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Talking Among Ourselves

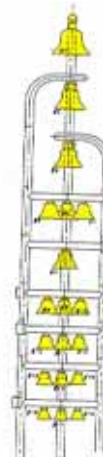


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On October 22, 2005, the Alumni Society will sponsor Penn State Fayette's 40th Anniversary (1965—2005) celebration. The day-long activities will include an Open House, a barbecue, a formal dinner, donor recognition for the giving tree, and the inaugural ringing of the new bell tower. **You won't want to miss it!**

[See page 4 for more details.]



Coming Soon...



STEP I — THE FOUNDATION/
BASE FOR OUR NEW BELL TOWER

Where we have been...

Where we are going

On Friday, August 26th we kicked off the 2005-2006 academic year with *Welcome Back* activities. Faculty and Staff are looking forward to another year of providing our students with the best educational experience possible.



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Of Special Note...

The University Faculty Senate Officers will visit Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus on Tuesday, September 27, 2005.

Faculty in the News

Dr. Michael Comiskey has had a busy summer talking to the news media about the pending Supreme Court appointment. He's spoken to BBC Radio, the Wall Street Journal, and the Los Angeles Times, among others. He also had an op-ed piece in the Baltimore Sun entitled "Keep the Politics in the Appointment Process" on National Public Radio.

Dr. Nathan Viswanathan is a recipient of a grant from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh towards the purchase of High Pressure Liquid Chromatography System (HPLC) used in the separation and identification of chemicals. He bought the instrument in June 2005 and is now using it in his research on organometallics as well as in the Forensic Science courses that were developed at Fayette.

Dr. Mona Counts was profiled in the recent edition of Penn State Nursing, a magazine for Alumni & Friends, talking about the services offered at the Mt. Morris Primary Care Center in Greene County. Dr. Counts, the Elouise Ross Eberly Professor of Nursing, has been elected president-elect of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and will serve a one-year term beginning September 2006.

Dr. James Crawford attended the Seventh International Conference on Clifford Algebras and their Applications in Theoretical Physics, hosted by the Universite Paul Sabatier and SUPAERO, in Toulouse, France, May 19 through May 29,

2005. The title of Jim's talk was: "The Principle of Equivalence and Spin Generated Gravitational Interactions."

Dr. Joseph Shostell, Professor of Biology, participated in *Fayette County Earth Day 2005*. In an article in the Daily Courier Dr. Shostell was quoted as saying, "At Deer Lake, the Deer Lake Association has taken a creative approach to managing plant over growth. They have introduced triploid carp, which eat the plants. We're seeing if they have an impact." The biology department has also recently purchased a boat and will start research on the Youghiogheny River to determine what types of insects, fish and other species are staying and which are leaving, a good indication of a waterway's health.

Congratulations to Dr. Jerrold Hoeg, who has been promoted to Full Professor! Jerry has signed a contract for his next book, Science and Technology in the Spanish-Speaking World with Palgrave-Macmillan. He also edited **Articles in Refereed Journals**: "Science and Society." *Dialog* (2005): n.p. "La ciudad de los prodigios de Eduardo Mendoza frente a una visión latinoamericana de ciencia, cultura y

tecnología." *Revista Iberoamericana* (2005): forthcoming.

Book Chapters: "María Josefa García Granados: textos y contextos." *Ilustres autores guatemaltecos del siglo XIX y XX*. Eds. Oralia Preble-Niemi and Luis A. Jiménez. Guatemala: Artemis Edinter, 2004. 23-32. (actually out in 2005)

Book Reviews: *Green Letters: Science and Literature*. *Ometeca* 9 (2005): 242. "Review of *Tower of Babel* and six other books on science and literature."

Ometeca 9 (2005): 234-37. Jerry was also busy with service work, presented scholarly papers and provided consulting services.

Did you know...

100 percent of our staff was involved in some type of professional development during the year.

Congratulations!

New Degree

Over the last several months, we have been discussing a new mining curriculum with both University and mining officials. It appears that the **Associate of Science Degree in Mining Technology** is ready to go! The program will be submitted to the Senate in September. I want to particularly thank **Dave Meredith** for his leadership to bring this project to fruition.

Honors Program

Although our more "flashy" honors programs receive the headlines, I would be remiss if I did not recognize all of the campus classes. In addition to the *Beatles and American Culture program*, *First Year Seminar* and *Contemporary Issues in Society* were presented by Jane Witt and Beverly Peterson, as well as *Honors Freshman Composition* by Beverly Peterson. Honors options included *Mythology* (Fred Adams), *Electricity/Magnetism* (James Crawford), *Asian Philosophy*, *Critical thinking* (Werner Pluhar), *Literature and Society* (Beverly Peterson), *Algebra II and Geometry*, and *Finite Mathematics* (Kevin Maxwell).

Faculty and Staff

WELCOME...

