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As 2007 came to a close, I was often asked, “So, how has your first year been as chancellor at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus?” As I look back to where I began in February 2007 and where we are now, I can say, “Very invigorating!”

There is a lot happening here at Penn State Fayette. I hope this debut issue of the *Fayette Nittany Newsline* gives you a feel for the vitality this campus has. And I hope this annual publication gives you a greater awareness of our commitment to our students and the community.

During my first year here I have been learning to understand the issues and the environment of Fayette County and southwestern Pennsylvania. There are challenges, indeed, but there also are many opportunities.

In 2008, we will be developing a five-year strategic plan for our campus—a task to be completed by July 1, 2008. In the five-year plan we will be identifying opportunities that offer solutions to the challenges we face in the near future, which in large part pertain to our place in the community and the region. The looming questions are: Will we be offering future students the education that allows them to be globally competitive? And will local employers find among our graduates the valuable employees they need to sustain continued economic development that is vital to our region?

I see tremendous opportunity to reach out to the community to develop programs that respond to regional needs and trends, for example, academic programs in hospitality and restaurant management, and in education, and expanding our science, engineering, and nursing programs. We also need to continue to develop creative new programs—such as Science Forensics (read more about this program on page 4), and refresher English and math camps—that provide targeted solutions to systemic problems.

Using the guiding principles of mutual transparency, fairness, and responsiveness, we will make a better future for our students and the region. But we can't do it alone. I hope what you read in this publication will inspire you to join us and support us as we strive to better serve our students, the community, the region, the nation, and, increasingly, the global village.

Emmanuel I. Osagie, Ph.D., PMP

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**GIB PRETTYMAN** is the Interim Director of Academic Affairs and an associate professor of English. When he's not teaching or

writing, he likes to read utopian fiction and Buddhist philosophy. "It always helps to keep an open mind."



**TRISHA ROSS** was a public relations intern at Penn State Fayette May-December 2007. She is a communications studies major,

with a history minor, at California University of Pennsylvania. Due to graduate in May 2008, Ross observes, "I really enjoyed the environment and all the people I was fortunate to work with at Penn State Fayette. They have helped shape me and the career path that I would like to follow."



**SUSAN BRIMO-COX** is Penn State Fayette's new director of public relations. Coming on board in August as the 2007-2008 academic year

began, she has made herself right at home. "It's a big family, but incredibly welcoming!" she reports. And she is happy to share the news of Penn State Fayette far and wide.

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Penn State Fayette student Brian Markwood coined the name of our new annual publication, the Fayette Nittany Newsline. Markwood explains, "Newsline' sounded, in part, like 'lion' and I liked the play on words." Markwood graduated with a bachelor's degree in English in December 2007. A resident of Uniontown, he says he will be substitute teaching and hopes to obtain a full-time position. "Eventually, I would like to earn my Ph.D. and become a college professor."

## SCIENCE FORENSICS: PATHWAY FOR “GIFTED UNDERACHIEVERS”

by Trisha Ross

The summer of 2007 marked the beginning of a new initiative to facilitate learning for high school students in Fayette County, “Science Forensics: An Academic Pathway in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.” With the help of faculty, staff, and sponsorships from Westmoreland/Fayette County Workforce Investment Board and the Penn State Fayette Advisory Board, Dr. Emmanuel Osagie, chancellor of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, launched the academic camp for rising ninth-graders.



Osagie saw the need for this academic camp after reviewing proficiency performance data on students in Fayette County. He saw that students in Fayette County were not doing well in English and math. Data from the past two years indicated that a substantial percent of incoming Penn State Fayette traditional students were testing deficient in math and English. In 2006, 20 percent of Penn State Fayette freshmen were enrolled in remedial English courses, and 25 percent of freshmen were enrolled in remedial math courses.

Students who were eligible for Science Forensics were those who had a

letter grade of C or lower in math or science and were from Fayette County. These students, also known as “gifted underachievers,” are generally those who fall short of academic expectations in general, and in math and science in particular. The overall goal of the academic summer camp is to increase the gifted underachievers’ knowledge and performance in English, math, and science.

The program began with a three-week academic camp, and continues eight Saturdays during the academic school year. This process will be repeated until the students graduate from high school. The first week of “camp,” the students studied engineering and technology. The second week, they learned about biology, such as animal wildlife and nature. The last week, the students were taught forensic science. Students completed projects during the camp, such as creating a solar hot dog cooker, a recipe for concrete, and creating a model of a chocolate chip cookie factory. Other activities included a field trip to study a swamp and its natural surroundings, and making homemade ice cream in an old-fashioned ice cream churner.

There is no cost for the Science Forensics program for the students who qualify; free breakfast and lunch is provided. Gifted underachievers who successfully complete each summer camp receive a \$100 stipend. Students who complete the Science Forensics Saturday Academy also receive a \$100 stipend.

Penn State Fayette will provide opportunities for juniors and seniors who entered the camp as ninth-graders to dual enroll for high school and college credits

in math, science, and English. Gifted underachievers, who begin the program the summer before their ninth-grade school year, will be eligible for scholarships from Penn State Fayette, as well as early admission. Students are also given the opportunity for local internships in Fayette County during their junior year of high school.

Students who completed the summer program displayed overall contentment with the camp. When asked if she was looking forward to the Saturday Academy, student Brianna Black said, “I’m excited! I can’t wait to do more fun things and activities that we’ve done this summer, and I can’t wait to meet new people.”

A parent of one of the students who completed the summer program was excited about the benefits. Parent Angela Ross said, “I absolutely love the fact that the kids get the college experience this early. My son wants to be a brain surgeon after this camp. I think they are realizing the importance of their education. This is a great opportunity for the students to earn these credits on a college level; most kids do not get this kind of opportunity.”

There were a total of eighteen students who completed the inaugural summer camp. Each year, a cohort of new students will enroll in the program and, in four years, the camp could have a total of one-hundred students enrolled in the program.



## INCUBATOR HELPS PENN STATE FAYETTE STUDENTS PURSUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus is lending a helping hand to students interested in starting their own businesses. The Center for Entrepreneurial Technology Education Services (CETES), which launched in June 2007, is a Web-based business incubator that will enable students to investigate and assess their plans and dreams of becoming future business owners. Entrepreneurial-minded students access the CETES Web site through a virtual portal, via Web-based technology, on the University's homepage.

Penn State Fayette Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie believes that the incubation process will encourage students to create businesses in southwestern Pennsylvania, which promotes local economic development. Prior student business development successes indicate that this assumption is realistic.



*The Penn State Fayette CETES leadership team includes (from left): Bill Gardner, Penn State Fayette instructor of business, CETES director; Elliot Galand, Penn State University employee, CETES operations manager, Penn State Fayette alum; Tricia Zychowski, Penn State Fayette student, marketing major; Bill Hugland, Penn State Fayette student, marketing major; Doug DeFrank, Penn State Fayette employee, Penn State Fayette alum; Peter Eberle, Penn State Fayette instructor of business, CETES director.*

CETES Director Peter Eberle explains, "I believe that with a solid work ethic and the sincere interest to stay local after graduation, Penn State Fayette students will be highly successful in business. From the efforts of the upcoming generation of community leaders and decision makers, these entrepreneurial endeavors will go a long way toward returning resources back to the community."

As students explore the preliminary development of their business ideas, they proceed through several steps with the CETES incubator team. First, students complete and submit a "First Interest Inventory" that helps a student determine the type of business that best suits his or her interests. The CETES director

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## MINING FOR STUDENTS

Penn State Fayette's mining technology associate degree program offers area high school students promising career opportunities, and a focused effort to take that information into local high schools made inroads in 2007. Program presenters Joe Podolinski and Yasmin Brown have visited dozens of schools and have spoken with a wide variety of interested students, some of them girls. Eight high schools signed articulation agreements in 2007 with Penn State—bringing the total number to sixteen—a move that also helps ensure interested students have the necessary academic and technological competencies for their intended program of study.

