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Festivities, banquets scheduled for Rites of Spring Picnic fun in park, awards banquet highlight annual festivities

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As the snow finally thaws out and spring struggles to arrive, PSH's Annual Rites of Spring is gearing up once again for a long weekend of fun.

The Rites of Spring, held April 21-24, will include various activities and is free of charge to students, faculty and staff.

It is organized and funded by a Student Government Association committee.

The festivities will begin with Monte Carlo Night, held int he Dining Commons on Thursday at 9 p.m. Play money will be awarded in various games, including mock gambling games.

Winners will then be able to cash in the "money" for prizes and gift certificates.

The Awards Banquet will be held on Friday in the Dining Commons, at 7 p.m. PSH clubs and organizations will enjoy a buffet meal and have an opportunity to recognize members with awards.

In addition to internal club awards, several other awards will be distributed. The list and nominees are as follows:

· Club President's Award -Jeanice Lue -**Black Student Union** Donald E. Stoner -

Capitalite Donald E. Stoner -XGI

Ralph Farabaugh -PSPEC

AnnMarie Knorr -Drama Club

Jeff Sarson -R. Joseph Ebersole

- FMA Club Member Contributor's Award
- Todd DeBoard several clubs Hong Lok -

FMA, IAA

Don Stoner -XGI

Emily Damanskis -Drama Club

Rusty Gonzalez -

PSPEC Sonia Harden -

Black Student Union

 Club Advisor Award Rie Gentzler -DTK Janet Widoff -Capitalite

- Dr. Joseph Cecere -
- PSPEC
- Dr. Clem Gilpin -

- Black Student Union & IAA
- Eton Churchill -
- Drama Club Dr. Sudhir Nanda
- Dr. Harvey Arbelaez -
- Most Outstanding Club **PSPEC** Finance Club Resident Student Council Personal Defense Club SGA (nominated twice)
- Outstanding New Club (within two years) Drama Club - Back Stage
- Campus Community Award Black Student Union Lion Ambassadors XGI

The nominees for the awards were voted upon in the March 30 meeting of the Organizational Advisory Board.

Recipients will be announced at the banquet. Saturday will be filled with fun and games at the People's Park, located in Meade Heights from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Adults and children will be able to participate in Wacky Olympics and other games, including a beach volleyball tournament.

The Wacky Olympics will include a wheelbarrow race, a potato sack race, a tug of war



contest, a game of Twister, and a keg toss for adults.

A picnic dinner will also be available. Hot roast beef and hot pork will be served, along with vegetable lasagna for vegetarians. Rolls, three types of cake, a vegetable tray and a soda fountain will also be served.

A clown and a caricaturist will be present for entertainment.

Music will be provided by deejay Scott Mateer and will include a live Reggae band. Admission to the picnic is free, but participants wil be required to have either their school

ID's or bracelets to be admitted due to security reasons.

Bracelets will be available April 18 (9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. in the lobby of Olmstead and Lion's Den), 19 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in the lobby of Olmstead) and 20 (9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in the lobby of Olmsted and the Lion's Den).

For more information call Kim at 944-1209.

The Rites of Spring will close on Sunday with an Awards Convocation in the Student Center in the CUB.

Graduation ceremony plans underway Largest senior class at PSH to graduate

Provost luncheon boycotted Ill feelings slated for poor turnout

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Penn State Harrisburg will be holding their 1994 commencement exercises for its largest graduating class in years.

The ceremony will be held in Hershey at the Founder's Hall on May 14th and will begin at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate the 619 graduating students.

The key note speaker for the ceremony will be Harrisburg's Mayor Steven Reed.

Among the trustees from the union scheduled to confer degrees are: PSH Provost Ruth Leventhal, acting Associate Dean, Howard G. Sachs and Associate Provost, James South. Board Advisor Keith Clark and Alumni Societv President Bill Forrey will also be among those who will be present for the ceremony.

The President of the Student Government Association will address the graduates.

A gift will be presented by the Senior gift committee to the PSH campus. The gift is determined through a mailer sent to the graduating students whereby they are asked to make a monetary donation.

They are then given the choice of where the money will be allocated. Students are also encouraged to offer their own suggestions.

The votes are tallied by the gift committee. So far, the committee is unsure of what the gift will be but speculate that it could be a donation to the campus library.

"I believe that the gift should benefit future students and alumni," said Stan Pakoskey, a graduating marketing student.

For many students, the ceremony is highly anticipated and is the ultimate reward for devoting many long hours to their work.

"The past two years have encompassed a lot of hard work, but it has been a worthwhile learning experience and I commend this institution, especially the marketing department," said Michael DuQuette, a graduating marketing student.

Tickets for the ceremony are available in the Alumni and Special Events Office in W-106 Olmsted between April 18-May 13.

Office hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. from April 18-21 and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 22-May 13. The tickets are free and available to graduat-



Seniors happy to graduate

ing students with a maximum of four tickets per students.

Personal identification is required to receive graduation tickets and students who need more than four are asked to contact other graduating students.

Additional information regarding directions to Founder's Hall, guest arrival, graduate assembly times and key movement check-in instructions will be provided when students pick up their tickets.

Seating is being limited due to the enormous amount of people that are graduating and the 948-6370.

lack of space in the Founder's Hall. The seats that are available are reserved for

file photo

the friends and guest of the graduating class of 1994

Two information meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at 5 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge and Tuesday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

All graduating students are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Questions and comments can be answered by contacting the graduation hotline at (717)

Congratulations

You've finally made it!

Students at Penn State Harrisburg boycotted the Provost Ruth Leventhal's luncheon held March 2 because of ill feelings toward her administrative role.

"Why go when nothing gets done," asked John Braxenwanis, senior Electronic Engineering Technology (EET) student.

"In general, we are all getting fed up with the administration," he said.

Braxenwanis is a non-traditional student who sees the administration through the eyes of an experienced adult.

"Money should be spent more on education rather than the administration," added Braxenwanis.

"It should go toward the students' benefit, not plushy offices."

"Administrators must realize that we are the reason that they have their jobs," said Chris Augustine, senior EET student.

"I didn't go to the luncheon. It's useless to try to do anything at this campus, because nothing ever comes of it," said Augustine.

"It shocked me that the Provost was having a sit-down lunch," said Lara Bruner, senior humanities student. "She usually stands up in

Levanthal's luncheon was boycotted

front of students far removed."

Students explained that they wanted to be respected by the administration. Part of this respect is seen as caring for the student body's well-being before it comes into jeopardy. References to last semester's rapes emerged.

"When we had two rapes last semester the administration didn't do anything," explains a frustrated senior EET student.

"I didn't go to the luncheon because what is said goes in one ear and out the other."

Senior literature student, Gina Krall sums the feelings held across campus.

"I think she's doing too much, too late."