PAULA R. CONGELIO, CPA, began her duties as Director of Finance and Business Services on September 1. Paula was Director of Financial Services at Uniontown Health Resources, Inc.

DR. IRA S. SALTZ, our new Director of Academic Affairs, began his duties on June 1, 2005. Dr. Saltz came to us from the University of Central Arkansas.

DR. TERRY HALFHILL

Dr. Terry Halfhill, Assistant Professor of Business and the Eberly Fellow in Business, comes to us from Penn State New Kensington.

MICHAEL TARASAN

Mr. Michael Tarasan began his duties as the night foreman in the Tech Services Department on September 1, 2005.

ATHLETICS



During the next several months, we will be talking about upgrading our intercollegiate athletic programs. We currently offer men's baseball (CCAC champs last year), women's volleyball, men's basketball, and women's softball. We hope to add men's golf and women's basketball in 2006-2007 academic year.

New Coaches

Shea Fleenor—Men's Basketball

Ray Smitley—Men's Baseball

Courtney Williams—Women's Volleyball

Sandy Smith—Women's Softball

STUDENT TEACHERS

I am pleased to report that Penn State Fayette has been chosen as a site to provide supervision for student teachers in the area of physical health education. **Dr. Sandy Smith** will be coordinating this activity on campus.

Dr. Sandy Smith received an undergraduate education retention grant from the University for \$4,500 to provide academic assistance to our student athletes.

ASHRAE

Sponsored by McMillen Engineering, members of the Penn State Fayette Student Branch and Engineering Explorer Post 614 attended ASHRAE's 2005 Winter Meeting and toured a heating operations and transmission district facility in Washington, DC.

Buildings and Grounds

During the summer we completed our annual report of activity in the new Community Center. We were gratified to learn that over 50,000 individuals used some part of the facility during its first year of operation.

Although there were no major new building openings this year, I must say we have upgraded quite a few areas on campus. Please stop by the Coal and Coke Center at your earliest convenience to see its expansion, and move down through the back of the library to see the

new space that we have generated to display our new Indian artifact collection. Also we have remodeled the "old cafeteria serving area" into a very nice meeting room to be used by students, faculty, and staff, and the rear of the library has been converted into a painting studio for our art students led by none other than Dave DiPietro.

New shelving units and storage



units have been constructed for athletic paraphernalia and stage production props, etc. Thanks to UCIF funding, the Engineering Building has been upgraded. Bobby Salitrik has submitted a proposal to upgrade BioMed. Speaking of the BioMed Lecture Center, I am pleased to announce that DGS has funded \$44,000 for the heat control. What this means is that students will no longer have to wear jackets in the first couple rows, nor will they "roast" in the top rows — a good/timely solution!

Outreach

We continue to offer many courses at our off-site locations. This necessitates the additional commitment of our faculty and staff who give of their time to give advice, counsel, market and recruitment activities at the off-site locations. We will be offering two cohort groups of nursing at the Westmoreland Community College in the fall, we will offer Nursing at the Uniontown Hospital, and continue our efforts with UPS. Penn State Fayette created the first on-line program for

military for the Department of Defense (primarily Marines). This 7-module program leads to a certificate in non-lethal weapons and will enable Marines to go on line (while in Iraq or other countries) to refresh their training. During the summer Penn State presented a national program on work force education and development. Two of the presenters, our own **Joe Segilia** and **Ted Mellors**, made a presentation to the group on Work Force Development on line.

Guest Commentary

Frank D. Georgiana, Jr., Library Assistant I, has had two articles published as a "Guest Commentary" in the Editorial Section of the *Uniontown Herald Standard Newspaper*. The first, entitled, "Steroid Use Fact of Life in Modern Athletics" was published on July 6th and the second article, "Gene Therapy" ran on August 27th.

Congratulations, Frank!

Celebrating 40 Years of Success!

You are invited to the
40th Anniversary Celebration
of
Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus
(1965 – 2005)
Saturday, October 22, 2005



You and your family are invited to join us as we celebrate 40 years of learning, growing, friendships, and community involvement. This day is also the 2nd annual statewide observation of all things that define the “Glory of Old State.”

Our Admissions team has planned lots of events for current and future students plus our alums. So join us for the entire day or select the events that interest you.

9:45 am Welcome – Community Center/Magerko Auditorium

10 am - Noon Academic/Student Affairs Fair
Athletic Events (blue/white basketball and volleyball games)

12 noon - 3pm Barbecue & Spring Fling type events
(\$10 per person) Children 6 and under are free!

(Tours of the campus will be available throughout the day.)

4 pm Donor Tree unveiling of new donor plaques

5 pm Bell Tower Dedication

6 – ? pm Social Hour & 40th Anniversary Dinner
Community Center (\$50 per person)

Invitations will be mailed the week of September 12. If you don't receive one, call 724-430-4190 and request one to be mailed or email: jl3@psu.edu

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