Podolinski says, "The exciting thing about this is helping students identify and explore a career pathway in mining technology, and knowing that these opportunities really do exist. These high paying opportunities are right in our backyard." The program currently offers two course options: production and maintenance. Podolinski reports students are surprised to learn that mining is a highly-technical industry, that mining technology graduates are offered high-paying jobs, and that mining is less dangerous than many other local occupations, such as being a truck driver, construction laborer, farm laborer, roofer, or timber cutter.

## NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED FOR NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TRAINING

Penn State's Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technologies and the Center for Community and Public Safety have created a 62-hour non-credit certificate on non-lethal weapons for the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, and a similar certificate on less-lethal weapons for civilian law enforcement professionals. The certificate is delivered online through Penn State's World Campus via ANGEL, the University's course management system.

Those who complete the program receive a Non-lethal Weapons: Policies, Practices and Technologies Certificate. The certificate is offered free to military personnel as a refresher program. Students have six months to complete the sixty-two hours of coursework. Students who enroll are Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force members. Military personnel are enrolled from places around the world, including Italy, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Japan, Iraq, Korea, and Afghanistan. The certificate is placed in a military member's personnel file and provides documentation for academic achievement as a component for promotions. There are several students enrolled from the Connellsville area and numerous students from Allegheny County.

The certificate includes a focus on kinetic and riot control non-lethal weapons, maritime vessel and vehicle stoppers, and new non-lethal weapons based on emerging technology, and the different type of non-lethal weapons available within the U.S. military.

The cost for non-active military personnel is \$299. The program has been funded for the past four years by the Department of Defense.

In addition, The Center for Community and Public Safety was recently awarded seven contracts totaling more than \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Binay Chandgothia, chief investment officer at Des Moines, Iowa-based Principal Asset Co.'s Asia office in Hong Kong, spoke to a public gathering, including business students, about "Emerging Trends in Global Asset Allocation." Diversification, he says, should be the No. 1 strategy for anyone investing these days, and as global economies change and emerging nations grow economically there are more options for the investor. Because people are living longer, they need to create longer cash streams for their post-retirement period, Chandgothia says. "If you want growth you have to tolerate volatility," but, he adds, "The biggest mistake you can make is to put everything in the same basket. You must diversify."



Penn State Fayette's advisory board honored John S. Piwowar III (center, back) as the 2007 "Outstanding Fellow of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus." He is pictured here with his parents, John and Helen Piwowar Jr. Piwowar III was elected to the Penn State Fayette Advisory Board in 1981. He is a graduate of Uniontown Area High School and a 1972 graduate of Penn State University, with a master of science degree in dairy science. Piwowar served in the U.S. Army and was employed by the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension Service before he returned to his family's dairy farm in 1976. Piwowar has been very involved in the local community on many fronts since his return to the area.



"Demystifying the Middle East," a week-long cultural celebration in October offered numerous public events. Dr. Arthur Goldschmidt Jr., a former Penn State University professor who earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University in history and Middle East studies, talked about cultures, traditions, religions and the politics of the Middle East. The Khafj Middle Eastern song and dance ensemble performed music from Afghanistan, Uzbek and Tadjik, and dance routines from Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East. And a Middle East-themed student art contest and exhibition featured entries from local high school students and Penn State Fayette students.



In October, Dr. K. Robert Clarke of Plymouth, England, came to campus to present a two-day workshop that drew individuals in academia, governmental agencies and private companies, from as far away as Florida, Mississippi, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Saskatchewan, Canada, to attend. Dr. Clarke developed "Primer" statistical analysis software, a product popular among ecologists, medical researchers, social scientists and others. About six years ago, after 30 years in academia, Clarke spun out his business to publish research and market his software. As he observes, "I've been very lucky to hit on something that has great implications and interest. It's a fantastic way to finish a career in research."



November's Native American Celebration featured the authentic Native American dance, drum and song routines of Piscataway Nation and a multi-media performance from guitarist, singer, songwriter, story teller and lecturer Jack Gladstone. School children and adults alike enjoyed and learned from the performances in the Maggie Hardy Magerko Auditorium.



In producing a special "On Q" program about the Darr Mine explosion, which occurred December 19, 1907, WQED sought out the Penn State Fayette's Coal and Coke Heritage Center for documents and photographs. TV photojournalist/editor Paul Ruggieri filmed footage at the museum. Museum Curator Pamela Seighman says the explosion, in which 239 miners were killed, happened at Jacob's Creek in Westmoreland County, near Smithton. It was the fourth deadliest mining disaster in the United States and ranked the deadliest in Pennsylvania. However, she says, "We've come so far today regarding mining safety, with advanced technology, miner training and overall awareness of safety issues. It's hard to compare the industry as it was 100 years ago to current times."



A production team from Penn State Public Broadcasting spent a day on campus in the fall, interviewing and filming students for a new promotional video for Penn State Fayette. Students, faculty and staff went out of their way to facilitate the effort. The completed video is available for viewing online at <http://admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/multimedia/campuses/>, and soon will become a part of the Penn State Fayette Web site.



The Greensburg American Opera took to the stage for a special opera program for children, "I want Smore Opera!" Performers Christina Farrell and Scott Dix performed arias around the campfire and answered all the questions children have about opera, such as: "How do you know what's going on if the words are in a foreign language?" "Why do they sing like that?" "Are opera stories always serious?" And, "Could I go to the opera if my tuxedo is at the dry cleaners?"



Aaron L. Swimmer (center) was honored as the recipient of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Outstanding Alumnus of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus Award in November 2007. Swimmer attended Penn State Fayette from 1987-1989, where he was elected as the campus' first president of the Lion Ambassadors. In 1990, he graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. And in the years following, he contributed in many ways to the local area—most significantly in the areas of economic development and volunteer service. Today he resides in Florida, where he also has become a leader in business

and his community. Swimmer appears above with Wayne H. Port (left), chairman of The Advisory Board of Penn State Fayette Inc., and Penn State Fayette Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie.



Penn State Fayette's National Engineer's Week celebration in February featured Robert Kobet, chairman of the USGBC LEED for Schools Application Guide Initiative and contractor for development of the USGBC LEED for Contractors and Construction Managers Workshop. Kobet, who has world-class experience in the design, construction and operation of high-performance schools, shared his expertise with an audience interested in sustainable design.



The cultural series presented by Penn State Fayette's Diversity Task Force has become a staple of the community. The spring semester series featured African Resurrection, a heralded group from Baltimore. The group shared a rich legacy of traditional West African dance, music and folklore with the audience that music enthusiasts enjoyed. After the show, a reception was held in the Cultural Center to honor the local student artists featured in the semester's celebration of diversity.



## HUMANITARIAN EMERGES FROM PENN STATE FAYETTE EXPERIENCE

The Reverend Dr. Angel De La Cruz was born into a poor family and raised in Harlem, New York. He experienced a tough childhood and spent his teen years as a drug dealer and a drug abuser. Then, while in ninth grade, he dropped out of school, after missing nearly eighty days of school per year. Eventually, De La Cruz became homeless, at around the same time Harlem's gang activity was at its worst. After being homeless for almost a year, he moved into the projects and continued with his less-than-glamorous life, a continuing result of his drug addiction.

At the young age of 19, with the help of a life-altering religious experience and with the realization of a need for change, De La Cruz began turning his life around. At this point in his life he was married and had two children, who also helped him begin his journey towards a new and better life.

