

PSH NEWS

Harrisburg honors University

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An explosion of Penn State blue and white decorated Strawberry Square's "berry red" interior on Friday, April 19, as Penn State held its third official Penn State Day in Harrisburg.

Besides activities held at the Downtown Center, the day offered a "Penn State Fair" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring exhibits from various academic programs, information about Penn State campuses, musical entertainment, cheerleaders, a cake cutting ceremony and even the Nittany Lion.

Mayor Stephen Reed was on hand to present Penn State Harrisburg Provost Ruth Leventhal with a certificate officially proclaiming April 19 as Penn State Day in Harrisburg. Reed commended Leventhal for her work at PSH, and said the college has "a growing presence in the city of Harrisburg."

All representatives from the college were kept busy during the celebration. Andrea Willard, from Admissions at Penn State Harrisburg, said she spent the day answering questions about PSH.

"It was a fantastic day," Willard said. "There was a lot of interest in the college, especially the kinds of programs we offer."

The first Penn State Day was held three years ago to commemorate the opening of the college's Downtown Center on North Third Street. And not unlike that first day, this year's celebration also featured the Downtown Center.

The Center ran an open house, complete with tours, from 10 a.m. to 3



Photo by Karen Putt

Harrisburg Mayor Stephen Reed honors Penn State at a ceremony at Strawberry Square as the Penn State Choral Club looks on.

p.m., as well as offering two workshops during the day. Both hour long workshops, one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 11:30 a.m., were to give information to anyone thinking of returning to school.

Nancy J. Karlik, who runs the Downtown Center, was pleased with the number of people who participated in the workshops.

"I thought the turnout was very good," said Karlik. "About 45 people total attended the two workshops, and we had a lot of people come in and tour the center."

Karlik attributed the large number of people who attended the festivities to the

advertising Penn State spent to promote this year's activities.

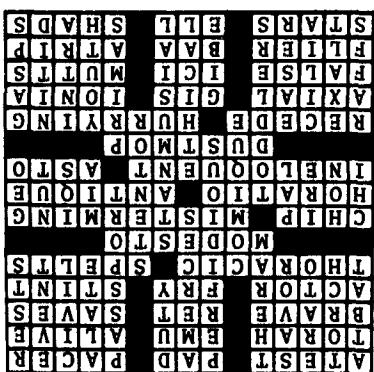
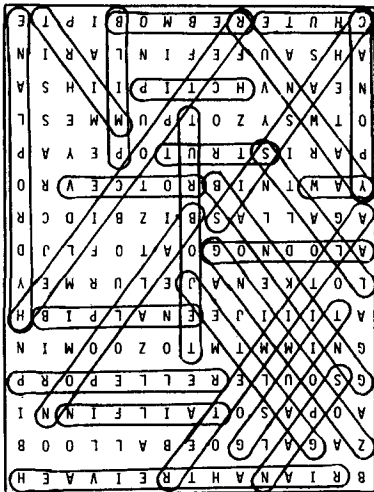
"I think we had a lot more publicity this year than any other year," Karlik said. "Or maybe it's that people in this area really like Penn State."

Other festivities included a mini bookstore where people could buy anything "Penn State" from bumper stickers to boxer shorts. Emcee Paul Baker, of WHP 58, announced the winners of drawings sponsored by the PSH bookstore for an autographed copy of Joe Paterno's book, and an autographed photo of Joe Paterno.

Tarnhelm Reception

Tarnhelm will host a reception for the distribution of the 1991 issue on Tuesday, April 30, in the Gallery lounge from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Awards will be presented at 1 p.m.

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efficiently. All four walls are covered from floor to ceiling with shelves holding files, slides, plans and things his wife "wants to throw out." Adjusting his suspenders, he somehow manages to comfortably squeeze his sizeable frame behind his drafting table/desk that occupies what little floor space exists.

Among Ferguson's other work in city and regional planning are Villa Riva, a town in the Dominican Republic, and U.N. sponsored projects including a development plan for New Providence Island and the City of Nassau in the Bahamas.

Ferguson, who rarely find time to travel except for the occasional consulting job, said his favorite cities are Paris and New York. Most recently Ferguson worked as a U.N. consultant to the government of Bahrain, working on a development plan for the island.

The Bahrainians are very "security conscious," they plan for the future, Ferguson said. For example they are concerned with water shortages and "what will happen when they run out of oil."

Planning for the future is something Ferguson said he believes is very important, and something he wishes the U.S. would do more of.

"We ought to have more comprehensive and coherent development policies," Ferguson said. "Economic

development has environmental consequences."

Ferguson cited France and Japan as countries with excellent development planning, adding that Europeans are much more concerned with preserving their history and culture than Americans.

"Despite the fuss about planning in America; urban, suburban and rural building is ruled by economics," said the southern California native. "America is a democracy of interest groups, maybe we have too many lawyers," he said smiling.

"On the issue of nuclear energy Ferguson said he doesn't see any realistic alternative, "as long as it's well planned."

Ferguson again cited France and Japan as much more rational than the U.S. in anticipating the future. According to Ferguson, 40 percent of France's power is nuclear and Japan is the 4th largest user of nuclear energy in the world.

When not working on his book about modern culture's effect on city design, Ferguson enjoys gardening, but said he is "unsuccessful" at it. Among his existing publications is "Architecture, Cities and the Systems Approach which was a 1975 main selection of the Library of Urban Affairs Book Club.

Ferguson resides with his wife and two of their three children in Maytown, Lancaster County. His oldest daughter attends Penn State.

BSU elects officers

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The members of Penn State Harrisburg Black Student Union (BSU) met in the Black Cultural Arts Center (BCAC) on Monday April 8 to elect their new officers for the 1991-92 school year. The newly elected officers are Teresa Proctor, president; Pete Groom, vice-president; Jina McArthur, treasurer; Kim Gaskins, secretary and Ronda Lee correspondence secretary.

The Black Student Union works to present diversified cultural events at PSH. Black Students Unions serve as a support system for minority students as a means to share academic and social

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faculty organization said, "The part we are concerned with as students is the experiential portion. More students are in favor of the experiential learning and will choose that over learning in a classroom setting."

While many faculty members supported this idea, a big question still seemed to be who would determine what experiences are considered diversified and

ideas. According to Proctor, her plans for the up-coming year have not been finalized, but she hopes to deliver the message to PSH students that all students are welcome in the BCAC regardless of race. Proctor also mentioned that she will try to promote the utilization of keynote speakers from the central Pennsylvania area.

Treasurer-elect McArthur spoke of a program that would sponsor a reception for minority students to enable them to meet with the faculty on a personal level.

The new officers were installed on Thursday, April 18 in the BCAC in room W132.

which are not.

Robert J. Bresler, professor of public policy, wondered how much diversity would be involved if a wealthy, jetsetting student touched down for a visit in a foreign country.

The faculty affairs committee voted unanimously at its Feb. 27 meeting that each school or division should handle this, and all other diversity questions in its own way.