of applied research. In S. Wheelan (Ed.), *The Handbook of Group Research and Practice* (pp. 285-311). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Terry has been invited to speak to the graduate students in the business school at George Washington University on November 16th and 17th on the topic of



The Advisory Board of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus 2005

The Alumni Society



Proceeds benefit the Alumni Society Scholarship Fund. Please contact Janet Gibson (724-430-4190) for more information.

The Alumni Society is pleased to offer the following items for sale:

Afghan—\$50
Tribute Book—\$15
Pictorial CD—\$5



Oh Christmas Trees...



'Tis the season to decorate!

Student clubs and organizations decorate Christmas trees as part of a Chinese Auction. Purchase tickets and take a chance on your favorite tree! Winners will be announced on Lion Up Night, Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm in the Cultural Center. Light refreshments will be served. Have a cookie—win a tree.

—Sponsored by the Lion Ambassadors.

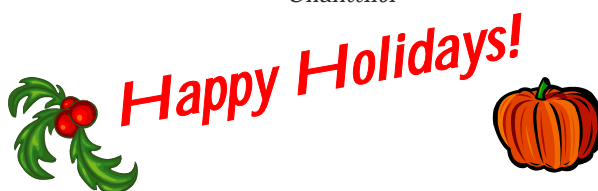


A Message from the Chancellor

As the end of this year marking our 40th anniversary nears, I believe it is fitting to reflect upon the growth and successes we have achieved through the dedication of our talented faculty, staff and students. We are very fortunate to learn and work in an environment like The Eberly Campus. The campus has become a center for the growth and development of Fayette County and the region and is committed to enhancing its learning environment each day.

We will all face the challenges and opportunities of a new year, and I feel the campus is poised to embrace these opportunities and move positively forward. Indeed, 2006 promises to be a very exciting time in the history of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus.

Gregory Gray
Chancellor



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