

## Professor Profile

### Political activities enrich classes

By Teresa Shultz

Pollster, political analyst, author and professor. Penn State Harrisburg's own Dr. Michael Young is a man who is used to seeing his name in print.

Young has successfully combined several careers, and has become somewhat of a media superstar.

In addition to teaching graduate courses in politics and public

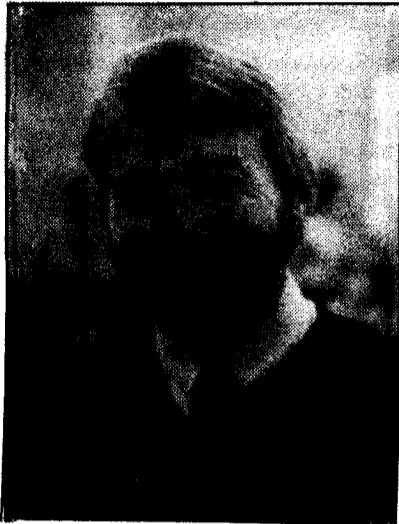


Photo by Kimberly Anastas  
Dr. Michael Young, professor of politics and public administration.

administration, Young proclaims himself a pollster by profession, and also does political analyses.

He is called upon frequently to give his opinions on political matters and has made hundreds of on-air appearances for both radio and television. He is the

political analyst for Harrisburg's WHP stations, and has also appeared on Cable News Network (CNN) and done analyses for National Public Radio (NPR).

Young enjoys being in the media limelight.

"I like it," Young said without hesitation. "I have a natural inclination toward it."

He said he also enjoys it because he believes he is performing the role of translator.

"Academia does not get translated well or is not understood well by people outside academics."

Young is very much interested in how the role of academics and research gets translated into action.

Young's profession of polling makes him interested in research.

Currently, he is associate director of the Institute of State and Regional Affairs (ISRA) here at PSH. He heads up ISRA's research program which offers polling services to government and the non-profit sector.

In addition to his appearances on TV and radio, his opinions and analyses have been reported in such prestigious and well-known publications as the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among others.

He has also authored several books including *The American Dictionary of Campaigns and Elections* (1987), which is quickly becoming a standard reference

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### Education opened door for support counselor

By Nathan Lee Gadsden

Some Penn State Harrisburg staff members are required to wear many hats. Student Support Counselor Felicia Brown-Haywood is such a person. She said she's often mistaken for the campus affirmative action officer, and although she is the PSH contact person for that program, her responsibilities go far beyond that area.

Brown-Haywood said she handles and refers special problems for many student sub-groups, including physically challenged individuals, returning adults, minorities, and commuters.

She said she "works to enhance the retention efforts of all these groups." Much of her time is spent providing follow-up support for students involved in various University programs; "Even if

husband, Brown-Haywood said she found the responsibility of being a single parent to be emotionally and financially draining, so she decided to further her education.

She first attended beauty school to pick up a trade to help pay her way through graduate school. She then earned a master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg University.

Now remarried, Brown-Haywood said she first came to PSH as a student and worked as a graduate assistant in the counselling center. She saw a gap between PSH and the Harrisburg black community and decided she could do something about it.

In her present position, Brown-Haywood says she must often serve as "interpreter, liaison and mediator to help bring people together." "But my goal in

