

Lion ambassadors spread PSH pride

By Kim Glass
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They might not wear short cheerleading skirts or yell Penn State's fight song through blue and white megaphones, but Diane Finnefrock considers the Lion Ambassadors the cheerleaders for Penn State Harrisburg.

"Our main goal is to promote this college in every possible way," says Finnefrock, the President of Lion Ambassadors. The Lion Ambassadors have been successfully promoting PSH since 1983. Their club is chartered under the Penn State Alumni Association, and they work closely with alumni members.

Some of their most recent campus projects involved representing the campus at the Community Arts and Crafts Fall Festival, assisting with fall graduation, helping the Provost and Dean John Bruhn host receptions and conducting campus tours for future students.

This club spreads PSH Pride off campus also. "This semester we are looking forward to working out on location with admission



Photo courtesy of Lion Ambassadors

(Counterclockwise from bottom right) Diane Finnefrock, Nansi Baaklini, Brenda Cureton, the Lion (a.k.a. Tracy DuFour), Jason Heney, Deb Yarashus welcome visitors to PSH.

officers," says Finnefrock. The Lion Ambassadors will be attending recruitment fairs at local community colleges.

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The Club Scene

Tarnhelm features PSH arts

By Diane Finnefrock
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Calling all writers, poets, artists and photographers . . . we want you to submit your most creative work to the Tarnhelm.

Tarnhelm is a literary and arts magazine published each spring by the faculty and students of Penn State Harrisburg. The Tarnhelm symbol harkens back to the winged helmet worn by Sigurd Volsund in Richard Wagner's "Ring Cycle," a series of operas based on German mythology. When it is placed on the head, it inspires one to heighten their imaginative expression. Quite an appropriate title.

According to adviser Dr. Theodora Rapp

Graham, the Tarnhelm restarted around 1971 as a creative voice for students on campus.

"The Tarnhelm has a long tradition," Graham said. "Students across campus are encouraged to submit their work, not just students of Humanities. We don't want to give that impression because there may be creative people in other schools of the Capital College. This is something that is funded through student activities, and is for the students. This is also the first year that the Schuylkill campus has the opportunity to submit their work."

In case you are shy or intimidated about your work, don't be.

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Local couple lined up their engagement online

By Barb Roy
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"You've Got Mail."

These discreet little words made Kathleen Kennedy's (Meg Ryan) and Joe Fox's (Tom Hanks) hearts skip a beat in the movie by the same name. Those same words made Brooke Sweigard's heart flip-flop, too, every time she got home after school, she would eagerly check her e-mail.

When she began to enter chat rooms during high school, she would communicate with many high school and college age students in the "Flirt Nook" America Online (AOL) chat room.

"I asked if anyone lived in Pennsylvania and that's how I first connected with Todd Egy. He lives in Lancaster," the 21-year old Halifax native said.

One month after they first exchanged greetings, Todd called her. That night they talked for three hours. Already narrowed down from Pennsylvania to Lancaster; from computer to phone, it was now time to close the gap. Brooke decided to quietly visit the Friendly's restaurant where he worked to check out her new friend. "I decided to bring my mother to see what she would think of him," Brooke said, adding her mother was being somewhat overbearing — Is that him? Is that him?

Brooke finally mustered the courage to ask one of the restaurant waitresses about Todd's location. It took just one glance through the restaurant's back room window to capture her heart.

"He had freckles, strawberry-blonde hair, and boyish good looks. He was so cute," Brooke recalled. She asked the waitress to tell Todd that "Brooke said hi." The admiration was mutual. He waved to her through the window and then called later that night,

making a date for the weekend.

"Independence Day" came for Brooke and Todd when they finally met and freed themselves from merely an Internet and phone relationship. They went to see that movie on their first date. Frequenting movies has become a pastime for the new couple.

When they met, Brooke had been attending Millersville University, a mere stone's throw away from Todd. It was summer and they were both home. But then fall rolled in, and Todd was attending college at Clarion University.

