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Leadership Conference

By: Robert Lipscomb



Southeast Caucus at the conference

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) Leadership Conference 2000 was a major success for all in attendance. Held in Bushkill, Pa., Aug. 8-11 at the Fernwood Pocono Resort, students from all 19 Commonwealth campuses, along with Central Staff from University Park, came together to learn new leadership skills and to share some skills of their own.

Each campus sent the representatives they felt demonstrated the strongest leadership qualities. The conference got underway with a rousing "WE ARE PENN STATE." Many different sessions were held for students to attend, and the conference ended with a banquet and club night, where some students went so far as to get on stage and showcase their many different talents, from singing rhythm and blues and gospel, to rapping old school style, while awaiting the arrival of the DJ.

> *"It gave student leaders the opportunity to work together through goals, achievement and team-*

By far, the most effec-tive session held was the diversity lecture. Lead by Jacquette Wade, Assistant Director for AT&T Center for Service Leadership, the session aroused many different emotions and encouraged students to speak out on their personal opinions on diversity. Students shared their heartwarming personal stories on diversity issues at their campuses. Many different views were expressed and all left this session with a new outlook on life and diversity.

On Thursday, during the conference, a mock council

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State of the University Address

By: Tony Pomicter

Friday, Sept. 8 marked Penn State President Graham Spanier's fifth State of the University address. In about 45 minutes he spoke on every issue ranging from athletics and administration to tuition increases and enrollment. He mentioned many of the things that we all wanted to hear: our athletes have the highest GPAs in the Big 10 Universities, Dickinson School of Law enrollment has increased dramatically (36%), the IST program has been successful at 19 of the 20 campuses, and 19 PSU teams made it to the national championships. He also mentioned the one thing that none of us want to hear: tuition will go up.



"We must, I regret to say, continue to plan for tuition increases that adequately support the level of quality worthy of the Penn State name," Spanier said. This basically means that not only is tuition up 6.23% for the 2000-2001 academic year that we are already in, but that it is scheduled to continue to rise in the coming

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Information Sciences and Tech-

BY: ANNA OZIRANER

Tomorrow's economy is full of high-tech performance machnes and mass-communication technology, increasing the demand for leadership and technology skills of today in tomorrow's college graduates. Today, technology progresses faster than most citizens can handle, and with it come various problems, ranging from economic to social to policy issues.

Penn State University has a newly-born idea, which evolved after Penn State President Graham Spanier was approached from various corporations about the lack of training for the digital economy among college graduates.

With input from business, industry and public sectors, Dr. Spanier began working on a new university major known as Information Sciences and Technology (IST). To help design this program, participants from various Furtune 500 companies, including Microsoft, Lucent Technologies, AT&T, Bell Atlantic, IBM and others attended regular meetings to develop a solution for tomorrow's economy.

The program consists of three options: information and technology integration; information and systems development; and information, society, and public policy. The reason for the three is very simple. After the first and second year of studying technology and logic, a third-year student is faced with three choices.

The first option concentrates on how to integrate technology into a function or a system – technology integration.

The second teaches how to design the technology to do so – systems development.

The third, which IST Dean James Thomas likes to call the "context option," explores how to take the legal issues, people issues and policy issues and apply them to the technology that's changing the economy – information, society and public policy.

Information Sciences and Technology offers both associate and bachelor's degrees. The bachelor's degree involves the completion of the core courses with a grade of C or better, a completion of at least one internship, preferably overseas, and nine credits of a foreign language.

Each option requires students to take certain courses from its surrounding options, and senior year students are required to take a "capstone" course. In this course a team of six students, at least one from each option, spend a year solving a real-life problem from the industry. This is the ultimate hands-on experience for the students to prepare for the real world.

In addition to opening its doors to 200 University Park freshmen, 13 other commonwealth campuses offer a bachelor's degree, an associate degree, or both. Within the next few years, this major will be available at all of the 19 Commonwealth campuses and colleges.

The enrollment in the major is expected to double each year, and 200-250 students will be accepted into the major each year based on the completion of their core courses and their grade point average by the time they reach their junior year.

In addition, IST now offers five different minors to complement other courses of study.

This program is designed to train leaders for a digital-based global economy. Its goal is not only to teach the knowledge of technology, but also its application to challenges.

Preparation for the digital based economy has the corporate world eager to absorb the graduates into its hands. IST graduates will be trained and prepared to deal with the issues and problems that arise in technology to better the economy and the corporate world.

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years. Currently, the Board of Trustees has requested a 6.75% increase for the 2001-2002 academic year. This increase will not be finalized until the July Board of Trustees meeting, but judging

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Newspaper Readership Program Expands

By: Tony Pomicter

The Newspaper Readership Program distribution centers are now around the campuses. This new expansion makes Penn State University the largest participant in the nation in the program, with more than 70,000 students eligible to take part. In addition to the New York Times and USA Today, students will have access to local newspapers.

