

Humanities students express concerns

By Josette Kloker

"This institution is small enough that we [faculty] can still pay individual attention to students," said Dr. William Mahar, head of the humanities division.

Mahar, who addressed student concerns at a "Humanities Open Forum" on Tuesday, Nov. 22, said he is concerned about cases of racism, sexism and ageism.

One student expressed concern that cultural diversity is not being integrated into the humanities core courses.

"One doesn't deal with diversity by ignoring it or doing lip service to it," replied Mahar.

Mahar said he recognizes the wide spectrum of ages that attend Penn State Harrisburg, but feels this variety is an advantage because it allows for students with such different perspectives on life to interact and learn from one another.

The students' major concerns were the increasing number of full-time faculty, scheduling, internships and the degree

change.

The humanities students inquired about the growing number of full-time faculty, and as a result, the decreasing number of part-time faculty.

Mahar feels he receives the "best service from full-time faculty because they are part of the University," but students still feel there is a lot of practical value to part-time faculty who are in the "real world."

Mahar said the humanities division will continue to utilize part-time faculty in the specialized areas like advertising and public relations.

He said, "They [part-time faculty] are difficult to find, and when we find them, they are very difficult to keep."

Scheduling also was a major concern among students. Mahar said, "Scheduling is one of my biggest nightmares."

He said the humanities division tries to schedule 50 percent of its classes on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the other 50 percent on Tuesday, Thursday,

in order to accommodate students with varying schedules. To further accommodate, they offer one-third of the classes in the morning, one-third in the afternoon and the remaining one-third in the evening.

Mahar said the humanities division has been forced to employ "enrollment management." This means certain required courses are closed to non-humanities students.

Although this seems unfair to some students, Mahar said he takes "great joy in seeing this because there was a time when the humanities division was on its last legs because it didn't have enough students."

This growing number of students increases the number of seniors who have a lot of questions about internships.

Mahar said the humanities division is

moving toward internships restricted to six credits, instead of the traditional 12 credits. He also said determining the amount of credits does not depend on the amount of time spent on the job, but the quality of the tasks performed. He said it is possible the faculty may not feel a student is prepared enough for a certain internship he is pursuing, but when a student does find a suitable internship, "a relationship and trust between the intern supervisor and the faculty person" is imperative to a successful internship.

There was also much concern expressed about the bachelor of humanities degree, and whether or not it is as prestigious as a bachelor of arts degree.

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Job fair looks promising for graduates

Are you a senior or graduate student seeking permanent employment? Then take advantage of the Central Pennsylvania Employment Consortium (CPEC) Job Fair to be held before Spring Break.

The Job Fair is for all majors and is free to graduating students from Penn State Harrisburg. It is also available to all Penn State Harrisburg alumni who are in the process of changing jobs.

Career Services is holding CPEC information meetings during late November and early December. Attend one of the meetings to watch a video on what to expect at the Job Fair and learn how to prepare for the event.

Formal Registration will be held during the first three weeks in December through Career Services, located in the Student Assistance Center, W-117.

The Job Fair will be held on Thursday Feb. 16, 1989 from 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. at the State Farm Show complex in Harrisburg. Over 100 employer representatives from the Northeastern part of the United States will be present to interview job candidates. These employers represent a broad cross-section of organizations in both size and type. They are looking for qualified applicants for present or anticipated job openings.

The Central Pennsylvania Employment Consortium is a group of 18 area colleges and universities, including PSH, and six organizations that are working together to help provide better employment opportunities for the students who attend these institutions.

The six organizations that belong to CPEC are AMP, Inc., Electronic Data Systems, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, Hershey Foods Corporation, IBM Corporation, and York International Corporation.

PSH donates 1357 cans to food bank

By David A. Blymire

Penn State Harrisburg recently helped local food pantries and food banks by collecting 1,357 cans of food and \$68.75 in cash.

The "Scouting for Food" drive was sponsored locally by the Keystone Area Boy Scouts of America, working in cooperation with the United Way; and more than a quarter of a million cans of food were collected across the local four-county area, said Carl Barnes of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting for Food was supported in central Pennsylvania by about 200 scouting units, businesses, social services agencies, and many area colleges, he said.

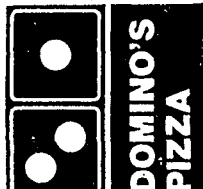
"Collectively, we need to say thank

you," said Janet Widoff, coordinator of Student Activities. "It was encouraging to see the college community come together."

Penn State students, faculty, and staff employed a variety of techniques to entice potential donors to give.

The Student Government Association used perhaps the most lucrative approach in sponsoring a bean contest in which potential participants were required to donate a can of food before registering their guesses. Linda Meashey, academic counselor in the Student Assistance Center, won that contest, and then donated the \$35 first prize back to the food drive.

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