

Four Capital Times Staffers Honored At Ceremony

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Four members of the 1999-2000 Capital Times staff were honored on April 9 at the annual Student Awards Convocation ceremony.

Reporters Barbara Roy and Kristy Pipher, business manager Serena Silverman, and contributor/tech wizard Daniel McClure, were each given awards for outstanding service in their respective fields.

Silverman was given the Eric A. & Josephine S. Walker Award.

The award is given to a graduating PSH senior in recognition of outstanding character, scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Silverman, a humanities business major, is also the president of International Affairs Association (IAA).

She said she got involved with IAA because she believed in its principles.

"The more involved I got, the more I liked it," Silverman said.

In addition to her duties as CapTimes business manager, she created a billing and filing system and organized all the financial records for the newspaper.

Silverman said she was nominated for the award by Coordinator

of Student Activities Dr. Janet Widoff.

Silverman graduates this term. Afterwards, she said she will be working for Digital Wave



Photo courtesy of Dr. Janet Widoff

Dr. Clemmie Gilpin, Serena Silverman and Dr. Janet Widoff



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Barb Roy and her daughters

Communications in Philadelphia as a web and graphics designer. She is also considering joining the Peace Corps.

McClure was given the Gerald Brey Award for Structural Design

and Construction Engineering Technology Outstanding Senior Designer.

The award is given in recognition of academic excellence and outstanding leadership to seniors in SDCET.

"I'm honored the faculty selected me," McClure said.

McClure, a structural design and construction/engineering technology (SDCET) major, will graduate next month. He said he might continue his education in computer science.

McClure joined the staff last fall. His irreverent sense of humor, which kept the atmosphere of the CapTimes office light, was evident in his contributions to the April Fools edition.

"My favorite things I've done are writing the police blotter, the calendar and the 'Are You Rokken?' article for the April Fools issue," McClure said.

He has also co-written movie reviews with his fiancée, Nicole Burkholder.

Kristy Pipher was listed among the Who's Who of College Students. She was very involved with on-campus activities. She was humanities senator for SGA and chaired several committees.

"I feel it's very important that

students become actively involved within clubs and organizations on campus," Pipher said.

She was a staff reporter for *The Capital Times* and last fall wrote the



Photo by Nicole Burkholder

Dan McClure receives award from Dr. Alex Aswad



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Kristy Pipher

Campus Police Report and Speak-Out columns for the newspaper.

She attributes her involvement in SGA and *The Capital Times* to her success. "It helped me to strengthen my leadership skills and build rela-

tionships with other students, faculty and staff," Pipher added.

Pipher graduated in December with a communications degree. She hopes to get a job with the state and wants to get her master's degree in public administration.

Barbara Roy was presented with the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Graduating Senior Award.

The award is given to a graduating student who exhibited academic and social leadership at the college.

"I was very surprised and thrilled to have won," Roy said.

Roy, who also graduated in December with a communications degree, was a reporter and editor for the newspaper for two years.

She also the public relations officer for SGA and chaired the PR committee. Roy was on the *Tarnhelm* staff from 1998 to 1999. She is currently enrolled in PSH's master's of humanities program.

"Attending Penn State has been a revitalizing experience. I have loved being involved with the school and meeting new people," Roy continued.

Ken Lopez, an ex-reporter for *The Capital Times*, was also named as a Who's Who Among College Students.

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able to rise to the top like that says a lot."

Lee's work as SGA president helped his nomination packet reach the top of the stack. He and his fellow officers have accomplished much since his term began.

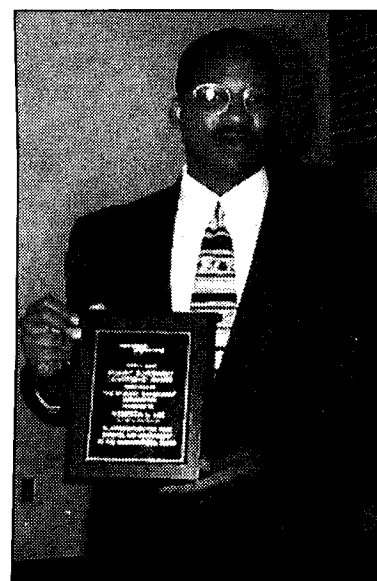


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Former SGA President
Roderick Lee

They extended the hours at the library and the CUB, and they gave the administration a vote of confidence to replace the computers in three labs.

"We also established a working relationship between the students and the administration," Lee said of his proudest accomplishment as head of SGA. "That's something that didn't exist at all until I took over."

In her nomination letter, Dr. Janet Widoff, director of student affairs, credited Lee with revitalizing campus life at PSH through his work as coordinator of the Educational Opportunity Program for the Student Assistance Center.

He has organized several events like the Martin Luther King Day celebration, the "Voices of Africa" concert, and "Gospelrama."

He also coordinated "Born in the Spirit," an exhibit in the library's Morrison Gallery featuring the artwork of Ted Ellis.

Lee's presidential duties also required him to serve on several college committees. He sat on the

PSH Board of Advisers and the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee, among others.

He also held a seat on the College Affairs Committee, which meets bimonthly to evaluate the curriculum so that it can better address community needs.

The outgoing SGA leader also shares his time with the community outside of PSH. Since the fall, he has worked on community outreach initiatives to help promote math and science education among women and minorities.

Lee is also an active member of his church. Reverend Clarice Chambers of the Antioch Tabernacle United Holy Church of America in Harrisburg said, "He is now working with the computer program and assisting in setting up the summer program for the youth. He leads by example," she said of Lee.

"He will only accept the best for himself and others."

PSH faculty and administrators who nominated Lee for the Hetzel award also saluted him and his accomplishments.

"In all my years of working

with student leaders Roderick stands out," said Dr. Donald Holtzman, director of student services.

"He has been one of the most successful student leaders at bringing students, faculty, and administration together around student issues," Holtzman continued.

Dr. John Leathers, interim provost and dean, had high praise for the first student he met when he came to campus in July.

"He is a student who brings a unique sense of maturity and propriety to Penn State Harrisburg," Leathers said.

"The SGA was one of the most active, if not the most active, organization on campus under his leadership. He sets high standards in an unassuming manner," Leathers continued.

Added Widoff, "Roderick represents those returning adult students who successfully combine academic, community service, employment, and family responsibilities."

A Florida native, Lee served 11 years as a staff sergeant in the

Army. After coming to Harrisburg four years ago, he graduated from HACC in May 1998.

He will complete his bachelor's degree in Marketing and Information Systems this summer. He will begin work this fall on two master's degrees: one in Business Administration and one in Science and Information Systems.

Lee would like to be a marketing manager or a database administrator. He would also like to teach one course a semester as an adjunct faculty member at an area college.

His area of interest is marketing and business courses, with an emphasis on the use of information technology in either discipline.

Lee attributes his success thus far to his military experience and his year as SGA president. "I saw this as an opportunity to go in, take charge, fix SGA, and leave it alone," he explained.

"That's why I didn't run again. But I'm grateful for this experience."