Todd was living away from home. Brooke was not eager to go back to a phone and online relationship, so she transferred to Clarion, following her love and her heart.

After their engagement, the couple decided to return to the Harrisburg area with Todd attending HACC (Harrisburg Area Community College) and Brooke attending Penn State Harrisburg. Brooke, a Communications major, and her fiancé moved back into their respective parents' houses to begin investing money for marriage. Brooke said they are planning for a May 2000 wedding.

They spend half their time at each other's house during the week. "This is hard on my car and I live out of a duffel bag," says Brooke. It is about a one and a half hour commute between them, depending on traffic.

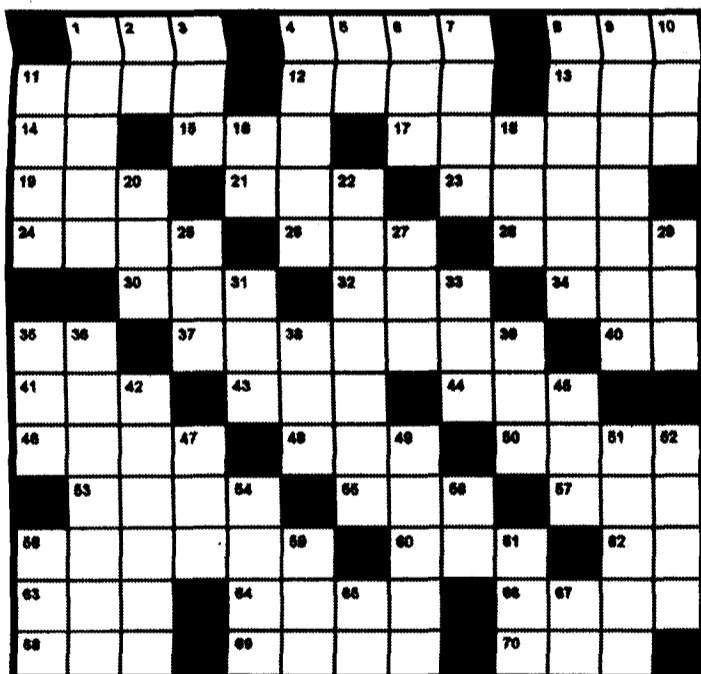
Todd, who is majoring in computer science hopes to transfer to PSH soon, provided he passes his calculus course.

Although they have much in common, such as enjoying alternative music and computers, Brooke doesn't recommend this high-tech approach to dating for everyone.

"I wouldn't do it again," she laughed, "I was only seventeen."

Then again, good things come to those who e-mail.

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ACROSS

1. Able
4. Pop
8. Ocean
11. Lady
12. Former Russian Emperor
13. Small bug
14. Article
15. Seventh Greek letter
17. Elater
19. Make tatting
21. ___ King Cole
23. Opera solo
24. Expression

of sorrow

26. Dine
28. Mistakes
30. Scar
32. Seventeenth Greek letter
34. Self
35. Atop
37. Tongue
40. Prefix meaning "in"
41. Sack
43. Done
44. Haul
46. Tehran is the capital
48. Gang
50. Substance

53. Iran monetary unit

55. Angry
57. Peak
58. Park police
60. Help!
62. Exist
63. North American Indian
64. Bright star
66. Aid
68. Ever (poetic)
69. Freshwater duck
70. Each

DOWN

1. Water channel
2. Form of be
3. Born

4. Old
5. Bone
6. Bit
7. Region
8. Irony
9. Grow
10. Dined
11. Information
16. Preposition
18. Before (poetic)
20. Cap
22. Earl's territory
25. Unhappy
27. Article
29. Father's boy
31. Free
33. Fall month (abbr.)
35. Sash
36. Tell
38. Focus
39. Close
42. Type of dive
45. Sage
47. Gripe
49. Basic
51. Serious
52. Allowance
54. Season of fasting
56. Achieve
58. Woe
59. Fish eggs
61. Sucker
65. Easter state (abbr.)
67. Exist