

Career Services' latest technology helps students with job search

By Tina Shearer
Staff Reporter

Career Services at Penn State Harrisburg is excited to implement its newest piece of technology, Total Scheduling System, better known as TSS.

TSS is a computer based information management system that brings together students and alumni with employers. A student can create a resume, schedule on-campus interviews, and send resumes all from the touch of a phone.

Interactive voice response technology combined with telephone technology and standard PC hardware, create a user-friendly, convenient way of consolidating services. A student can apply by purchas-

ing a preprogrammed diskette and filling in the necessary data to create a personal file.

Once a student is registered, they can call from any touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day and access TSS. By following the recorded voice instruction, a student can schedule interview appointments, check on already scheduled interviews, listen to job openings and other career services news and send a resume.

The database itself matches students to employers, keeps individual records of scheduled appointments and job offerings, and creates and sends resumes.

Career Services is currently putting the finishing touches on TSS to be introduced later this fall semester.

Graduate education students teach at summer camp

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How many of us get to go to summer camp anymore?

A group of graduate education Penn State Harrisburg students actually participated in reading camp held on campus this past summer. For them, it was actually a six week course designed for graduating education students who are completing their requirements for certification to be a reading specialist.

The technical term for the program is reading clinic. It is a program for young people with reading and writing disabilities.

The course is a 5-credit practicum that allows graduate students to apply what they have learned in the masters program in a real life situation. Each student is assigned two reading and writing students that

they customize materials and design instruction towards.

"The one-to-one these graduate students have with the kids they will most likely never have that opportunity again in the public school setting," said Barb Marinak, a public school reading specialist and part time instructor at PSH.

Marinak and Diane Bottomley, professor of reading at PSH, oversee the reading clinic by taking on a "passive supportive role," Bottomley explains. The graduate students see their two students on an individual, unmonitored basis.

At the end of an average day, after the young students have left, Bottomley and Marinak meet with the students in a group session for round table discussion. Here the students talk about their individual cases, which gives the entire group a greater range of knowledge.

"In all likelihood, in their future careers, they'll run into similar sets of problems and cases to content with," said Bottomley. So even though they may not work with every student, they know about every student at the reading camp.

This summer, there were young students whose ages ranged from 7 to 14.

These students are usually referred to the clinic because there is a need for concern expressed by the school district, physician or a parent. The fee for the clinic is \$35.

The program can only accept as many applicants as there are graduate students to cover. One of the considerations in the application review process is the most severe need.

"We don't just always turn applicants away with nothing," explains Marinak. There is a list of PSH

alumni who have gone through the program and may now tutor or practice as a reading specialist that they refer parents to.

The goals of the clinic are to improve the students attitude toward learning, determine the specific reading problems, and improve the self-concept of the students. From this, a case study is produced for each student.

"Once the case studies are done, they go to the parents and schools and a copy stays here and then that becomes a teaching tool for us," said Bottomley.

Marinak, a PSH alumni who went through the program, remembers her kids from reading camp and keeps in touch with some of them. She remembers her clinical experience because, "you see the essence of education when you see change in such a short period of time."

Humanities department gets new Shakespeare professor

By Christine Brooks
Staff Reporter

Dr. Margaret Rose Jaster will be the new Shakespeare professor in the Humanities Division. She comes to Penn State Harrisburg from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

There, she taught undergraduate courses in Shakespeare's comedies and histories, western literary masterworks, freshman composition, early British literature and advanced composition.

Jaster also taught courses in Shakespeare, British literature and composition at the University of Maryland at College Park from 1989 to 1994.

In August of 1994 Jaster was awarded a Doctoral Degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, and in 1977 she received a Master of Arts in British literature from Wroxton College of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Oxford, England.

When teaching Shakespeare, she would like to help students come to terms with the language early in the course, and then allow students to tell her what they think.

"Shakespeare was in business to make money, not to impress us 400 years later," Jaster said. "He was a man of his time. The plays were made to be performed."

Jaster will take a look at how the plays looked then and how they look to us now.

Jaster is a substitute aerobics instructor and dedicated runner, running 20 to 30 miles per week.

She worked as an usher at the Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger and The Lansburgh.

PSH hosts depression screening

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Penn State Harrisburg will be participating in National Depression Screening Day on October 5, 1992 by offering free screening and information on the signs and symptoms of depression. The program will be held in the Black Cultural Arts Center, Room W-132, between 12-2 and 4-6.

The program sponsored by the Student Assistance Center and the Psychology Club is open to everyone in the PSH community.

There will be information on the causes, symptoms and treatments of depression discussed and screening administered. The screening con-

sists of a anonymous written test for depression. The participant can then take those results and speak confidentially with a mental health professional.

National Depression Screening Day is held annually during Mental Illness Week. 17 Million Americans suffer from depression each year, and only half ever seek help, according to the National Institute of Health.

"A lot of individuals here may have family members that are concerned about their mood, then if they can find something out about those moods and how to cope, it will be worth their time," said Steve Backels, PSH Coordinator of Personal Counseling Programs.

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The Grand Prize is \$5,000. A matching \$5,000 grant will be given to the winner's school. Two runners-up will each receive \$1,000. Sixteen third place winners will receive \$500 each.

This competition is an extension of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Scholarships are underwritten by Anheuser-Busch in conjunction with the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues. The competition is open to all undergraduate students enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities in the Fall semester, 1995. Students may enter as individuals or team up with other students to develop concepts. The complete "Official Rules" are on the back of each entry form.

Poster concepts should reflect a realistic and contemporary attitude toward legal and responsible alcohol consumption. Concepts should be in good taste and not offensive. No organization or brand identity is permitted on poster concepts. Use of the "Know When To Say When" message is encouraged, but not mandatory.

Contest ends December 15, 1995.

All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. If no entry forms are available with this poster, you may pick up an entry form and a complete set of official competition rules at: RESIDENCE LIFE OFFICE
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or you can write to "Know When To Say When" Poster Competition, 1000 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104.

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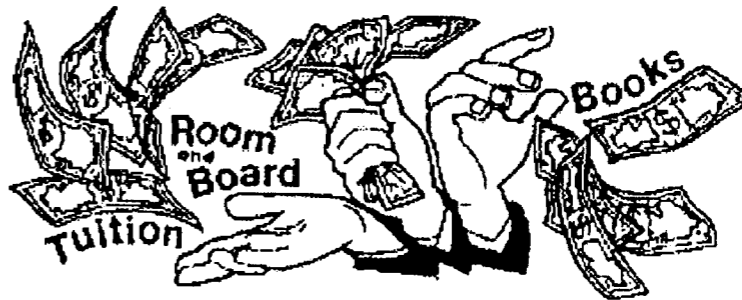
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