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have really liked to have had a processional. When we were told to sit down, we only thought it was temporary. Needless to say, we were very disappointed that we didn't get to process and recess."

As far as receiving her diploma by mail, Maatman said that she had no problem with that change.

"I had my high school diploma mailed to me, so having my degree mailed was no big deal."

Overall, Maatman said that she enjoyed the ceremony.

JoAnne Ramirez, criminal justice graduate, said that the absence of the student processional didn't bother her and that she was aware of receiving her diploma by mail. However, Ramirez admitted that she was disappointed that graduates didn't have the opportunity to toss their caps.

"We didn't get to throw our caps up in the air. There wasn't even a formal introduction of our class or anything," she said.

Ramirez also admitted that she would have liked to have had just one ceremony, but understands the benefits of conducting two separate ceremonies.

"It's nice to know that you can invite as many family and friends as you like," she said.

In addition to these changes, the graduates' ceremonies were separated by majors.

Spring 1996 graduates were the first to experience two commencement ceremonies. Malm said that this

change is a result of an increase in the number of graduates at PSH. A benefit of having two ceremonies is that offers unlimited seating for graduates' families and friends and eliminates the use of the ticket system of past graduations, he explained.

Each ceremony was similar in format. Graduates, wearing their black caps and gowns, were seated as they watched their respective faculty banner-bearer carry the division and school banners.

The 9 a.m. ceremony, reserved for associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral candidates in the Division of Humanities, Division of Behavioral Sciences and Education, and the School of Public Affairs was addressed by Dr. Michael Barton, associate professor of social sciences and American studies.

Barton reflected on his commencement speaker, Art Buchwald, told his class when he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania 22 years ago, "Young people, your elders and I have given you a perfect world. Now don't screw it up!"

Barton warned graduates about their elders. "Look, they'll probably say you have to pay off all your own credit card debt, and then they'll say your generation has to pay off all the national debt—and you know that most of the national debt is really their credit card debt."

The second ceremony for associate, baccalaureate and masters degrees in the School of Business

Administration and school of Science, Engineering and Technology featured Assistant Professor of Engineering, Dr. George R. P. Bulman.

As keynote speaker of the noon ceremony, Bulman stressed to graduates that a degree is the beginning, not the end." He added that the graduates, after earning their diplomas, will constantly have to update their skills and take refresher courses.

Later, Bulman emphasized that "the most important test you must face is one of character."

After the keynote speaker addressed the graduates, Student Government Association President, Frank Nieves congratulated the students on their accomplishments and wished them the best of luck in the future.

Gerald K. Morrison, chair of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisors, provided a message to graduates at both ceremonies. He reflected on the changes PSH has endured over the years and the contribution students, faculty and staff have made.

As a representative of the greater Harrisburg business and professional community, Morrison was pleased to announce to the graduates that "central Pennsylvania is alive and well and offering opportunities for good jobs, economic growth, personal development and self-fulfillment." He added, "Every day there are personal success stories which are occurring right here and now."

President of the PSH Alumni Society, Sharon K. Cole, officially inducted the

graduates, PSH's newest alumni, into the Penn State Alumni Association and the PSH Alumni Society. For every PSH graduate, cost of the first year of membership is free and has full rights and privileges.

Cole proceeded to applaud the graduates on their achievements and told them to "Go forward now, carrying the flame of knowledge 'For the Glory of Old State'."

Following the alumni message, the undergraduate candidates were presented, the baccalaureate degrees were conferred, and diplomas awarded. The graduate candidates were then presented, had their degrees conferred and received their diplomas.

Provost Bruhn then provided a message to the graduates. He reflected on a story that his mentor told him:

"John, we spend most of our 20s discovering all of the hundreds of things we can be. But as we mature into our 30s, we begin to discover all of the things we will never be. The challenge for us as we mature into our 40s and beyond is to put it all together—to know our capabilities and recognize our limitations—and to become the best we can be." He concluded, "I will never forget that advice."

PSH will celebrate its next commencement on May 18, 1997. This will also be a split ceremony with the Behavioral Sciences and Education, Humanities and Public Affairs exercises beginning at 1 p.m. At 4 p.m., the Business, Science, Engineering and Technology students will graduate.

Fall 1997 Honors Group

Highest Distinction

Carl W. Ernst
Wai Fong Ho (4.00)
Richard M. Keshner
Joanne C. Ramirez (4.00)
*Cindy S. Shultz
Jane L. Watts
Bradford L. Wolfe

Secondary Education/Social Studies
Elementary Education
Mathematical Sciences
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Elementary Education
Elementary Education

High Distinction

Linda D. Brumfield
Barbara L. Ferguson
Eriene S. Laut
Susan K. Mimich
Sandra L. Wike

Elementary Education
Elementary Education
Management
Elementary Education
Communications

Distinction

Lynne M. Barrett
Robert E. Clinton II
Susan A. Buckland
*George W. DeGrange
Joan L. Fisher
Michael A. Foreman
Lori A. Fulmer
David J. Hand
Jennifer L. Harvey
Brenda S. Kibbe
Christie L. Lyons
Anne M. Mosher
Kristin L. Orendorff
Karen J. Stewart
*Anthony N. Thomas
Mary C. Wydra

Nursing
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Nursing
Criminal Justice
Public Policy
Psychology
Applied Behavioral Science
Humanities/Business
Elementary Education
Public Policy
Psychology
American Studies
Humanities/Business
Psychology

The honors group is comprised of undergraduate students who are in the top twelve percent of their graduating class. That percentage is divided into two percent "With Highest Distinction," four percent "With High Distinction," and six percent "With Distinction."

COMMISSIONING

Gordon R. Moon
Robert S. Harper

These students have been enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and have received commissions as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

*Graduated Summer 1996

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bookstore.

The campus bookstore will have extended hours the first two weeks of classes. The bookstore will be open Mon. through Thurs. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you would like additional information about the bookstore please call 948-6286.

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