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Awards Convocation Honors Faculty Members

Several Penn State Harrisburg faculty and staff members received awards at the PSH Awards Convocation on Sunday, April 22.

Jefferson S. Hartzler, associate professor of mathematics, was honored with the PSH Outstanding Teacher Award.

Hartzler, who has been at Penn State since 1967, received the award based on his demonstrated excellence and lasting impact in the areas of teaching, academic advising, career guidance, enthusiasm and commitment. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Hoshen College, and his master's and doctoral degrees from Penn State in mathematics.

Peter E. Parisi, Assistant Professor of Communications and humanities was honored with the Dr. James A. Jordan, Jr. Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

The award is presented by the student body to a faculty member who demonstrated outstanding dedication and achievement in education and who exhibits sincere interest in the students and the college community. The award is given in honor of faculty member Dr. James A. Jordan, who died in 1971.

Parisi has taught at PSH since 1988. He serves as coordinator of the communications program in the Division of Humanities. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Columbia University, New York, and his doctoral degree in

English from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Erdener Kaynak, Professor of Marketing, received the Outstanding Researcher Award.

Kaynak, who has taught at PSH since 1986, received the award based on his approved nomination, record of scholarship and achievements during his career. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the Istanbul University and his doctorate from the Cranfield Institute of Technology, England.

Theresa Majzlik, acting director of the Computer Center, was the recipient of the PSH Outstanding Service Award for her contributions and service to the PSH community, faculty staff and students.

William Richardson received the Joel Sater Award in American Studies for his contributions to the American Studies program.

Richardson is an American Studies major at PSH. He holds a doctorate in botany and has taught at the college level. He is interested in the humanistic study of folk and material culture where his study combines folklife, sociology, art, language and history. Richardson also had an internship in which he acquired curatorial experience installing a Pennsylvania German art exhibit at Bucknell University.

Richardson received a certificate and a check for his achievements.

New SGA Takes Office

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Student Government Association's (SGA) officers and senators for 1990-91 officially took office on Tuesday, April 17.

The new SGA consists of the following members: Andrew Hilt (President, Public Policy), Melissa Major (Vice President, Computer Science), Cheryl Potter (Board Secretary), Kimberly Murray (Treasurer, Accounting), Francilia Arnold (Senator for Behavioral Science and Education, Sociology), Brian Hill (Senator for Business Administration), Amy Killeen (Senator for Humanities, Communications), Robert Sandrock Jr. (Senator for Public Affairs, Public Policy), Martha Bronson (Senator for Science, Engineering and Technology,

Actuarial Science), Suzanne Rosenblatt (Senator-at-Large, Psychology), Lisa Rusnak (Senator-at-Large, Psychology), and Rebecca O'Malley (Senator-at-Large, Elementary Education).

Many of these new members have experience and know-how because of involvement in SGA at other campuses and in other organizations.

Hilt has been an SGA president once before, at PSU DelCo. He said he plans to "improve the quality of student life" at PSH next year.

Major was also the vice president at another campus, and said she wants to "increase the productivity of the vice-presidential position and work to make the Student Government Association more familiar with the students."

Sandrock said, "I would like to see new investments for actual student



PSH students planting trees for Earth Day.

Earth Day at PSH

Penn State Harrisburg celebrated "Earth Day 1990, The Turning Point" with its own set of picnics, videotapes, lectures and tree planting during the week of April 16 -22.

The Earth Week activities began on Monday, April 16 with a demonstration on recycling in the lobby of Olmsted. The program showed what types of products can be recycled and how to start a recycling program.

Tuesday, April 17 was designated as "Walking Day" and commuting students, faculty and staff were encouraged to leave their cars parked once they were on campus. Students living on campus were requested to walk to class this day. A video entitled "Crisis in the Atmosphere" was shown in the Gallery Lounge.

The Provost Picnic was held for all students, faculty and staff in the Sculpture Garden on Thursday. Besides the free grub, everyone was entertained

by "All Strung Out" and a performance by a dance troupe from the Cumberland Dance Company. Afterward trees were planted to help reduce CO2 in the atmosphere and, Dr. Troy Thomas created a sculpture of recyclable cans in front of the Olmsted building.

Later that evening an "Energy in the Environment" workshop was offered in the Capital Union Building Student Center. Individuals learned ways they can help save energy in the environment.

Olmsted's lobby was transformed into a tropical rain forest by PSH communication graphic students. While hanging out in the jungle, people were able to pick-up informative literature on the environment or purchase a biodegradable Earth Day t-shirt.

Relaxation and getting in touch with nature was obtained by anyone who participated in the 10K Earth Week Walk. A delightful on and off-campus course was mapped out.

benefit on campus; i.e., funding for the proposed water fountain, or maybe renovation of the Olmsted building's lobby to better represent the University at Harrisburg."

Officers stressed communication between students, faculty and SGA as a high priority for next year. "Students should not be afraid to speak up with their concerns in the academic areas," said Rusnak.

Killeen said she hopes students will feel confident in bringing problems they have to her, so she can bring them to the attention of the Humanities Division head.

"My goal would be to get the student body more involved with Penn State Harrisburg," Rusnak said.

Toni Mandronico (SGA President, 1989-90), Janet Widoff (Coordinator, Student Activities), John White (Chief Justice, Student Court) and Andrew Hilt (SGA President, 1990-91) officiated the ceremony.

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