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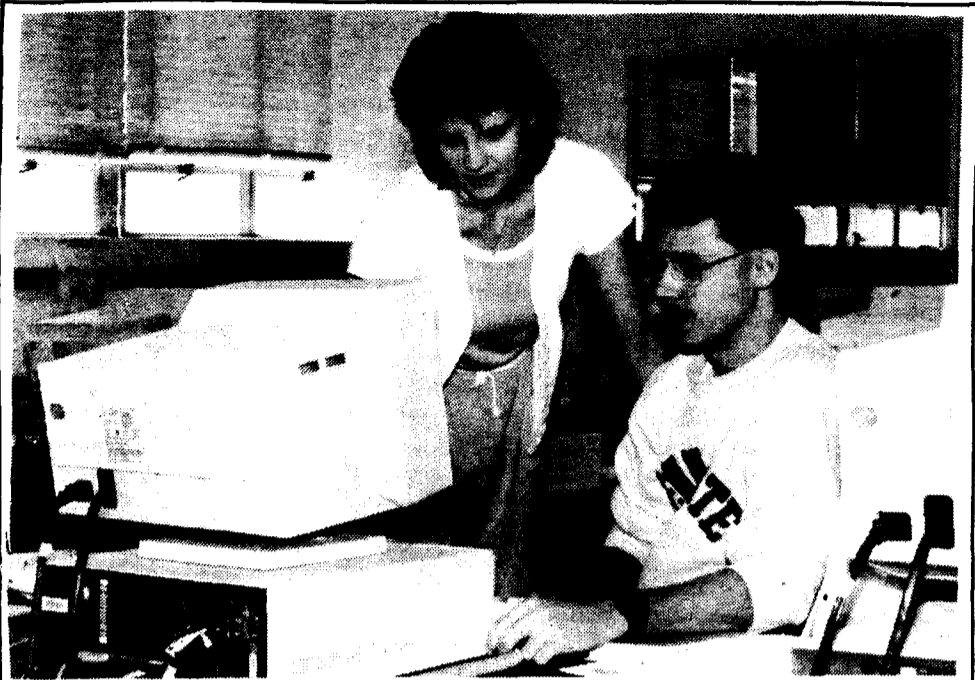


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Karen Koltiska, ASM Outstanding Student Award Winner, assists Tim Bollinger, a senior computer science major.

## Senior Wins Award

Lorraine Wallett  
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Karen Koltiska, a senior Informations Systems major, recently won the Central PA Chapter Association of Systems Management (ASM) Outstanding Student Award of \$200 towards her schooling.

"I was shocked," Koltiska said about the award. "It's great to be recognized for my college efforts."

Koltiska is President of the campus chapter of ASM and invites all students to join. ASM clubs exist at student, local, and national levels. Dr. Mehdi Khosrowpour, Associate Professor of Informations Systems at PSH and a

member of the Central PA Chapter of ASM, nominated Koltiska for the award.

"Recognizing students who are high achievers in the field is one of our organization's goals," said Khosrowpour about the award.

In addition to studying, Koltiska finds time to work in the computer lab and the Student Assistance Center. On most weekends, she commutes home so she can participate in the Hazelton Philharmonic.

Koltiska's goal is to obtain a Masters Degree and to use her skills in the workplace. "I enjoy computers and people. When things go wrong between them, it's like a puzzle. I like making the pieces fit."

## Chalkboards Get Facelift

Paula Styer  
Capital Times Staff

Penn State Harrisburg's maintenance staff was awarded \$1,000 as part of a cost-reduction incentive program for the renovation of the slate chalkboards in Olmsted Building.

The 5th place award, the largest maintenance has received, was given to the maintenance staff for the removal of the glossy wax build-up on the 23 year-old slate boards.

"We had the choice of buying new boards or hiring a diamond grinding vendor," said Kenneth Witmer, Manager of Facilities and Maintenance Operations.

New slate boards cost \$24,000 and difficulty in scheduling with a vendor left the option of removing the wax themselves and saving money, Witmer said.