De La Cruz moved from the heart of New York City to what he calls, "the most rural and beautiful area" that he had ever seen, Edenborn, Pennsylvania, to work as a minister for a local church. A friend of his, Alfred Thompson, was attending nearby Penn State Fayette, and Thompson suggested he stop by and get some brochures. When De La Cruz went to visit, Thompson encouraged him to get more information. De La Cruz applied for enrollment thinking that he would never get accepted, because he had no high school education or diploma, only a GED. But De La Cruz was enrolled the very next semester in January. As he puts it, "The rest is history."

De La Cruz says that his initial motivation to attend Penn State Fayette was to grow professionally and intellectually, and he felt that he had to learn more to better serve his congregation. As time went on, the supportive atmosphere was so contagious that he just wanted to be there.

While a student at Penn State Fayette, De La Cruz was the editor of the university newspaper, which he helped




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*"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."*

*-Anonymous*

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revamp, and he was also president of the Administration of Justice Club. De La Cruz believes that Penn State Fayette was very supportive in his academic journey. "From the very first term paper I had to write, and the very first algebra equation I did, I was supported, and up until the moment I walked across that [graduation] stage."

De La Cruz finished his bachelor of science in administration of justice in seven semesters, while working two full-time jobs as a minister and as a drug and alcohol counselor. He graduated with a B average and an A in his major, administration of justice.

After graduating from Penn State Fayette, De La Cruz intended to go to law school at West Virginia University. He was accepted and preparing to take his Law Student Aptitude test when he decided he could not afford law school. This is when

by **Trisha Ross**

he had a realization that God wanted him to "teach a different kind of law." De La Cruz received his master of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He then went on to receive his doctor of ministry in urban studies from the same school.

De La Cruz has served many churches in his career. He also served as a chaplain for Pittsburgh Correctional Facility for six months until it closed, counseling and preaching to inmates in that prison.

About five years ago, De La Cruz, along with fifteen other families, began a new church development in Shenango County, Pennsylvania. The Presbyterian Church is now an officially-chartered church that serves more than seventy-five multi-racial families. The church is the first new church commissioned by the Shenango Presbytery in 104 years.

De La Cruz says that he has taken the spirit and atmosphere of Penn State Fayette to each church that he has served. He has used the key concepts he learned at Penn State and has helped turn congregations around. Throughout his life De La Cruz has been told that he could not succeed, and he also felt that he would not succeed, but he credits Penn State Fayette for giving him the motivation and courage to get to where he is today. "Enrolling in Penn State was like entering a whole new world that offered me limitless capabilities. I thought I couldn't do it, but Penn State was a place that allowed me to grow."

De La Cruz now resides in Sharon, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Charlene. He has been a Presbyterian minister for two years, and he will celebrate being a minister for twenty years in January 2009.

Looking into the future, De La Cruz wishes to become an educator in a post-secondary institution. He says he would like to teach English, because he loves to write and he loves to teach. De La Cruz says he would want to create an atmosphere for students just like the atmosphere that Penn State provided for him.

## UP CLOSE: ELLIOT GALAND '05

by Susan Brimo-Cox

Elliot Galand has come a long way since his first foray into business as a paper boy at age 14. But, for Galand, the focus has always been on business. He moved quickly up the ranks at his “first real job” at McDonalds, eventually learning how to manage a team under cost. The fast-food business is a fast-paced environment, he explains. “And you manage at tenths of a percentage point there.”

Today, Galand puts what he learned earning his business degree to work in a variety of endeavors. As facility manager of the Distributed Engineering Center, part of the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State, he manages an office that is involved in the torpedo defense program for the United States Navy. Outside of that job, he is part-owner of two small businesses: a real estate management company and a marketing consulting business. Both businesses, he says, evolved through the Penn State Fayette business program.

He explains, “I’ve always had an entrepreneurial mindset and I had to write a business plan in a small business class.” Then he became involved in a marketing club. The rest, as they say, is history. Galand partnered up with several fellow students and things grew from there.

Wanting to share his experience with other student entrepreneurs, Galand became involved with the start up of the campus’ Center for Entrepreneurial Technology Education Services (CETES), a Web-based business incubator. (See page 5 for more information about CETES.) He also is president of the Penn State Fayette Alumni Society.

What you might not know about Galand is that, had things played out differently, he might have been a famous rock star. A drummer and guitarist, he played in the band Odds & Ends in the late 1990s. The band was popular locally, and they put out an album, which Galand packaged and marketed—and it got airplay on local radio. But, when the band members went to college, the band fell apart.

Reflecting on his career path and choices, Galand says, “I always tell students: Don’t be afraid to try things that you’d otherwise never do. I came to Penn State Fayette as a punk rock musician, never dreaming I’d work in defense contracting and be involved in my own small businesses. You never know where life will take you.”



**Elliot Galand**

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CAMPING, FISHING, HUNTING

## KEY NOTE SPEAKER ENCOURAGES GRADUATES TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus invited a distinct and successful alumna as their 2007 commencement speaker. Emily DeRocco, the



United States assistant secretary of labor, was nominated by President George W. Bush to her position in June 2001.

In her speech to Penn State Fayette’s graduating class on May 19, DeRocco emphasized that with the innovation of technology, there are countless opportunities available for graduates.

“This is an exciting time for graduates of 2007 all across America to be entering the economy,” said DeRocco. “I envy the opportunities that lay ahead.”

DeRocco ended her speech with some friendly advice for the graduates, “Follow your dreams, never hesitate to take risks, and take advantage of every opportunity you may come across that will benefit you in any way.”

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provides personal feedback to the student after review of the inventory.

After a student reviews the director’s comments and makes needed inventory modifications, the student schedules a meeting with the CETES director for a “Second Interest Inventory.” The outcome of the Second Interest Inventory is a written action plan to use in continuing research and further developing the business idea. Students will also begin to observe or make contact with area businesses in the student’s area of interest.

Not only does CETES guide students throughout the entire business plan process, it guides students toward possible funding sources, as well as directing them toward community business owners for support and guidance during the business startup processes.

## CONSOL ENERGY GIFT BENEFITS MINING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

In early 2007, Consol Energy made a gift of \$15,000 to Penn State Fayette to benefit the campus' mining and engineering technology programs. In the photo shown here, Jeffrey Hohn (left), staffing and recruiting specialist for Consol Energy, presents the check to Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie. The gift is part of Consol Energy's "Financial Aid to Education" initiative.



Currently, a number of Consol employees are earning associate degrees in mining technology at Penn State Fayette. Consol also participates on the mining technology degree program's advisory board, along with other coal mining industry representatives. The mining industry is working with Penn State Fayette to help educate the industry's future coal mining production and maintenance supervisors.

## J. LEWIS WILLIAMS AND LOUISE WILLIAMS TRUSTEE MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

In spring 2007, Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus announced the establishment of the J. Lewis Williams and Louise Williams Trustee Matching Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial assistance to undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Fayette, who have a demonstrated need for funds to meet their necessary college expenses. First preference shall be given to students who are enrolled in the College of Agriculture Sciences at Penn State Fayette. The principal of the fund has been pledged by Louise Williams.

The late J. Lewis Williams was a former Penn State University Trustee, Fayette County Commissioner, businessman, farmer and civic leader, whose service to and support of Penn State Fayette was exemplary. The J. Lewis Williams Building at Penn State Fayette is named in his honor.

Penn State Fayette Advisory Board member Louise Williams, the daughter of the late J. Lewis Williams and the late Grace Wood Williams, has continued her father's commitment of service to and support of Penn State Fayette.

## WOLFORD SWIMMER TRUSTEE MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

In December 2007, the Wolford Swimmer Trustee Matching Scholarship was established in honor of long-time Penn State Fayette supporter Wolford Swimmer. The scholarship provides financial assistance to undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Fayette, who have a demonstrated need for funds to meet their necessary college expenses. First preference will go to students whose permanent residence is located in Fayette County.