Until now, the newspaper readership program has been limited to students living in residence halls. After an experiment last spring, with a limited number of off-campus students, it became obvious that an expansion was needed. This year there will be more than 100 locations across the 20 PSU campuses where students can obtain free newspapers. By simply swiping their ID+ card, students will have access to up to three different newspapers. However, with the expansion to off campus students, the funding no longer comes from University room and board fees, but is now apart of our tuition.

"...daily newspaper readership is having a positive impact on the educational experience at

"Our surveys of students, discussion with faculty, and experience with the program tell us daily newspaper readership is having a positive impact on the educational experience at Penn State" said Bill Asbury, Vice-President of Student Affairs. "Our newspaper partners in this program have provided major speakers for campus events, supported faculty research, and they have earmarked funds for student scholarships since we began this effort three years ago," Asbury said. "I think it is the spirit of cooperation between the University staff and the newspapers that have helped to make the program successful and that has paved the way for this major expansion of the effort."Newspapers participating in the expanded program include: The New York Times, USA Today, Centre Daily Times, Harrisburg Patriot, Philadelphia Inquirer, Altoona Mirror, Beaver County Times, Erie Morning News, Reading Times, Dubois Courier-Express, Uniontown Herald Standard, Hazleton Standard Speaker, Allentown Morning Call, Record Herald, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Valley News Dispatch, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Valley News Dispatch, Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald, The Sharon Herald, Scranton Times and the York Daily Record. For more information on this program go to: http://www.psu.edu/ur/newspaper/

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MTV's Rock The Vote to Visit PSU Abington

By: Keith Napoleon

Penn State Abington kicked off the new year with New Student Day on Monday August 21st, with a turnout of more than 700 freshmen. Our students were welcomed with a carnival-like atmosphere provided by Play Time Entertainment. There were several giveaways throughout the day, which included two $150 gift certificates from the Penn State Bookstore.

On Tuesday the 22nd, the Lares Union Board hosted a caricature artist during common break. Wednesday the 23rd brought magic to Abington with world-renowned magician, Jim Karol "the psychic madman," performing for a packed house.

Abington's Student Government Association has just completed its first week of interviews for the position of freshmen representative. As of now, no one has been selected to fill the position although interviews thus far show great promise.

Local radio station, Philly 103.9, will be broadcasting live on September 21st to promote voter registration. Congress incumbent Joe Hoeffel will speak at the Abington campus on September 25th. On October 20th, local radio station, Power 99 will broadcast live from the Abington Campus as MTV's Rock The Vote will be here. The event is also expected to get local television coverage, and will serve as a finale of Abington Voter Registration Drive.

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Paul Mihalko, the THON director for the 2000-2001 year



Paul Mihalko

THON 2001 is rapidly approaching and the excitement is abound. Before we know it October 20, 2000 will be here and we will begin the task of surpassing the lofty goals set down by our predecessors. As a group last year the Commonwealth Campuses raised over $125,000 dollars and over all THON donated $3,076,983.97 towards the Four Diamonds Fund at Hershey Medical Center. These goals, of course, will be hard to attain. Over the past few years the Commonwealth campuses have been raising eyebrows with their continued growth in fundraising and involvement in Dance Marathon. Throughout this upcoming THON season we will continue to show everyone that our dedication is the best that it has ever been. Through the four canning weekends—Oct. 27-29, Dec. 1-3, Jan. 19-21, and Feb. 9-11, as well as the many fundraising ideas that are brought forth throughout the year the campuses should go above and beyond all expectations for this THON season. The Commonwealth has planned many new and exciting ideas in order to surpass those heights set down before them. I want to assure the campuses that I am here for them in any way they may need. I am their voice on the Overall THON Committee. I may not have all the answers myself, but I know where to find them. Any questions, concerns, or comments are welcomed and encouraged in order to fulfill each and every campus' goals. I believe that we have the potential to have full representation for all nineteen campuses. Along with this, will come the satisfaction of helping the children overcome all of the troubles they face. THON is not just raising the most money or who can stay on their feet the longest, it is the knowledge that we can do something that can be rewarding yet humbling all at the same time. It is the fact that we are able to make a little child smile because we play with them when they are down. It is becoming a role model for a child in distress and in a state of confusion that we may never see. We have the ability to reach out and be the ones that these children look up to. Take this opportunity and become one of these role models. Cancer is a harmful and dreadful disease that in some way has affected each and every one of us. I encourage all of you to take that next step and join us as a part of THON 2001. February 16th-18th will be the greatest experience anyone could ever imagine. So, get pumped and ready for the start of THON 2001. You will never regret your involvement in this great event.

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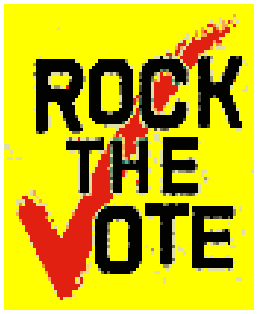
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The Lares building is being further renovated to better accommodate students. An addition of an outdoor balcony will provide students with an outdoor eating area. Rooms are also being added downstairs to provide student services.

