



Photo by Mike Starkey

**Free food**--Students and faculty line up to sample Grecian and Egyptian dishes during the Mediterranean Cooking Demonstration in the Gallery Lounge on April 10. The free food was sponsored by the International Affairs Association as part of the Spring International Festival held April 6-11.

## PSH enrollment nearing maximum capacity limit

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According to university officials, the enrollment statistics at Penn State Harrisburg are reaching the college's maximum capacity.

According to Registrar Dorothy Guy, the college has the capacity to take on 3,500 students, and the numbers are quickly approaching that level. Last fall's total student enrollment of 3,434 fell just short of the maximum capacity number.

"The number of enrolling students has steadily increased each year since the college opened in 1966," Guy said. "Each fall is larger than the last fall, each spring larger than the last spring."

Spring 1992 total student enrollment peaked at 3,344, which is comparatively higher than last spring's recorded total of 3,290.

As student numbers increase each year, the available classroom facilities decrease. To accommodate the growing numbers, university officials have acquired new sites for classrooms.

Ernest Dishner, associate provost and dean of the faculty, said approximately seven new classrooms will be available next year. The classrooms are a result of renovations that have been done in the Continuing Education building, Dishner said.

"Regular credit courses, as well as continuing education courses, will be offered in the newly renovated area," he added.

In addition to the classroom facilities, Dishner said there are two apartments that will be renovated for the university. He said these areas will serve as lodging for incoming guests and faculty position candidates during interviews.

## New computers spell progress for PSH center

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On Wednesday, March 18, the Facilities Committee got an impressive demonstration of INERNET in the Computer Center.

According to Lakshmana Viswanath, head of the Computer Center, this is just one of many new things that have given the facility a brand new look.

"Between the winter and spring semesters we installed 35 PC 386 computers," Viswanath said. These computers are housed in the lab across from the mainframe lab on the third floor of the Olmsted Building. The new equipment allows students to do their work faster and more efficiently.

According to Viswanath, the college is also expecting new software for the computers: Pagemaker and a grammar checker program are but a few of the titles that will be installed on the new 386 computers.

The Facilities Committee has also proposed new staff members be sought to help the staff and faculty identify and solve problems with the new software, said Eton Churchill, chairperson of the Facilities Committee.

Churchill added, "Money has been put in the budget for staff to receive training on the new software and equipment." He said everything the committee has proposed has been implemented in one way or another.

Viswanath agreed that the changes have been for the better, and he said he's looking forward to making more.

"I've only been managing the center a short time, but I am concerned about the needs of students and staff alike," he said. "A new strategic plan will soon be implemented, and I want input. If you have any problems, I want to know about it. You can come and scream and yell if you like, but I do want to know what you are thinking."

## Harrisburg enlists PSH data center for survey

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The city of Harrisburg is spending \$50,000 to hire the Data Center of Penn State Harrisburg to conduct a survey of people's concerns and attitudes toward the city.

The survey will address such issues as what people like and dislike about Harrisburg and whether or not people would recommend Harrisburg as a good place to live. Also the survey asks what will be important issues for the city to address in the next five years to be the kind of place that people would like to live in by the year 2000.

The Patriot News reported that the

responses will be compiled by the city and discussed at a public "retreat" in late May. The final plan will be adopted by November 1993.

Carol Kilko, economic development planner of the Data Center, said the center will be responsible for surveying Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry counties and the northern parts of York.

According to the Forum 2000 survey, this first phase of the city's renewal plan is critical for Harrisburg to set its long-term vision for the city and the surrounding regions.

"The end product will be a comprehensive plan to take the city into the year 2000," said Kilko.

## Temporary freeze thaws as job searches continue

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The job freeze that stalled faculty job searches began to melt away at Penn State Harrisburg on April 14.

"We got everything unfrozen," said Ernest K. Dishner, associate provost and dean of faculty, referring to the job searches already under way at the time of the freeze. "All requests were accepted." This "unfreezing" gives departments the approval to continue with job searches.

Most of these faculty positions are tenure track, but Dishner also said he will be requesting new faculty, non-tenure, year-to-year positions.

"If the positions had remained frozen, students at Penn State Harrisburg would have faced fewer class selections, larger class sizes, and enrollment caps in some programs," Dishner said.

The following is a list of the faculty positions that have been approved:

--School of Business (two positions)--one in accounting and one in information systems.

--Division of Behavioral Sciences and Education (two positions)--Division head Betty Fortner declined to elaborate on the type of positions.

--School of Science, Engineering, and Technology (two positions)--one in computer science and one in mathematics.


--Division of Humanities (one position)--American studies.

--Division of Public Affairs (one position)--criminal justice.

--Library (three librarian positions)--one in business reference, one in audiovisual/cataloguing, and one in data systems and microcomputers.

Additionally, they received approval for five general staff positions.

Although the job freeze throughout Penn State University is still in effect, administrators at Penn State Harrisburg received approval for the positions by submitting information to University Park justifying the need to fill them. Some of these were replacement positions.




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