The scholarship is a gift from Joshua "Josh" and Maria Swimmer, son and daughter-in-law of Wolford Swimmer. Josh Swimmer explains, "I wanted to honor my father. He was a big proponent of secondary education and Penn State Fayette was special to him. I thought the scholarship was a good way to keep his name alive."

## PENN STATE FAYETTE INITIATIVES

### PENN STATE FAYETTE FUTURE FUND

The Penn State Fayette Future Fund provides flexible funding to meet unforeseen challenges and opportunities that arise from time to time. For example: The Future Fund can be used to provide emergency funding to a student who has experienced a family tragedy; to supplement the cost of faculty research projects; to help cover the cost of educational class trip travel expenses; and to act on opportunities for program development and expansion. Currently, Penn State Fayette is looking to expand and add additional degree programs that are important to Fayette County and Southwestern Pennsylvania, including nursing, teacher education, engineering and science, and hospitality management.

### FAYETTE TRUSTEE MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships often make the difference when a prospective student makes the choice to attend Penn State Fayette. Unfortunately, more than 90 percent of Penn State Fayette's students need financial aid. Sometimes students just need to bridge the gap between what their budget allows and the rising cost of tuition. Other students need more financial assistance. In 2006, approximately 275 students received Penn State Fayette scholarships totaling nearly \$360,000. Scholarship gifts do make a difference. And, through the Trustee Matching Scholarship Program, the income from scholarship endowments are matched, in perpetuity, by the University.

### PENN STATE FAYETTE SUMMER CAMPS

The success of Penn State Fayette's new summer camps is exciting, especially "Science Forensics: An Academic Pathway in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics." National and regional research has identified a trend in the American Educational System in which more than 50 percent of high school

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## REMEMBERING WOLFORD SWIMMER NOVEMBER 7, 1925–NOVEMBER 20, 2007



*When you and I began working on “the book,” people in the community and on campus would ask me what I was up to, and when I mentioned our collaboration, I noticed a curious thing. Every single one of them smiled—big, genuine, eye-crinkling smiles—when I said your name. Now, what does that tell you about your standing in the community and the affection people have for you? I can’t imagine why I was so lucky to become your friend, but I am grateful for your friendship and your example of righteous living.*

*—Excerpt from a November 2007 personal letter from Beverly Peterson, associate professor at Penn State Fayette, to Wolford Swimmer. Swimmer and Peterson co-authored Screams from the Courthouse Basement, a local history book about the 1936 murder of Frank Monaghan in the Fayette County Courthouse, published in 2001.*

Throughout his life, Wolford Swimmer was engaged in the community. In a conversation several days before he passed, he reflected on what drove him to be so generous to Fayette County. He said it was important to him to make the quality of life better for the community.

An engineer, entrepreneur, civic leader, and philanthropist, Swimmer quietly went about his business and doing good deeds, in concert with his wife Lenore, as the couple raised four children in Uniontown.

In particular, Swimmer was especially giving to Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. “There are a lot of calls for support, but the campus is so important,” he observed. Swimmer was a Penn State graduate and his contributions to Penn State Fayette ranged from contributions towards building renovations and campus beautification projects to scholarships, and contributions for books in the library to ping pong tables for the Student Center. “Wherever I can, I match my ability with what the campus needs,” he explained.

Swimmer believed that education opened the world to students. “We’re fortunate to have a world-class university. Students can get anything in the world through education,” he said. “People don’t recognize what we have here. It’s available, easy to come to, and has faculty who are interested in students.” Swimmer smiled brightly when he spoke about the enjoyment he got from his interaction with the campus’ students, faculty and staff.

Swimmer was honored with a variety of awards in the community and, in 1991, was named “Outstanding Fellow of the Fayette Campus” by the campus’ Advisory Board. But it wasn’t for the recognition that he was so generous. As he explained, “It’s better to give than receive. There’s a pleasure you get out of helping people.” And, anyone who knew Wolford Swimmer would likely agree, it was certainly a pleasure to know him.

by **Susan Brimo-Cox**

### *In Remembrance*

I became acquainted with Wolford Swimmer as a boy growing up in the Jewish community. Although those days are long past, I remember Wolf as a pleasant man who smiled easily. ... After I was elected to the Advisory Board of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, in 1988, I had much more contact with him. Wolf and Lenore were staunch supporters and benefactors of the campus and the University generally. Their generosity was manifested when a need was made known, quietly and without fanfare. The campus and the community at large will sorely miss him for his largess, his commitment, his principles, and for his smile.

—**WAYNE PORT, CHAIRMAN, THE  
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Wolf was one of the kindest and warmest people I have known. He really did care. He was also very generous. The Swimmer Family Faculty Development Fund still supports faculty development, mostly funding trips to conferences where faculty members can present their latest work, see many other exciting talks, and meet colleagues and potential collaborators. It is hard to understate the enormous impact that this fund has had on young faculty members, many of whom would not have been able to attend without this support. Wolf has left ours a much better world; a legacy all of us should strive for.

—**JAMES CRAWFORD, ASSOCIATE  
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Wolf was a friend and mentor to both Donna and me when we arrived in Uniontown. He gave us sound advice which paid great dividends during our years at Fayette. ... During my time at Fayette, Wolf funded the renovation of the theater, which became “Swimmer Hall,” as well as the Student Center. His support of faculty initiatives was remarkable with the “Swimmer Fund” he established for faculty research and travel. [He is] truly one of the most gracious and gentle persons I have ever known. All of us lost a great friend when Wolf Swimmer left us.

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### PENN STATE FAYETTE ATHLETICS

Thanks to a generous gift from Harold A. "Red" Poling, retired chairman and CEO at Ford Motor Company, Penn State Fayette launched a golf program in fall 2007. With the program, Penn State Fayette becomes the sixth Penn State campus to offer golf as part of its athletic program. And Penn State Fayette's women's basketball team debuted November 28. Our campus sports teams complement the nearly thirty clubs and organizations that students can participate in to enrich their academic experience. Gifts designated to Penn State Fayette Athletics help us grow our athletic offerings.

### COAL AND COKE HERITAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

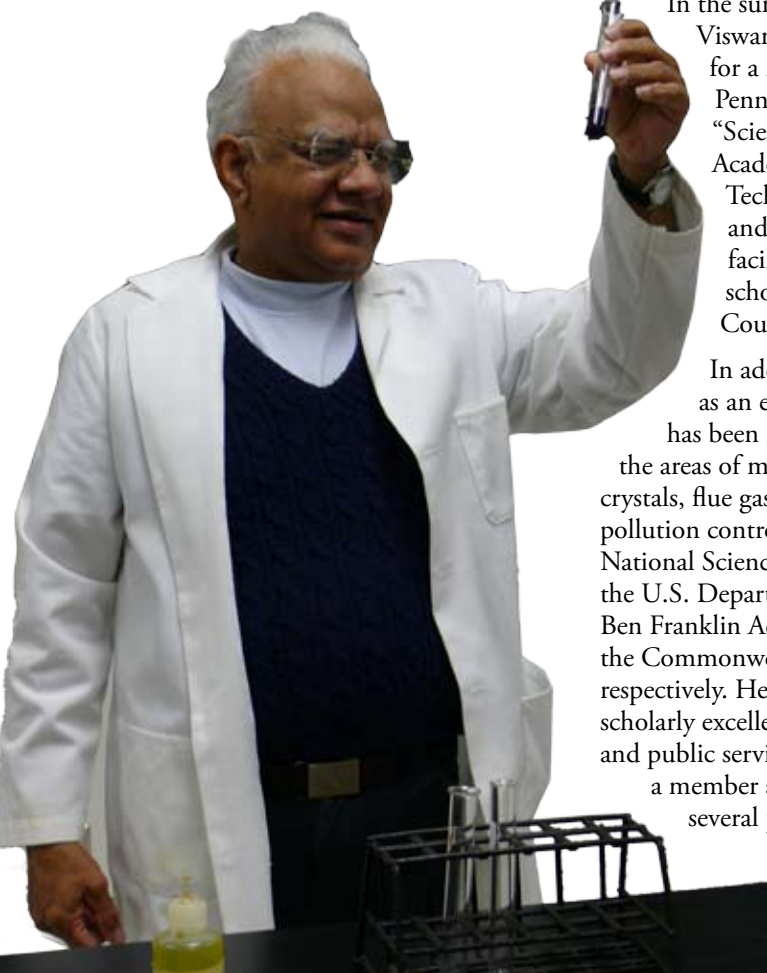
Truly a partnership with the community at-large, Penn State Fayette is working with dozens of community leaders and volunteers to produce a new, annual cultural event that honors the culture, labor, and music of the Coal and Coke region in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The Coal and Coke Heritage Music Festival will debut September 27, 2008, and focus on the arts and culture indigenous to our region—as well as the pride and progress of the region—with presentations of visual and performing arts. Gifts in support of the Coal and Coke Heritage Music Festival will help preserve and celebrate the area's local history.