Abington is collaborating with the Delaware County, Mont Alto, and York campuses to organize the first annual pudding-wrestling event. Hopefully, this event will help bring about unity within the commonwealth and the Southeast Caucus.



President's Message



Welcome to a new year everyone! I hope that everyone had a wonderful, refreshing summer! Now it's back to classes, homework, and coffee at 3:00 in the morning for that exam at 8:00! In any case, besides our academics, there are also our extracurricular activities that we are all getting involved in. Stay excited, and remain involved! There is no other experience equal to joining a club or organization and working side by side with people throughout the year. Motivate each other, and through it all you will be able to learn the true meaning of friendship. Everyone - actively participate in your campus community, not only will your fellow students benefit, but ultimately you will as well.

"Even though we are 19 Campuses, we are One University." -

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) has many plans for the 2000-2001 year! Central Staff is dedicated to working with you all in tackling issues, and forming bonds through various community service projects and social events. We are excited about the year starting off, and want to make this the best year for CCSG ever! We have already had a successful Leadership Conference in August at the Fernwood Resort, which got the ball rolling early on networking and setting our goals for the year. Indeed it will take heart and devotion to get through these goals, and I have faith that you all will pull through to get your ideas accomplished. Remember to utilize us as your ultimate resource. We may have some input from prior years to help you all out throughout the year on certain concerns or events. We look forward to seeing you all at the first CCSG council meeting Oct. 13-14. Here's to a great year of academics, clubs, and student government! Remember, though we are 19 Campuses, we are One University! WE ARE PENN STATE!

Sincerely yours,

Gabriel Bryant, President

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"Leadership is participation, not position"

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National Governors' Association

BY: ANNA OZIRANER

During the hot days of July 8-11, the National Governors' Association held its annual meeting at State College, PA, with Gov. Ridge as the hosting Governor.

This year's theme was "Strengthening the American States in the New Global Economy," and Gov. Ridge felt that the theme was well-represented by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that State College was the ideal community to spotlight the vibrancy and opportunities of the global high-tech New Economy.

After 18 months of planning, Penn State Hospitality Services put final touches to the meeting room set-ups, service support preparation of most of the food and beverages for the four-day meeting.

Not only did State College prove to be a hospitable city, the governors also found it very interesting. Some of their events included a "Night Under The Stars," where governors and their spouses walked around

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Career Services at Commonwealth Campus Locations

Do you remember the childhood playground game, "How Many Steps Before the Queen (or King)" or "Mother May I?" You know the routine. You get to play servant to the whims of your "royal" friends.

One player gets to be the Queen and decides what size steps each player gets to take. The goal is to reach the Queen. The Queen can grant all types and sizes of steps: baby steps, big steps, giant steps, umbrella steps (where you awkwardly twirl forward with your arm pointed to the sky, pretending to hold an umbrella), backward steps, etc. The first one to reach the Queen gets to be the next in charge. Your destiny is in her hands.

Unlike this childhood game, however, you do not have to wait to be granted royal permission to take steps to reach your career goals. You are your own Queen and King now. So why not start taking some steps towards building the career that you want?

You already took your first giant step towards your career goals this summer by beginning or continuing to pursue a college education. Your next step is to visit your campus' Career Services center. All Penn State locations offer their students assistance with career development issues.

Career Services can help you take the necessary steps towards your career goals by guiding you through the exploration of questions like the following: What are your work-related interests, skills, and values? Which academic majors match your interests, skills, and values? For what kind of occupations does this major help you prepare? How do you pursue these occupations? What opportunities are available to offer you hands-on experience? What are the trends in employment opportunities related to your occupational interests? How do you research all of this information?

Career Services wants to help you find the answers to these and other questions that you may have. If you plan to graduate with either a two- or four-year degree from any Penn State location, it is important to start taking steps now. You will become more comfortable with taking giant steps as your day of graduation approaches.

Many students change locations while attending Penn State. Those of you who do should plan to reap benefits from all of the locations you attend during your Penn State career. You can benefit greatly from each location's Career Services offerings by taking career-planning steps early on as a student.

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Penn State Welcomes New CEOs

Lehigh Valley

By: Julie Wilson

When Dr. Ann Williams entered the cluttered halls of the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus, it seemed like the "perfect professional fit" she was looking for. In the midst of massive renovations, the Lehigh Valley campus said good-bye to longtime CEO, Dr. Eugene Slaski, and opened its arms to welcome an energetic and knowledgeable Dr. Williams.

After working in higher education for the past 25 years at Luzerne County Community College, Dr. Williams is returning to the University where her educational career began. Dr. Williams' career began at University Park as a Social Science Research Specialist. So, when the position for a CEO at a Penn State campus opened, Dr. Williams saw a "wealth of business and professional opportunities arise," and a faculty and staff who displayed an abundance of energy and talent.