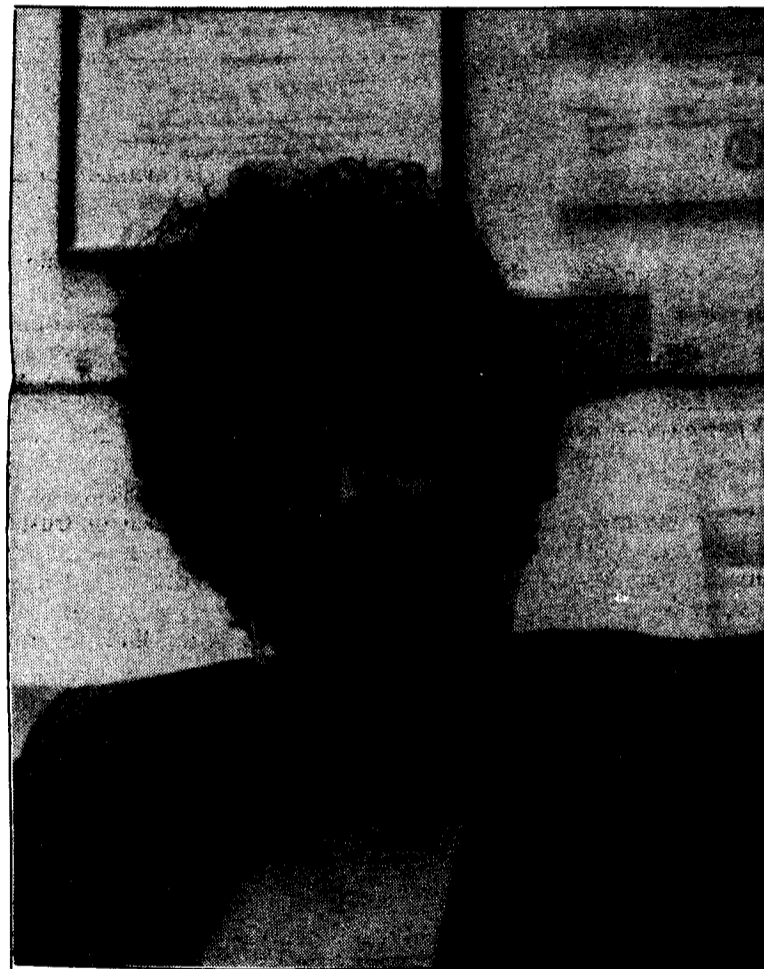


Photo by Denina C. Benson  
Felicia Brown-Haywood, student support counselor.

that means knocking on dorm doors to get people to class," she said.

Her current line of work was not always Brown-Haywood's career goal.

A native of Philadelphia, she graduated from Cheyney State University with a degree in therapeutic recreation, which kept her on track to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a physical education instructor.

However, after a half of a year as a substitute teacher, she decided against pursuing that career.

She said, "I decided I wanted to be in the helping field, so I got a job in a hospital working with high-risk infants, with thoughts of eventually becoming a physician's assistant."

During this time, she also got married and moved to Harrisburg.

After the unexpected death of her first

all situations is to get faculty, staff and students to talk to each other without me."

"Everyone at Penn State Harrisburg must pay more attention to the diversity of students and how they can blend and complement each other."

She said we can't measure each student against what a particular group feels is the norm."

She continued to say that PSH is a microcosm of the United States where, by the year 2000, one-third of the population will be people of color, and "all students need to be prepared for differences in cultures."

Brown-Haywood cited education as the key which opened doors for her, and it is the motivating force for her to show others that for many people "education can be the way out."

## Salaries

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concerned that this inequity, resulting in low morale, may affect the faculty's productivity and, consequently, the students' education will suffer.

This could become a more detrimental problem when these students advance to University Park and must compete with students who have been there for their first two years, with the highly motivated faculty.

Unfortunately, this report was released at an inopportune time because of the budgetary problems. Hudson had a solution to rectify this.

He said, for example, if the University is given a five percent salary increase to allocate, it could take a small part of it, since Capital College does not have a large number of faculty, and use it to adjust the salaries. By using this means, there would be no need to look for additional funds.

De Rooy said, "As a result of this report, the president of the University Senate has appointed a University-wide task force on salary. The task force is expected to begin work this year to study the implications of this report and the Taylor report, a report on the salary differentials between genders."

Hudson said, "This report gives us a message. It tells us how the central administration evaluates our campus and our students, and it says we are not as good [as University Park] and that's demoralizing."

## Podhoretz

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carping on the negativity and the dirtiness of the Bush campaign was meant to belittle George Bush's accomplishment.

"In effect, we were being told that it turns out Bush will win, but he will not have won fair and square," Podhoretz said.

Many people feel that the term President-elect George Bush will be, in actuality, four more years of Ronald Reagan conservatism. But Podhoretz points out that Reagan's views are closer to John Kennedy's than Edward Kennedy's views are today.

Podhoretz said that Reagan used the old liberalism of Kennedy to get elected in 1980 and re-elected in 1984. The old liberalism favored a strong defense, feared the expansion of communism, and cut taxes to promote economic growth.

Reagan, a former Democrat, switched parties but kept the ideology.

When the post-1968, McGovern-ism became labeled liberalism, Podhoretz left the liberal establishment "to become a founding prophet of the neo-conservative movement." Ironically, Podhoretz bears a striking -- if not peculiar -- resemblance to New York City's mayor, Ed Koch.

He had worked for the *London Times* for nearly 30 years before becoming the editor of the *Commentary* magazine.

Podhoretz, also a noted author, has written six books; among them, his most recent, "The Bloody Crossroads: Where Literature and Politics Meet."