## FORENSIC PROGRAM FOUNDER, DR. VISWANATHAN, RETIRES

by Trisha Ross

As the 2007 fall semester ended, retirement began for a chemistry professor at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus who shared his love of science with students young and old. Referred to as “Dr. Nathan” by his students, Dr. Nathan Viswanathan began teaching at the campus in 1968 after completing his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry.

Viswanathan single-handedly developed the forensic science program at Penn State Fayette. The courses in the program provide hands-on-learning for students pursuing degrees in the administration of justice program. Students carry out analysis of drugs, DNA and gun-shot residues, match spent bullets with shells, and tackle a variety of crime scene investigative activities. Viswanathan says that the courses challenge the students. “They make them to think critically and involve knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics, and statistics.”



For twelve years, Viswanathan served as director of the Pre-freshman Enrichment Program at Penn State Fayette, a program he describes as fun *and* successful. This summer program was aimed at Fayette County sixth-through-ninth graders who showed aptitude in science and mathematics. A number of students in the program later attended Penn State Fayette, and almost all the students went on to pursue higher education.

During the 1990s, Viswanathan designed and carried out science and mathematics workshops for the teachers of Connellsville and Albert Gallatin Area School Districts through his “Science-Mathematics Resources Center,” which he founded.

He was also a Boy Scouts of America Explorer’s Merit Badge Counselor for Explorers pursuing merits in nuclear chemistry and environmental science.

In the summer of 2007, Viswanathan was an instructor for a new initiative of Penn State Fayette, called “Science Forensics: An Academic Pathway in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics,” which facilitates learning for high school students in Fayette County.

In addition to his pursuits as an educator, Viswanathan has been involved in research in the areas of metallic bonding, liquid crystals, flue gas clean-up, and water pollution control, with support from the National Science Foundation, NASA, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Ben Franklin Advanced Technology of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, respectively. He has received awards for scholarly excellence, teaching excellence, and public service excellence, and is a member and office holder of several professional chemistry organizations.



Born and raised in India, Viswanathan received his bachelor of science degree, with honors, from a five-year program at a university there in 1958. He then spent four years as a nuclear chemist before moving to the United States to continue his education.

Viswanathan received his master’s of science in nuclear chemistry from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in 1964, and he completed the requirements for the Ph.D. degree in inorganic chemistry from Carnegie Mellon four years later.

Coming from India to the United States impacted Dr. Viswanathan immensely. “The United States offers wonderful opportunities for students to pursue higher education and they should take advantage of it,” Viswanathan says.

Early on he realized his goal was to train students on the subject of chemistry, which always captivated him. He was motivated to pursue the subject because he believes chemistry is a central science—it is everywhere. “I was intrigued by chemical transformations; they are just fascinating,” Viswanathan explains.

September 1, 2007, marked Viswanathan’s 39<sup>th</sup> year as a faculty member in the chemistry department at Penn State. In retrospect, he observes, “I enjoyed each and every minute here at Fayette.”

## DR. SHOSTELL WINS AWARD FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS

*D*r. Joseph Shostell, assistant professor of biology at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, received the 2007 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Award for his work in preserving and restoring local water resources.

Shostell was selected for the award from a pool of eight nominees in June 2007. Nominations of individuals from the community, higher education, primary and secondary education, and businesses were submitted from twenty-nine counties in western Pennsylvania. Nominees were chosen on the basis of relevant environmental work from the previous year.

Shostell has been involved in several projects to protect our waterways, including work with community groups to migrate geese away from local water resources in an effort to decrease quantities of phosphorous contamination of the water, and work with Penn State York in preserving trout habitats. He is also interested in developing means to decrease the amount of harmful toxins from auto salvage yards that contaminate streams. Shostell points out, "People are unaware that the auto salvage yards are becoming a huge problem."



Another project Shostell is actively pursuing is determining how clams respond to a number of environmental parameters, such as light conditions, chemicals, and the depth of water. The reason for the research is to better understand the loss of diversity within aquatic areas, most significantly along lake and stream bottoms. Clams are a primary indicator of water quality, so study of these organisms is vital.

Shostell feels it's important to share new research findings

with the community and his students. When asked what motivates him in this environmental volunteer work, Shostell says, "Passion is what motivates me. We live in a very small world with the number of people growing exponentially, and if we are not careful, there's going to be a problem."

An important aspect of all of this is his being able to take the educational message into the classroom. Shostell explains, "I'm excited that I am able to promote education by taking the projects that I do for the environment and incorporate them into the classroom. I want to make my classes more vibrant and exciting for students."

Shostell's award included a \$5,000 prize.



## TWO PENN STATE FAYETTE NURSING EDUCATORS EARN ELITE CERTIFICATION



*M*elissa Miner (right) and Janet Knott (left), instructors in the Nursing program at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, earned the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) designation in 2007. With this achievement, Miner and Knott joined the ranks of only fifty-five nurse educators in Pennsylvania who currently hold this national credential. In the Penn State University system, Miner and Knott are two of seven who currently hold the credential.

The Certified Nurse Educator certification program is administered by the New York City-based National League for Nursing (NLN). The CNE certification program was established in 2005 to "recognize excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator." Candidates for certification must complete a rigorous standardized examination.

Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN, explains, "Through the certification program, we have made clear to the ranks of higher education that the role of nurse educator is an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting and demonstrable standards of excellence."

Miner has been an instructor at Penn State Fayette since 1994. She is the campus coordinator for nursing, in addition to being a nursing instructor. Miner earned her bachelor of science degree from Penn State, has a master of science in nursing, and also is an adult health clinical specialist with the APRN (Advanced Practicing Registered Nurse) designation.

Knott has been a nursing instructor at Penn State Fayette for the past eight years. She is currently in pursuit of a Ph.D. in nursing education.

## PENN STATE FAYETTE ENGINEERING PROFESSOR TRAVELS TO CHINA AS PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR



Penn State Fayette Associate Professor of General Engineering Dave Meredith was part of a professional delegation that traveled to China in December 2007. The trip was an activity of the People to People Ambassador program, a program begun in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Meredith explains, “The focus of our group of twenty-two delegates and six guests was ‘Global Climate Change and Environmental Sciences,’ under the direction of Dr. Susan MacGregor, senior research scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute in Greenville, North Carolina.”

Travelling halfway around the world was an experience in itself, Meredith says. “We flew from Detroit to Los Angeles to Hong Kong to Beijing. We left at noon on Sunday, December 9, and arrived 38 hours later on Tuesday, December 11, about 3:00 p.m.”

The group visited Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai. Meredith reports, “We had meetings with researchers and professionals in each city. Topics ranged from climate changes in China to air pollution and worker safety, to environmental awareness programs, to water pollution control in Shanghai, to China’s new Polar Research Center.”

