

# '60s sounds fill lobby

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If it hadn't been for the gray and red decor in the Olmsted Building lobby, along with the cushy cranberry furniture, you could almost imagine you were transported back 25 years, as musician Jerry Haines played the songs from the era of the scratchy turntable.

The lunchtime, guitar-pickin' performance was part of the festivities kicking off Penn State Harrisburg's 25th Anniversary celebration.

"For a guy born in the '50s, I'm still stuck in the '60s," said Haines, a Hershey native who has been playing rhythm and blues at fairs and festivals for as long as

he can remember.

His charcoal-colored guitar case was a witness to times gone by, emblazoned with faded bumper stickers from the highway pavement it has seen.

Playing a collection of hits, from Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind," to James Taylor's "Blues is Just a Bad Dream," the dishwasher-blond-haired Haines picked and twanged, while students clustered in small circles on the lobby floor.

Haines brought out his auto harp and concluded with a set of his own music.

"They like hearing the '60s stuff, but I like doing my own thing sometimes," he said. "And, the auto harp is very rare these days."



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Guitarist Jerry Haines plays music of the '60s for listeners in the lobby of the Olmsted Building.

# Smart studying key to good grades

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As we reach the middle of the semester, everyone gets busy. Professors expect us to work to our maximum ability. How can students keep up?

Linda Meashey, a counselor in the Student Assistance Center, offered some answers in her presentation, "Study Smarter, Not Harder."

"If you're feeling overwhelmed right now, you're probably a good student,"

Meashey said.

Meashey emphasized that nobody is a perfect student, and everyone needs help now and then.

"Students need to know their professors," Meashey said. "Know if he likes little details from the book, or if he likes general principles."

Gretchen Long, a senior from Church Hall, agreed with Meashey.

"It's really important to know your instructor," Long said. "It helps determine what you should study."

According to Meashey, most exams given at PSH are essay tests. She listed statistics saying college professors rate essays on reasoning ability, factual content, relevance to the question, organization, clarity and answer completeness. Meashey added that they also consider how well it is written.

Meashey suggested students jot down notes about each question before starting the exam, using key phrases and ideas.

For students who want to get the most out of last-minute cramming, Meashey's

advice is:

~Be selective--concentrate on essential facts.

~Summarize main points on study sheets.

~Set aside notes and texts--focus on study sheets.

~Recite--say it out loud. If you can speak about it, you can write it.

~Concentrate on selected facts until they're memorized. Then move on.

~Start planning for the next exam. You don't want to get stuck again.

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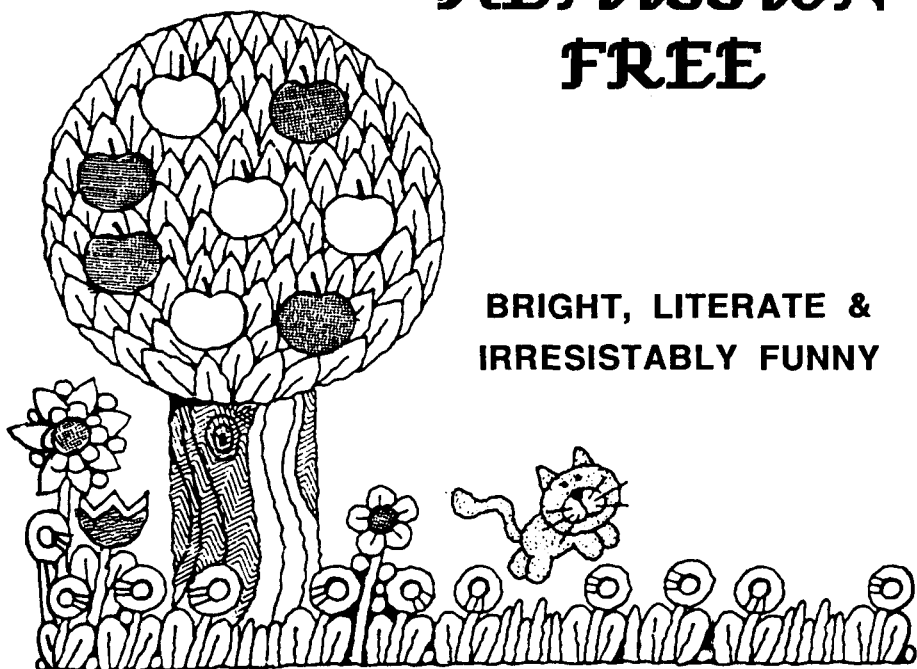
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