The Penn State Lehigh Valley campus, according to Dr. Williams, displayed "the potential to become an intrinsic part of the community, through expanded programming and faculty development. Having the college work well within itself is just as important as the college working well within the community." Dr. Williams feels Penn State should be one of the first places community business leaders turn for resources and for other important concerns or issues. Establishing a collaborative environment for the college's faculty, staff, and students, as well as between other colleges and the community is just one of Dr. Williams' many goals. Another goal of Dr. Williams' is to increase the student life on campus. She wants the students, faculty, and staff to have a close relationship and to make sure everyone on campus knows they are the main reason for the success of the campus.

Even after being on campus for a mere six weeks, Dr. Williams has already left a lasting impression with the students, faculty and staff. Her actions within the campus and the community are already receiving positive reactions. One such event is a CEO breakfast being hosted by the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus on September 21st, at which Dr. Williams will be introduced to other college and business CEO's. The visitors will also be the first community members to see the newly renovated campus, which includes a new library, three new computer labs, multiple

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Worthington

By: Sue LaRue

Penn State Worthington Scranton welcomed a new Campus Executive Officer on July 1. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen succeeded James D. Gallagher, who retired June 30, concluding a 40-year career with Penn State, 21 years as CEO at Worthington Scranton. For the past four years Dr. Krogh-Jespersen held the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

"We are delighted that someone possessing Dr. Krogh-Jespersen's credentials is willing to guide Worthington Scranton through the next chapter in its history," noted Commonwealth College Dean Joseph C. Strasser. "Her past accomplishments, her leadership experience, and her vision for the future will allow the campus to build greatly upon the strong foundation constructed during Jim Gallagher's tenure."

In her most recent position, Krogh-Jespersen oversaw the budgets of the College's Arts and Humanities, General Studies, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social and Behavioral Sciences divisions. She also oversaw the summer school, library, instructional technology center, and academic advising budgets. During her tenure, she instituted and became interim director of the M.A. in Instructional Technology, which has become the College's largest graduate program. She also shared responsibilities as the Graduate Dean.

Dr. Krogh-Jespersen worked with the College's president and vice president to design a state-level mission change that encompassed ten graduate programs with an eight-year academic and budget-planning horizon for the state of New Jersey and the Board of Trustees. She also established the Stockton Graduate Studies Award Fund, coordinated

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Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen (above)
Ann Williams (bottom)

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the Governor's School on the Environment, and revitalized the College's Mentor-Scholar Program.

From 1995 to 1996, Dr. Krogh-Jespersen served as vice provost and professor at Rowan College of New Jersey, where she assisted the provost with academic leadership and supervision of the $35 million budget for Rowan's seven schools. She was also heavily involved in the College's strategic planning process, established a common multiyear budgeting process to develop and implement new programs; and founded the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. She has also served as dean and professor of Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Science, 1992-1995; chair and professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physical Sciences at Pace University, 1990-1992; and founding director and professor of Pace University's Honors Program, 1982-1987. In addition, she has taught or conducted research at Rutgers University, the University of Maine at Orono, and Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg (Erlangen, West Germany).

Krogh-Jespersen has received numerous awards, authored or co-authored nearly two dozen scholarly publications, and submitted successful grant proposals to the National Science Foundation, the American Chemical Society, the Association for Women in Science, and other funding sources.

Krogh-Jespersen received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Northeastern University, master and doctoral degrees in chemistry from New York University, and a master's degree in business administration from Pace University's Executive Management Program. She has also completed postdoctoral work in theoretical inorganic chemistry at the University of Maine at Orono, and in theoretical chemistry at Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg.

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meeting was held to introduce representatives to the format they will be practicing throughout the year. Many ideas were exchanged and CCSG President Gabriel Bryant introduced his Central Staff members to the campus representatives. During the meeting, all members of centr4al staff participated in a re-enactment of the THON 2000 line dance. Laughter and applause filled the air as 22 members of CCSG embarrassed themselves in front of a crowd of almost 200 students of the commonwealth. Rest assured, all staff members had a good time.

CCSG President, Gabriel Bryant said: "the leadership conference was very beneficial to the student leadership for the 2000-2001 school year: it gave students a chance to network and learn some of the issues we are dealing with this year." Bryant added that "[the leadership conference] gave student leaders the opportunity to recognize all of the 19 Commonwealth campuses and to work together through goals, achievement and teamwork."

The conference ended on Friday with a farewell address from President Bryant, prize raffles, and yet another roaring chant of "WE ARE PENN STATE."

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down town and met the local citizens and college students. Another interesting event was the "Pennsylvania Tailgate," which modeled a real tailgate party, with a barbeque, music, and various sports activities.

This was also an excellent

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science labs and a new Pic-Tel room. The students of the campus will also be able to question the CEO's about job opportunities and receive advice for their futures.