Meredith says they also saw some tourist highlights, including The Great Wall of China, the site of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and the Terracotta Warriors (the 8th Wonder of the Ancient World, shown in photo above, with Meredith and his son, Mark). They also had a chance to visit a hutong—a traditional, small self-sufficient community within a city—in Beijing, and a farm village in Xi’an. “We sampled foods from each region and were treated to a cultural show in each city,” he adds.

Meredith says, “I plan to use the knowledge gained on this trip in my History of Metals class in spring 2008.” He also plans to put together a “travelog” presentation to give on campus and at any other venue that wants to learn more about China today.

## WILL ROGERS JOINS THE ENGLISH FACULTY

William J. “Will” Rogers has joined the English faculty at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus to teach “Rhetoric and Composition” and “Reading Poetry.” Rogers hopes to offer a course on Shakespeare in the spring 2008 semester. He has written articles and given lectures on Shakespeare, Erasmus, St. Thomas More, Ben Jonson, Queen Elizabeth I, and other Renaissance individuals. He is a member of the Shakespeare Association of America.



Rogers is also interested in community engagement and outreach. While in graduate school Rogers developed and ran a writing program that brought university and high school athletes together to discuss the possible relationships between academic and athletic forms of practice. He hopes to develop similar types of programs at Penn State Fayette.

Rogers is currently completing his dissertation and will soon receive his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he lived and taught before joining Penn State Fayette. He is a Boston native and received a bachelor of arts degree in English and philosophy from Boston College.

## DAVE DI PIETRO REACHES 25-YEAR MILESTONE AT PENN STATE FAYETTE

Associate Professor David Di Pietro was recognized in December 2007 for 25 years of service as professor of art at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. In addition to working in the classroom, Di Pietro has been involved with the Penn State Students Abroad program, taking students to study in Italy for several summers.

Not only a professor, Di Pietro is an accomplished artist. His work is exhibited regularly in local, regional, state and national level exhibitions. For example, in 2007 his work was part of the Uniontown Art Club’s exhibit at Touchstone Center for Crafts in Farmington, Pennsylvania; The Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts “11<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition” at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley in Ligonier, Pennsylvania; the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council’s “Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2007” exhibit at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the Tri-County Arts Council’s “Annual Small Works Exhibition” in Cobleskill, New York. Di Pietro is also represented in several galleries across the Mid-Atlantic region.



## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY TACKLES TECHNOLOGY

A technology-focused faculty development day was held on campus for the first time November 13. Presented in conjunction with the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, the day-long event was entitled “Enhancing the Classroom Experience with Technology.” Faculty from Penn State Beaver, Greater Allegheny, and New Kensington participated with Penn State Fayette faculty in the series of technology information sessions.

The tools presented in the technology sessions were designed to supplement the learning experience of the already technologically-advanced students. Topics on the agenda covered: Wikis and blogs, Second Life, podcasting, Interwrite Student Response Systems, Microsoft One Note, copyright information in the technology world, and the course management system, ANGEL.



*Faculty Development Day organizer Cheryl Farren Tkacs (left) works with Penn State Fayette faculty Charlotte Stotelmyer, Melissa Miner and John Riddle at one of the day's sessions.*

## ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REACCREDITED

The Engineering Technology program at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus received reaccreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) in 2007. ABET is the only agency sanctioned by the federal government to accredit higher education programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. Programs volunteer to be reviewed for accreditation, a process that takes more than a year to complete.

The Penn State Fayette programs receiving accreditation include Architectural Engineering Technology option in Building Engineering Technology, Building Environmental Systems Technology option in Building Engineering Technology, and Electrical Engineering Technology. These programs have been continuously accredited since 1983, 1977, and 1967 respectively.

Penn State was one of the first institutions to offer degree programs in engineering technology, and Penn State Fayette is one of the few institutions in the region to offer engineering technology programs accredited by ABET. Penn State Fayette is also the only university that offers an ABET-accredited associate degree in engineering technology in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Since fewer than half of the Engineering Technology programs in the United States are recognized by ABET, Penn State Fayette's Engineering Technology program is in an exclusive group.

## JOSEPH HARDY A HIT WITH AUDIENCE AT DEBUT CEO CONVERSATIONS

More than 150 students, faculty and staff came to hear local businessman, philanthropist, and former Fayette County Commissioner Joseph A. Hardy III talk about his road to business success at the September 11 debut of “CEO Conversations.” Hardy is the founder and CEO of 84 Lumber Co. and Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort.

An initiative of Penn State Fayette Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie, and hosted in part by Penn State Fayette's Center for Entrepreneurial Technology Education Services (CETES), CEO Conversations is a new series of talks designed to bring the business community onto campus to give students the opportunity to hear from and talk with key individuals in the local, regional and national business world about business, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

Hardy's lively talk was a mix of reflection, anecdotes and humor. He began his speech by telling the students, “If I can make it, you surely can.”

Hardy told his success story of being a young man who worked hard to make it to the top. His lumber company began as a small combined investment between his brother and his former partner, which they started with only \$20,000. Today, Hardy has turned 84 Lumber into the largest privately-owned building materials supplier to professional contractors. Hardy told the crowd that by offering competitive prices and good customer service, they can be successful in business endeavors.

Hardy answered a lot of questions from students, faculty, and staff, and he emphasized the importance of teamwork and believing in one's self. Hardy told students that they can do anything they want if they put forth enough effort.



## SHARING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS, LION AMBASSADORS PERFORM A VITAL ROLE ON CAMPUS

by **Hannah Lewis**

Students considering possibilities for post-secondary education have a tremendous resource pointing them to Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus—the Lion Ambassadors.

Lion Ambassadors function as a subset of the admissions office. They are responsible for giving tours of the campus to prospective students and their parents, answering any questions, and spreading Penn State pride whenever possible. As University-sponsored recruiters, Lion Ambassadors add student contact to the Admissions office experience.

Because of the vital job they perform, Lion Ambassadors go through a screening and training process before actually giving tours. First, hopeful ambassadors must go through an application process during

which their GPA and standing with the university are examined. A thirty-minute interview with Apryl Kadish follows.

If students successfully complete the application process, they then face training. A standard training manual describes the purpose of the Lion Ambassadors, a history of the organization and the University, and any information that they may need to know to be fully informed. Before giving any tours, students actually take one, in detail, to be better prepared for any questions that might arise.

For students representing Penn State to possible recruits, they must meet a number of standards, and are expected to present themselves appropriately. A 2.5 GPA is required for all Lion Ambassadors.

A dress code exists, too, to perpetuate a positive image of the university. Ambassadors may not use profanity, or any type of drugs, and must attend meetings once a month. Positive morale is also a necessity.

Although bound to certain standards of conduct, Lion Ambassadors receive a number of benefits, as well. The University awards one academic credit to students involved with Lion Ambassadors. Social opportunities, such as monthly lunches, exist for them, as well. Also, any “freebies” that the Admissions office receives are distributed among the Lion Ambassadors as a promotional measure.

Barbara Gencil, a first-time Lion Ambassador thinks of the organization as, “Something interesting; a chance to learn and to meet new people. It’s a good opportunity for freshmen to become more aware of the campus and what goes on.”

The Lion Ambassadors of Penn State Fayette are, for the second year, under the charge of Apryl Kadish of the Admissions office. She describes their important role as “vital to the campus because they are trained to be positive and promote Penn State.”

In 2007, there are twenty-three members of the Lion Ambassadors, a significant increase since the organization began. More important than its size is the diversity of the group. It includes all types of students, from young men and women to a number of non-traditional students, who can relate more personally to the increasing number of non-traditional students on a commuter campus like Penn State Fayette. Kadish would like to see the group continue in its size and diversity, to reach as many potential students as possible.

