

PSH NEWS

Dhir enjoys relocation to PSH

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The fall 1991 semester brought many new faces to the campus. Along with the students, a new director of the School of Business Administration at Penn State Harrisburg arrived in August.

The new director, Krishna Dhir, is originally from India and came to the college because he feels it is an institution on the move with a clear mission of a metropolitan college.

"It has the potential of making an impact on this region," Dhir said.

He says that this university can contribute to the local economy by training educating and developing people who are professionals.

"We not only provide services to students, but to the businesses," he added.

Dhir's main goal, as director of the department, is moving toward accreditation to the American Assembly Collegiate Schools of Business.

"We would like to be accredited in our own right," Dhir said.

One of Dhir's favorite parts of this job is the people he has met.

"I found it very easy to join the faculty here," he said.

Dhir began his college education at the Indian Institute of technology in Bombay, India. After receiving a bachelor's degree in technology in 1966, Dhir attended universities across the United States. He earned a master's degree in science from Michigan State University in 1967, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii in 1968, and a Ph.D in business administration from the University of Colorado in 1975.

Dhir performed additional graduate studies at Ohio University and Carnegie-

Mellon University.

Dhir is a member of several professional organizations, such as the Decision Sciences Institute, Academy of Management, Indian Institution of Industrial Engineers, Academy of International Business and the Information Resources Management Associations.

Dhir is looking forward to many years with Penn State Harrisburg.

"It is located in a very pretty area," he commented.

In his spare time, Dhir enjoys camping and spending time outdoors.

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stress management because there is much tension in our country," she said.

This is Kuzetsova's second visit to the U.S. She was part of a two-week seminar along with five other Soviet educators in '88 when she attended health workshops on nutrition, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking and stress management. Ironically, she returned to



Ludmila Kuzetsova

the States Aug. 15, just four days before the coup broke out.

Kuzetsova said that the coup was totally unexpected to her and that before

she left things seemed to be peaceful. She talked about walking through Red Square and seeing the many tourists on vacation. And despite the country's economic state, there were very few protests or demonstrations.

"When the coup started, I was sure it would not last very long," she said. "The people had a taste of this democracy and freedom, and were not willing to give that up."

Kuzetsova said that ever since glasnost and perestroika were adopted in the winter of 1986-87, the Soviet people were in favor of Gorbachev's policies until the economy began to falter. She said it was when Gorbachev began putting conservatives in power, the same conservatives that would later plot against him, that Gorbachev's popularity began to shift amongst the Soviet people. The result was a gradual rise in prices and a troubled economy.

"The people thought that perestroika brought them democracy and openness, but democracy not in the broad sense of [the USA]," she said. "And what was really needed for the people was food - food to feed themselves and their families."

Kuzetsova has two daughters of her own, one, 19, and presently attending the Financial Economic Institute in Leningrad, and the other, 12, is a student at Feaser Middle School in Middletown, who tells her mother how she is happy with her school and likes, most of all, American shopping malls.

Kuzetsova then recalled a letter she

had received from her oldest daughter when she was visiting the states for the first time.

"She said, 'Mom, American people, they all smile and I learned to smile,'" Kuzetsova laughingly said.

Kuzetsova said that Americans wonder why her people seem to never smile and always appear to be angry and frowning.

"We are very proud people and seldom smile," she said. "It's not that we can't smile, we're so absorbed in our

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problems. We look angry but we are really exhausted and tired."

But in a more positive tone, Kuzetsova said she feels confident that things will improve for her country. She was careful to add that time is a great factor and that changes must be "quick and radical" to continue in the right direction.

"Nobody can predict [the future of the Soviet Union]," she said. "It may be 10 years or 20 years. Maybe in my lifetime - maybe. But it will take time. So, for American people it also took time to become a democratic society."

"I went from house to house, getting any food or clothes they would give me. I handed it all out to any needy people in the neighborhood."

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