Even though the Lehigh Valley campus may be the smallest and oldest, Williams believes that we are moving in the right direction with some already outstanding accomplishments. One particular accomplishment, on which Dr. Williams is keen, is the development of the first Penn State Lehigh Valley Golf Team. The team, she says, "helps to not only increase our athletics, but also gives the students and the staff [who coach the team] an opportunity to develop more personal relationships and allow for future bonds and trust."

In the whirlwind of Dr. Williams' everyday duties, she still manages to make time to stop by the lounge or the café and flash a friendly smile. Her open door policy allows for each person in the student body to know that no matter the time or situation, she will always be able to lend an ear. With the new renovations coming to a close, and a new CEO who is just as energetic and outgoing as the students, the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus is starting out the new school year right on top.

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opportunity for the students of various major to get some experience to put on their resumes. Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations students reported on the events, an dthose reports were published in local newspapers and newsletters.

President Clinton made an appearance on the last day of the meeting to address the governors. Some of the student volunteers and interns had a chance to shake his hand before he left for Camp David.

This meeting was one of the most relaxed and laid back meetings yet. Penn State proved to be a welcoming community with a hospitable environment.



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Campus Briefs

Berks' Promising Start

By: Jonathan Myers

The Backpacking and Canoeing Freshmen Orientation trips were a huge success and there were a lot of opportunities for bonding and adventure. Move-in day was crazy as usual, but even more so due to the addition of the new Residence Halls. In the end, all went well. The campus held club rush on Wednesday, August 30th with a live band, which gave the clubs a positive outlook on the upcoming year. Berks and Lehigh-Valley continue to grow closer as a college and we have several events planned in the near future to ensure that we continue to grow closer together. The Student Government Association has high hopes of an exciting and successful year as we aim to make several changes both for the campus and for the students.

McKeesport in Full Gear

By: Kevin Homan

After three months of summer classes and few students on campus, Penn State McKeesport became a bustling place once again. On Sunday, August 20th, new and old students alike poured into the Residence Hall, which rests atop a steep hill on campus. For several hours, Orientation Leaders helped students move in and get situated with their new room assignments. Later that day the new freshmen had their welcome in the Wunderly Gymnasium. Key speakers of the welcome included campus CEO Dr. Curtis Porter, Director of Student Affairs Dr. J. Patrick Boyle, and, SGA President Kevin Homan. Afterwards, the orientation leaders took new freshman down onto lower campus for ice-breaker activities and alcohol 101 sessions. All in all it was a busy day for all students. The next day involved even more activities, with more orientation activities as well as an activities fair so new students could sign up for the various clubs on campus. Later that night, students from McKeesport joined Fayette, New Kensington and Beaver campuses for a boat ride on the Majestic, the largest ship in the Gateway Clipper Fleet. On August 22nd, classes officially began for all students.

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New Kensington's Plans

By: Sonya Simon

Now that the summer is over, Penn State New Kensington is ready and excited to begin this year. The campus is still recovering from the rush of orientation, which was a big success. The first week of classes began with a Back to School Bash, which included a barbecue, jousting, rock climbing, a dunk tank, and a DJ. Two club rushes, which were extremely successful, were also held that week, and the clubs are beginning to meet and plan their activities for the year.

In August, the students also enjoyed some late-night events, including a comedian, Lynn Koplitz, and a movie night, where "Erin Brockovich" was played. Sept. 6, the campus will host a debate between Terry Van Horne and Melissa Hart, the candidates for District 4 at the campus. This event,

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Working to increase your self-awareness, exploring career alternatives, and linking self-knowledge with occupational information are key to implementing your career choices. You can take these steps early on as a student. Then, when the time comes and you are interested in various resume building opportunities or that big job interview, you will be ready.

Remember, you are the Queen or King of your own career. Each effort you make to work with any of Penn State's Career Services professionals will place you one step closer to your career goals.

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Wilkes-Barre News

By: Chris Martarano

The Fall 2000 semester at Penn State Wilkes-Barre is off to a great start. The incoming freshmen seem to be adjusting quite easily to all the hustle and bustle of college life. The freshmen's general consensus about the campus also seems to be on a positive note.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre has some interesting events planned for September. All month long it will hold student orientation seminars geared toward helping students (particularly the freshman) adjust to college life and help them in personal manners. Some of the topics of discussion will include study skills, career planning, time management, stress management, health, safety, and security skills. Also, this month, the campus will hold the first caucus-wide dance of the fall semester. All students from the Northeast Caucus as well as others are encouraged to attend this dance at Club Miami on Sept. 20 from 9pm-2am. Advance tickets will cost $3.00 and tickets at the door will be $5.00 (with student ID).