With regard to the importance of the Lion Ambassadors, Kadish explains that, “Sharing the student experience is a powerful part of the recruiting process. Anything a student can share about his or her experience with a class or a club can relate more to the possible students than anything I can say.”



2007's Lion Ambassadors included (back row, from left:) John Brant, Elizabeth Bartholow, Ryan Edsall, Scott Yetsko, Bittany Washington, LaMar Hill, Derek Sweeney, Sarah Chess, Merchant Brownfield, Julie Salusville, Mat Rosso, Ashley Madorma, Jon Wik, Janice Collins, Johnny Marcolini, Ashley Gumbert; (front row, from left:) Hilary Griffith, Christa Patterson, Holly Glisan, Emily Wallace, Shaina Jamieson, Shauna Couch; and (lying:) Jeff Palencik (Nittany Lion) and Chad A. Long, student advisor.

## FRESHMAN CLASS SETS NEW RECORD

As the 2007-2008 academic year began, the freshman class of 390 students set a record as the largest group of incoming students in the local campus' history. Among those of the incoming class, 171 are pursuing baccalaureate degrees and 83 are seeking associate degrees. Most of the incoming freshmen come from Fayette, Westmoreland, Greene and Washington Counties, but there are students also from elsewhere in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Illinois, California, and Korea.



Freshmen orientation activities spanned three days, culminating with a formal convocation ceremony. During the ceremony, a numbered "key" with Penn State University's inscription was presented to each freshman symbolizing Penn State Fayette's role as a key to their future success.



## FIRST MINING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM STUDENTS GRADUATE

Penn State Fayette's first cohort of mining technology students graduated from the campus' mining technology associate degree program in 2007. Seventeen students earned their associate degrees in May and August. The majority of the graduates already work in mining, for Consol Energy and Foundation Coal. Graduates pictured below are (from left): Ryan "Andy" Gillogly, Christopher Dorazio, Gareed Griffith, Jay Fletcher, Owen Coffman, Daniel Puckey, Donald Blumetti, and Brian Jones. Program coordinator and instructor Nancy Dorsett is front, center. Other mining technology graduates include Brandon Baker, James Barnish Jr., Eric Case, Mark Fudula, Zachary Kuhn, Barry Lilley, Scott Nagy, Michael Smith, and Lee Terrill.

Penn State Fayette's mining technology associate degree program is unique to the Penn State system, and possibly the only of its kind in the state.



## STUDENT TEAMS SHARE \$1,000 IN BUSINESS PLAN CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

Three student teams split \$1,000 in prize money awarded December 12, 2007, in a student business plan contest held at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. The student business plan contest was offered by the campus' Center for Entrepreneurial Technology Education Services (CETES).

Michael Sible, Keith Verbosky and Christopher Miller were awarded First Place and \$500 for their business plan proposal for a fireproofing company.

The four-member student teams of Terry Quaresimo, Megan Birkinsha, Vince Cossel and Brittany Washington, and Tiffani Crum, Jared Ealy, Jay Nagy and Kendall Sisler tied for Second Place and each team awarded \$250 for their business proposals.

Penn State Fayette faculty member Dr. Danielle Mitchell and local businessmen William Blaney and William Jackson served as judges. Students participating in the contest were charged with designing and developing actual business plans. The criteria for judging included the viability of the proposed businesses and their being located in Southwestern Pennsylvania.



Front row, from left: Student business plan First Place winners, Penn State Fayette students Keith Verbosky, Christopher Miller, and Michael Sible. Back row, from left: Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie; CETES Director Peter Eberle; contest judges Dr. Danielle Mitchell, William Blaney and William Jackson; and Student Business Plan Contest Chairman Bill Gardner.

## GIFT FROM RETIRED FORD MOTOR CO. CEO LAUNCHES GOLF PROGRAM AT PENN STATE FAYETTE

Thanks to a generous gift of \$50,000 from Harold A. "Red" Poling, retired chairman and CEO at Ford Motor Company, Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus launched a golf program in fall 2007. With the program, Penn State Fayette becomes the sixth Penn State campus to offer golf as part of its athletic program.

Poling's contribution not only made possible the launching of the Penn State Fayette golf program, it will fund the program for five years. To honor Poling and his gift, the Penn State Fayette golf program opened its season by hosting the Red Poling Invitational in early September at the Mystic Rock Golf Course at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pennsylvania. The team will host the Red Poling Invitational annually.

Members of Penn State Fayette's golf team include Josh Brooks, Corey Filburn, Devin Keno, Andrew Mitrisin, Angelo Piccioni, and Matt Shay. Steve Superick, a Tri-State PGA member since 1990 and northeastern senior representative advisor for Srixon Sports USA, is the team's new coach.

Superick reports, for its first year, the team did well. "We hung in with the other teams, and it's been a good learning experience for the kids. They learn the most on the way home from each match, talking about what went right and mistakes that were made. It all helps to make them better golfers." They get along well, too, he says. "They're all great young men. Most didn't know each other, but have become friends. It's been a very positive experience."

The final season event for the team was the PSUAC (Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference) Championship at University Park October 7-9, where they finished in fourth place.

Looking ahead to the 2008 season, Superick says, "It helps that we train and practice at Nemaocolin, and it gives us an advantage in recruiting. We've seen some interest in some potential players and we're hopeful more kids will come out for the team next year. The thing about golf is it doesn't take too many players to make a big difference."



From left: Coach Steve Superick, Josh Brooks, Devin Keno, Corey Filburn, Matt Shay, Andrew Mitrisin, and Angelo Piccioni.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DEBUTED AT PENN STATE FAYETTE NOVEMBER 28



From left, top row: Assistant Coach Melissa Beucher, Kim Howell, Dee Rurak, Tiffany Ritenour, Erica Speeney, Coach Kurt Mattern. Bottom row: Barbara Gencel, Meghen Leary, Abbie Renze, Bethany Novotny. Not shown: Heather Kelly.

A women's basketball team joined Penn State Fayette's roster in fall 2007. And the Roaring Lions began their season with a win against Penn State Greater Allegheny in its debut match-up November 28 at the Community Center arena. Several of the team's nine players competed on their high school teams and were excited to take to the court once again for Penn State Fayette.

The team roster includes: Barbara Gencel (Jefferson Morgan High School), Kimberly Howell (Albert Gallatin High School), Jesse Killosky (South Allegheny High School), Meghan Leary (Fraizer High School), Bethany Novotny (Geibel High School), Abbie Renze (Geibel High School), Tiffany Ritenour (Connellsville High School), Dorothy Rurak (Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Chicago), and Erica Speeney (Geibel High School). Kurt Mattern of Ligioner is the team's coach and Penn State Fayette student Melissa Beucher is assistant coach.

"The girls have worked really hard and have put in the time already to make sure we're really competitive," Mattern reports.

"I'm pleased with how we have progressed to this point," Mattern noted. "We are coming together as a team. We're having fun and I'm looking forward to the second half of the season."





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**—Joyce Barnhart**

*from her acceptance speech for the Achieving Woman Award*

Joyce Barnhart makes sure that The Eberly Campus is always a gracious host.

As staff assistant to the chancellor, Barnhart’s days are predictably full of communications, organization, and problem-solving. However, they’re also likely to involve VIP visits, special events, and planning. Lots and lots of planning.

Events to be planned include business breakfasts, Advisory Board dinners, special guest visits, campus celebrations, convocations and commencements, and everything in between. Recently, Barnhart orchestrated sixty-seven such special events in a single year. She has coordinated no less than three campus building Grand Openings in recent years. And every event involves endless details to ensure that all members of the campus community feel welcomed and appreciated. It’s no exaggeration to say that when it comes to the big events, Barnhart’s job is to think of everything.