"The vendor demonstrated how to take the board down," Witmer said. "From there on it was up to our staff."

Using floor stripper chemicals and a floor stripping machine, the maintenance staff removed 80 percent of the wax of the diamond grinding process. The result was a dull-surfaced piece of slate.

"We had to remove the glaze to make a dull surface," Witmer said.

The wax build-up, caused by a wax-

binder in chalk that remains in the pores in slate, produced a glare and would no longer allow chalk to adhere to the board.

"The instructor was writing and at the same time he wasn't writing," Witmer said.

The slate-cleaning is part of a classroom renovation project begun four years ago to all general purpose classrooms. Seventeen are finished, with new boards, paint, and electrical facilities.

Witmer said that along with the chalkboards, the partitions between classrooms are being removed and replaced with a double-wall partition with a sound barrier. The old partitions are not sound proof and noise from neighboring classes can be heard.

"It was an ideal situation," said Witmer. "We wanted to remove the slate to make it a sound-proof partition."

Funding for classroom renovations came from University Park's Classroom Improvement Committee and Penn State Harrisburg's maintenance fund.

"The award money is going back into the maintenance fund and with the money saved by doing the job ourselves, we'd like to refinish the rest of the chalkboards," said Witmer.

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people to the firing squad and has tolerated no opposition in his quest to control oil and create "breathing space" for Iraq. Since Hussein took over the Iraqi government in 1979, he has been responsible for about one million deaths and countless casualties, Aswad said.

He added that Hussein's claim that Kuwait is depressing oil prices is untrue. He cited that Kuwait is responsible for only three percent of all the Middle East oil exported by the OPEC nations and that Kuwait has begun investing oil profits anticipating an oil drought between the years 2010 and 2020.

Professor Kaynak, a native of Turkey which borders Iraq, sees the economic side of the crisis as the main reason behind Hussein's "stranglehold" on Kuwait. He said that the United Nation's economic sanctions against Iraq will eventually "fold Hussein's tent."

Turkey, which has had problems with Hussein for over a decade, is a major supplier to Iraq, and the Turks are currently damming up the Euphrates River to cutoff Iraq's water supply, Kaynak said.

Turkey even manages to make \$700 million from a 400-mile oil pipeline Iraq detoured through Turkey to avoid Syria, a country Iraq detests, Kaynak said.

Another economic consideration is that of past debts. Aswad said Hussein is holding Kuwait hostage to finance the debt from the war with Iran.

He also said that Iraq owes Kuwait and Saudi Arabia close to \$80 million for helping finance the war with Iran, and he made a lot of financial promises to his people he could not keep.

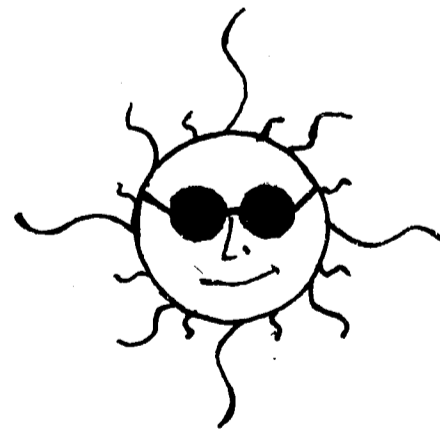
"Hussein is taking advantage of a less educated, tamed population," Aswad said.

Besides curing their economic woes, another Iraqi goal is Arab unity, Kaynak said. He said Hussein is using Jordan's King Hussein as a "political puppet" towards that goal, and this puts the king in a tough spot between loyalty to the Middle East and to his own people.

This division of loyalty has been seen in the uprisings within Jordan, he said, where banners of both King Hussein and Saddam Hussein wave side-by-side in the streets everyday.

Whether Saddam Hussein is truly a madman, or as Aswad said, "another Hitler practicing similar tactics of invasion, nibbling at other countries, and using death to make excuses," or whether his ultimate goal is power, money, or political monopoly, these three scholars agree that he must be stopped soon.

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