Finally, the campus is in the planning stages for its annual Haunted Forest to be held on Oct. 20-22 and again on the 27-29 from 7-11pm. The Student Government Association (SGA) is currently looking for people to join its committee for this event. Anyone interested in the Haunted Forest or any of the other events listed above can contact the Wilkes-Barre campus' SGA office at (570) 675-9287 or by e-mailing Chris Martarano at cxm685@psu.edu.

Worthington Parties

By: Patrick Abdalla

The first week of classes can often be hard, boring and long, but not at the Penn State Worthington Scranton campus. During the first week students enjoyed a campus picnic, a hypnotist, and the Back-to-Class Blast sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA).

The day after orientation, students enjoyed a free picnic provided by the campus alumni. The following Friday, many students attended Tom Bresodola's presentation on hypnotism. Some students were even put under hypnosis, including the SGA President Patrick Abdalla and Vice President Hillary Jane Saunders. While under hypnosis students "attended" a horse race, drove a brand new red Ferrari, and had their own personal adventures.

On Wednesday August 30, students from the campus partied on the patio. The cause for the celebration - the first ever Back-To-Class Blast. The SGA-sponsored event combined free food, good music, and tons of fun. There were hoagies, pizza, soda and other snacks. Students enjoyed having their caricatures drawn and their palms read. The main event seemed to be the games provided by Party Antics. Bouncy Boxing, a game where students boxed in a balloon ring with oversized gloves drew many spectators and participants. Everyone seemed to love Bungee Run, being strapped to the huge balloon and trying to run as far as they could. Students also tried to ride a "mechanical bull" without being thrown off on the Bungee Bull. The most popular game appeared to be the Gladiator Joust, in which students jousted on a balloon mattress. Whether enjoying the attractions, eating with friends, or meeting new students, everyone seemed to have a "Blast".

Behrend's Renovations

By: Jen Miles

The theme at Behrend over the summer months has been change. It has broken ground for a new multi-faith chapel and bell tower. The chapel will be located next to the Athletics and Recreation Center (The ARC), which is currently under construction and scheduled to be dedicated Nov. 6th. The renovations also touched the Reed Union Building and the stairwell that connects the upper and lower ends of campus. In both cases, elevators were installed to make the campus more wheelchair-accessible. A new baseball and softball complex is also under construction. The new fields will be adjacent to the tennis courts located at the campus entrance.

Orientation week welcomed many new faces to the Behrend community. Total enrollment now stands at approximately 3800 students. Too many students, not enough parking! All orientation activities from dances to sporting tournaments were a success thanks to the help of many staff members and students. The Behrend community is looking forward to a fabulous 2000-2001 school year!

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Activities have also started on the McKeesport campus, on Thursday August 24th during common period, comedian Michael Summerville entertained students in the Frable Building Conference Center. August 26th was Penn State day at Kennywood Park. All students who attended had a great deal of fun. On August 29th, the McKeesport baseball team kicked off its season with a tailgate party at a nearby Renzie Park.

Upcoming events on campus include a back-to-school party co-sponsored by the Black Student Union and Student Government Association. Hypnotist Tom Bresadola will be on campus in early September and there will be a trip to Cedar Point organized by Residence Life Staff. The Penn State West Hockey team has also started practicing and will be kicking off its season within the next few weeks.

Altoona's Busy Start

Recently, Kennedy, former MTV VJ and current political activist, appeared as the first Distinguished Speaker at Penn State Altoona. Later this year, Jack Hanna, "The Animal Man," will grace the campus with his presence. On Sept. 22, Penn State Altoona will be hosting their 2nd annual Rock-a-THON, an event in which students will rock in rocking chairs for 12hrs to increase cancer awareness on campus. This particular event is open to all students on campus; and the rocking chairs will be donated by local furniture stores. In line with community service activities, Oct. 14-15 has been declared as a weekend of service. The two events planned are the Community Clean- up and the Heart Walk. In hopes of making this Halloween season safer and more interesting on campus, SGA decided to turn the Student Union Center into a Haunted House for both community and Students to walk through. Even though the semester has just come to a start at Altoona, things have already begun to get into swing.

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which will be televised, will be a great opportunity for students to get to know the local candidates.

Another big event, coming up Sept. 21-22, is Penn State New Kensington's first Homecoming. The plans for this event are in their final stage, and there are many more activities planned for the future.

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DuBois Makes Changes

BY: CRISTY DEBOER

Penn State DuBois has seen its share of changes over the past couple of years, new buildings, new faculty, and new problems to work out. This year, along with the arrival of smiling new faculty members and students, Penn State DuBois is receiving somewhat of a makeover. Students wanted better audio-visual equipment for the classrooms, adequate desks for particular rooms, and more parking.

Over the course of the year it was noticed by many students that some of the AV equipment used in the classrooms were outdated and some in a rather bad condition. Together, the SGA put in requests to replace the old for new equipment and voted. New AV equipment is now ordered and on its way to the campus.