It’s a role she handles with skill and grace—and copious amounts of worry. “I worry—it’s what I do,” Barnhart confesses with a laugh. “When there’s nothing to worry about, I’m worrying ahead.”

But what Barnhart calls worrying, her colleagues throughout Penn State call meticulous planning and professional perfectionism. Such professionalism has earned her numerous awards since becoming the chancellor’s staff assistant in 1993, including the Commonwealth College Outstanding Support Staff Award in 2005 and the highly competitive Achieving Woman Award from the Penn State Commission for Women in 2006.

“Joyce Barnhart exhibits more grace under fire than anyone I have ever known,” says former Penn State Fayette Chancellor Gregory Gray, now president of Miami Dade College Kendall Campus in Florida. “She is so competent and so dedicated that she is indeed prepared for any eventuality.” Dr. Diane M. Disney, chancellor of Penn State Great Valley

and former dean of the Commonwealth College, agrees. “No matter what the pressure surrounding an event, she is able to perform and encourage others to perform with equanimity, poise, and competence,” says Disney. They are skills Penn State Fayette Chancellor Dr. Emmanuel Osagie deeply appreciates. “I can always count on Joyce to take care of the tangible and intangible,” he says. “We’re lucky to have her.”

Accepting the Achieving Woman Award in front of Penn State President Graham Spanier and several hundred colleagues from throughout the university, Barnhart spoke eloquently of the award’s significance: “Today’s professional women have complicated, multi-faceted lives, and we are sometimes a bit like puppets, invisible strings pulling against our will, dancing to the melody of the moment. But those special moments when we choose the music that defines us ... and we make a difference ... those moments are treasured.”

As her speech attests, Barnhart is an avid reader and writer, and she often commemorates important events by writing a poem or story. She marks every special occasion in her son Rob’s life with a letter or story, and she once wrote a story that “chronicled one day in the rather hectic existence that is life in the chancellor’s office.” Ironically, says Barnhart, that time now seems relatively calm in retrospect, because “there’s always something new and challenging in the chaotic structure that is life in the chancellor’s world.”

And does the worrying ever let up? “I feel a bit giddy immediately after an event,” Barnhart admits. “Then the next day there’s a peaceful feeling, like being reborn ... until it’s time to start on the next thing.”

Despite the endless worrying, Barnhart wouldn’t trade it for anything. “This is where I belong,” she says, smiling. “I love it.”

# ADDING THE “EXTRA” TO CURRICULAR, CHAD LONG MAKES IT HAPPEN

by **Hannah Lewis**

**A**s a commuter campus, Penn State Fayette faces a difficult challenge with extracurricular activities. Chad Long is one man who faces these challenges and makes student activities largely successful.

Long is the assistant to the director of Student Affairs at Penn State Fayette. This means he is responsible for everything that could enhance the out-of-classroom experience.

Some of his responsibilities include planning cultural events, advising clubs and organizations, and caring for student activity spaces, such as the student center and the Cultural Center. He advises the student government, keeps students informed about upcoming events, and assists with accounting work for clubs and organizations.

Long also serves on a number of university committees that determine scholarship recipients and awardees, and oversee risk management.

A number of smaller matters fall under Long’s jurisdiction as well. He is in charge of the campus bulletin boards, which serve as a venue for students and faculty communication. In addition, because of the close role Long has with students, he often serves as an informal adviser to students who come to trust him.

Long has a long-standing relationship with The Eberly Campus. He graduated from Penn State Fayette with a business degree, in addition to two years at Washington Jefferson College. He is currently working on a master’s degree in education from Duquesne.

“I loved it at Penn State,” says Long, “And when I was here, I learned almost as much from the out-of-the-classroom experience as I did in class. I want to give that back to the students now.”

Although the demands of his job can sometimes be overwhelming, Long gets a tremendous amount of motivation and encouragement from students.

“I have a lot of fun with my job. But even the parts that aren’t so fun, like the paperwork, are worth it when I have a student come to me and tell me that I made a difference for them in some way.”



## PENN STATE FAYETTE ALUMNI: STAY CONNECTED

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**FRED ADAMS, PH.D.:** Adams received the 2007 Penn State Fayette Campus Award for Teaching Excellence.

**RICHARD BALL, PH.D.:** Ball published the book chapter “A General Systems Theory Approach to White Collar Crime Theory,” in *Derecho Penal Y Criminologia Como Fundamento De La Politica Criminal*, Guzman Dalbora and Seranno Maillo (eds.), Madrid: Dykinson.

**ELAINE BARRY, PH.D.:** Barry received the 2007 Penn State Fayette Campus Award for Scholarly Excellence. She published the article, “Does conceptual implicit memory develop? The role of processing demands,” in the *Journal of Genetic Psychology*. And her conference presentation, “What is ‘attachment teaching,’ and why do our non-traditional and first generation students need it?” was published in the *Papers and Proceedings of the Third Western Pennsylvania Teaching and Learning Conference-Wings to the Future: Using Assessment to Grow Life-Long Learning*.

**SUSAN F. CRAMPTON-FRENCHIK, PH.D.:** Crampton-Frenchik received a \$1,800 grant from the French-American Cultural Exchange to hold a French film festival. She also presented a paper, “Ousmane Sembene: Patron of a Progressive Africa,” at the Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference at Duquesne University.

**TERRY HALFHILL, PH.D.:** Halfhill presented “Groups need structure” at the Australia New Zealand Academy of Management conference in Sydney Australia. He also co-authored the article “Quantifying the ‘softer-side’ of management education: An example using teamwork competencies” in the *Journal of Management Education*; and co-authored two book chapters, “Hawthorne studies” and “Cross-cultural management: Current and future directions,” in the *International Encyclopedia of Organization Studies* (Vol. 2), S. Clegg & J. Bailey (Eds.), Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

**GINA JONES:** Jones received the Young Adult Achievement Award from the Fayette County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

**GIB PRETTYMAN, PH.D.:** Prettyman contributed “Living Thought: Genes, Genes and Utopia in Robinson’s Science in the Capital Series” to *Mapping the Unimaginable: Kim Stanley Robinson and the Critics*, ed. William J. Burling, Jefferson, NC: McFarland Publishing (forthcoming). He served as associate editor for *Resources for American Literary Study*, Vol. 31. He also organized and hosted the statewide conference “Working Together, Living Together: African American Miners and the Coal Culture of Southwestern Pennsylvania, 1870-1970” at Penn State Fayette. And he presented “Utopia and Genre in Robinson’s *Forty/Fifty/Sixty* novels” at the Society for

Utopian Studies in Toronto, Ontario, and “History and the Future in Marxist Readings of Kim Stanley Robinson” to the Marxist Reading Group in Gainesville, Florida.

**JOSEPH SHOSTELL, PH.D.:** Shostell was the recipient of the Southwestern Environmental Award from the Environmental Council. He was co-author of several articles: “External inputs and internal production of trihalomethane (THM) precursors in a mid-latitude reservoir (Taylorsville Lake, KY)” in *American Water Works Association*; “Habitat Complexity as a Determinate of Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community Structure in Cypress Tree Reservoirs” in *Hydrobiologia*; and “Genetic variability in four *Alouatta* species measured by means of nine DNA microsatellite markers: genetic structure and recent bottlenecks” in *Folia Primatol*. He presented, with M. Venum, “Biological and physicochemical measurements in a Southwestern Pennsylvania stream prior to the installation of an iron filtration system” at the 2007 Eco Summit in Beijing, China, and “An Evaluation of auto salvage yards as sources of heavy metals” at the Undergraduate Science Research Symposium Proceedings in York, Pennsylvania. He also received several grants, including a \$5,000 Environmental Council Grant, a \$135,000 Growing Greener Grant, and a \$10,055 Greater Redstone Clearwater Initiative Grant.

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