Another concern among students on campus was desks, which seemed too small and inadequate to the learning environment. Once the research was completed, prices were gathered, and votes tallied, new desks were purchased and currently on their way to Penn State DuBois. Students requested, and both the campus and SGA listened and responded.

Parking is one of the most common complaints at any campus, even at DuBois. Both residents and high school students park around Penn State DuBois making it extremely difficult for the students to locate a spot near or around the campus to park. New parking zones were created for only Penn State students and only for residents, but parking has still remained a major problem. To solve this issue, Penn State DuBois recently purchased part of Monument Hill, located behind the campus, in order to create more parking for the students. Construction began at the end of the Spring Semester and has continued throughout the summer. At the end of this month, nearly 250 new parking spaces will be available to Penn State DuBois students.

Penn State DuBois has shown its students that they are important by giving them what they need. As new situations arise, the campus is there to help in any way that it can. The administration, faculty and staff, and Student Government are always available to assist the students in any way possible. As time changes, Penn State DuBois changes with it, out with the old and in with the new!

Schuylkill Gets Involved

BY: JENNA RUPERTUS

Penn State Schuylkill held the first Senate election on Wed., Sept. 6, with the highest voter turnout in the past several years. Over 200 students elected 20 senators to represent students' concerns and coordinate projects. Students elected 10 commuters and 10 residents to serve on the Senate. Several goals of the Senate include improving campus involvement, working with administration to improve handicap access to residence halls and classrooms, and upgrading the parking facilities.

Activities Fair 2000 was also a huge success. Over 20 clubs participated in recruiting new members and discussing possible opportunities for campus involvement. More than 200 students persued the tables and received information about the clubs and organizations' programs. As a result of the fair, several new clubs have formed including the Radio Club, the Ski Club, the Criminal Justice Club, the Psychology Club, and the Outdoors Club. Students had the opportunity to win cash by answering questions about the clubs; they also enjoyed snow cones and listened to great music.

Computing Initiative

BY: TONY POMICTER

As a new, or old, student at Penn State, you probably have questions about using the resources available to you. You will find that one of the key elements in your life here as a student is computing. Due to the increased use of the Internet and computer supplements by professors in all majors, faculty and administrators now recommend that all full-time students at PSU own or have home access to a computer. It is very possible that it will become a mandatory requirement in the future. This does not mean the elimination of campus computer labs, just simply that every student should have a computer in their home or apartment. Many students are concerned about how to finance their computer purchase. Although there is no actual financial aid for the payment of a computer you can include the purchase in your financial aid package through the Office of Student Aid (see your campus Student Aid Officer). The university does not currently recommend any specific brand of computer, but much software is available through the Microsoft Order Center, at 50-70% off the regular market prices. If you are not familiar with hardware and software packages and what will work best for you and your major, computer consultants are available at the MOC.

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New Addition to PSU Mont Alto

BY: LORETTA SCOTT

Penn State Mont Alto added a new women's softball field during the spring 2000 semester.

The new field was funded through Penn State University's Commonwealth College Athletic Conference Gender Equity Fund and the Student Activity Fee on the Mont Alto campus.

Athletic Director Marty Ogle said that the campus received the money in response to a proposal submitted to the Gender Equity Committee at Penn State's University Park campus. The Gender Equity fund is designed to provide equal access to athletic teams and facilities for both males and females.

"Mont Alto athletics, under the guidance of Marty Ogle, has one of the most extensive and respected athletic programs in the Commonwealth College Athletic Conference (CCAC)," noted John Fritz, director of Penn State Commonwealth College athletics. "We are pleased to be able to play a part in helping to offer even more opportunities for the students at Mont Alto through is the next goal for Penn State Mont Alto athletics."

The new field, which was designed by Ogle, women's softball coach Jim Brown, and the maintenance staff on the campus, was installed by Mills Brothers, Mont Alto. The home run fence for the new field was provided by Hartzel Fence Company of Fayetteville.

The Penn State Mont Alto women's softball team finished its second softball season in April with a record of 7-7.

Better Life at PSU Delaware County

BY STEPHANIE DEAK

Penn State Delaware County is buzzing with fantastic programs and activities this fall, all designed to keep students involved and focused on success.

The campus is building better minds with "Getting Organized" on Sept. 20, the "Southwest Community Enrichment Center Art Exhibition Reception" on Oct. 16, and "How To Get What You Want" on Nov. 8. These programs are just a few of the events planned to address issues related to job skill preparedness, community awareness, and assertiveness training.

Penn State Delaware County is also focused on building a better body image and providing a better understanding of the value of a healthy lifestyle. On Sept. 13, the campus will host a Nutrition and Wellness Seminar entitled, "Better Habits, Better Body, Better Grades." Oct. 20 is the day to answer the question, "Do I REALLY Look Like This?" On Nov. 16, the SGA will teach students how to quit smoking and on Nov. 17 the "Safety Bug" will be here giving students an opportunity to "drive drunk."

This year, the Delaware County campus organizations want to provide students with several opportunities to learn valuable relationship skills, not just in their personal relationships but in their educational and professional relationships as well. With that goal in mind, SGA will hold: "How to Act and Dine Fine," on Sept. 21, "Sex, Milk, and Cookies" with Dr. Lucille Ijoy on Sept. 28, "Learn How to Cope: An Anger Management Workshop" on Oct. 31, and the "Alumni Networking Luncheon" on Nov. 9.

Hazleton's Goals

BY: MELISSA LANDIS

Penn State Hazleton is taking the year by storm. The campus had an exciting orientation, which included motivational speakers, picnic lunches, and a carnival to top it all off. The carnival was used as a basis for recruiting freshmen into the clubs and organizations on campus. The energy from the students is promising for an eventful year.

This year Hazleton also had their first annual club leadership conference. It was two days of vital information for all returning sophomores that are involved in clubs and organizations before freshmen moved in. This was a big help in eliminating that initial period of getting back in the swing of things, and students were able to jump right into action.

Another proud announcement for the lively campus is that for the first time in three

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from what President Spanier had to say, there will definitely be another increase for next year. No one is in favor of having to pay more for what they are already getting, especially college students. Every time tuition increases, more students are excluded from being able to attend Penn State, simply because they can no longer meet the expense of the university. President of the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) Gabriel Bryant said, "Every year that tuition increases forces more and more students out of the university; students that could be helping the campus and community." Bryant also stated that students and administration should work together and lobby the state to obtain more state appropriations.

President Spanier spoke about faculty research as though spending money was a goal. He is proud of the fact that Penn State spent $440 million dollars on research this past year. With a $47 million increase over last year, he is proud of the fact that "this is one of the highest single year increases in the history of American higher education." Faculty research is definitely an important part of any university, especially one as prestigious as Penn State, but to proudly inform 80,000 students about this spending and then tell them that the university needs more of their money is not going to go over well with anyone.

Between his mentioning the $47 million dollar research increase since last year and the "necessary" tuition increases, President Spanier spoke about what he called, "we and they", referring to either University Park students versus the Commonwealth students, faculty versus the students, or administration versus the students, amongst other things. How can the administration expect any kind of unity with students when they are paying the bills for not only their own living expenses, books, and all those wonderful fees on the semester bills, but also the nearly ½ billion-dollar research bill? Vice-President of CCSG Shane Szalankiewicz said that the speech did not touch upon enough student issues, such as advising, judicial affairs (in regards to Rashard Casey), and all the issues surrounding this summer's riot.

> *"Tuition increases are not the answer" - Shane*

Many students are questioning who this speech was aimed at. Matt Roan, President of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), said that it sounded like a speech more designed to be delivered to a business than a university of students. Spanier said that we need tuition increases to maintain the quality of education that we are known for, but what about the students who cannot afford the more expensive Penn State University? What kind of an education are they receiving, Roan asked? He also noted that only students had to check their bags upon entering the auditorium to hear the speech.

It is not that the speech was entirely against what the students need; baccalaureate programs have been expanded at many campuses, distance education is now at 3,000 students, applicants to Schreyer Honors College increased 13%, and one sixth of everyone who applies to medical school applies to the Hershey Medical Center. He did also say that he is proud of the achievements of the commonwealth over the last five years. Even despite these things, Shane Szalankiewicz said it best, with a message for President Spanier, "Tuition increases are not the answer".

York's Activities

By: Julia Danner

Many new activities have been taking place at the York Campus this semester. Convocation was held Aug. 21 at 4:30 pm in the Penn State Woods to welcome all of the new students not only to the York Campus but also to Penn State University altogether! There are several clubs that should be fully organized by spring semester including the hiking club, the dance team and various others.

Quite a few cultural events will be taking place at the campus within the next few months. The selection of performances include Jazz In the Woods, The Roots Of Rock & Roll, BluesWorks, and The Philadelphia Brass. Penn State York is also featuring Tom Bresadola, a master hypnotist, in addition to a live multimedia presentation on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

Carlos Cortinez, a faculty member here at York, will be talking about Latin American poets such as Borges and Neruda at noon in the Joe and Rosie Ruhl Student Community Center.

It is now the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month and the York campus is actively participating in this celebration. A dance will be held on Friday, October 6, 2000 featuring a Latin band in the conference center. Students are invited to come and dance to the beat of the Latin music.

For any information contact the Student Affairs office at (717)-771-4045 or Penn State York's web site at www.yk.psu.edu.

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semesters Hazleton publishing a newspaper. Everyone is very proud of Glenn Garabrant and the entire staff of the Highacres Collegian.

One of the main concerns starting off the year is the change that is being made in the cafeteria. The other, as always, is student apathy. Student leaders are having a hard time figuring out how to get people to "climb the mountain" and come to the events.

Hazleton campus is hard at work on the mountaintop trying to make a better Penn State Experience for all of its students.