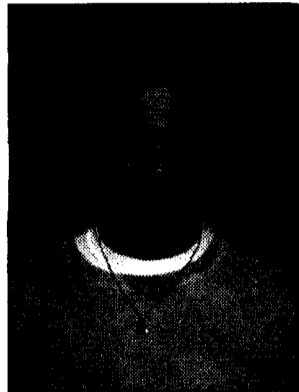
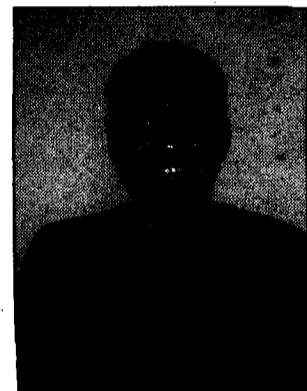


What do you think of negative campaigning?



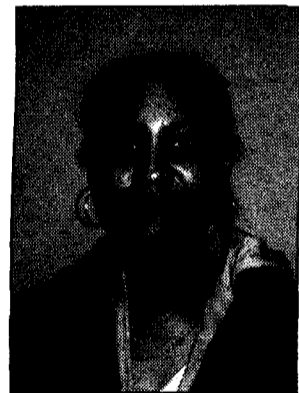
"I think it puts politics in a bad light. It steers me away from politics. Takes away from it."

Jason Weller
Community Psychology and Social Change



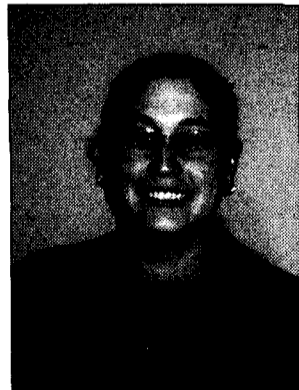
"If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal."

Christa Togans
Electrical Engineering



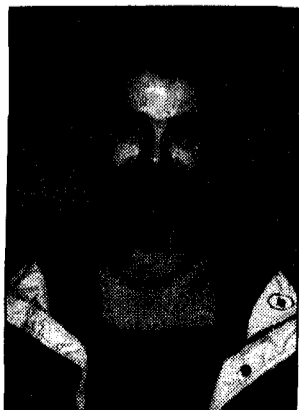
"It's wrong. It's stupid. It's like little kid crap."

Linnaya Graf
Psychology



"I think it says a lot about the character of the person who is trying to win my trust. I would seldom vote for someone who associates with negative campaigning."

Dan Strait
Management



"I think it sucks on both sides. You need to have more constructive criticism. Offer a solution and don't just say something is bad. It's just snowballing and we have eight months until the campaign."

Penn State's land-grant status celebrated at Capitol Rotunda

By **CHRIS TORRES**
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Under the backdrop of LaRouche for President signs, members of the state government and other guests gathered at a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda to celebrate Penn State and its 150 years as Pennsylvania's only land-grant university.

Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker-Knoll was among the guests at the press conference which was hosted by Representative Lynn Herman of Centre County. The press conference featured notable speakers including Penn State President, Dr. Graham Spanier. After the press conference, the state legislature was expected to pass two resolutions that would preserve Penn State as Pennsylvania's last remaining land-grant university.

The term land-grant university goes back hundreds of years. Land-grant universities were established in the mid-1800s, offering affordable education and an outlet for agricultural research.

Dr. Spanier said that the term 'land-grant' may be a throw back, but its place in higher education is anything but old. "Before the establishment of land-grant schools, a college education was out of reach to all but the children of the well heeled," said Dr. Spanier. "Many of you in this Rotunda, including many of you whose names are on the House and Senate resolutions to my left and right, are, like me, children of immigrants who would not have been able to benefit from higher education if not for the creation of public colleges that have grown out of the land-grant movement."

James S. Broadhurst, vice-chairman of Penn State's board of trustees, said that Penn State and its outreach programs have helped millions across the state and around the world. "Like no other institution in this state, Penn State serves as a unifying force that ties individuals and communities together," Broadhurst said. "Its multiple campuses have been portals of opportunity for many generations of students. And its extension offices in every county of the state have, for nearly 150 years, linked the world's leading scientists and educators to millions of citizens who rely on Penn State to help them make life better."

Penn State is Pennsylvania's largest university educating more than 83,000 students throughout the state. It operates in 24 locations throughout the state including its biggest campus located in State College. The university will celebrate 150 years of education in 2005.

Over 50 students attend annual Career Forum in Gallery Lounge

from **STAFF REPORTS**

Four alumni panelists spoke at the Fifth Annual Career Forum on March 24 and emphasized the importance of dressing properly for interviews, getting involved outside of classroom, and taking advantage of Penn State Harrisburg's Career Services office in W-117.

Sara Kennedy-Yoder, a Human Resources specialist with UPS, opened the presentation and highlighted a number of things students should do as they enter the job search process and prepare for interviews. She stated that having a crisp, visually appealing resume is a must, using active verbs to describe skills and accomplishments. Recruiters like to see students' involvement in activities outside of classes, especially in groups related to the academic major. Kennedy-Yoder recommended books on interviewing and said that she still reads them herself to prepare for her side of the interview process. She stressed taking advantage of the Career Services office on campus and invited students to meet with her in her role as a Recruiter-In-Residence on Wednesday March 31. She will be available in the Career Services office in the afternoon to meet individually with students to discuss their resumes, interviewing skills or any related topic.

Laurie Reichert, director of Promotions, Marketing and Events for *Harrisburg Magazine* encouraged students to get involved in groups like the Harrisburg Young Professionals. She stressed taking advantage of networking opportunities and pointed out that you never know where your next job lead may come from, whether it is the person you met at a social event, a professional meeting, or the one you sat next to in class. She recounted her own efforts at finding a job in a new city, and how she made contacts with potential employers, and even asked them for referrals to other people who might be interested in someone with her credentials.

Krista Austin, an accountant with Boyer and Ritter, gave examples of proper dress and ethical issues, including mentioning an employee who was no longer with her firm, due to leaving early and padding the hours on the time card.

Shannon Williams, the fourth speaker, is an environmental engineer with Herbert, Rowland and Grubic. Her comments included the idea that you never stop learning on the job, that it is okay to ask questions (even expected and preferred), and that it is alright to disagree with a co-worker. She stressed the key is to be non-confrontational while working out the issues involved for the benefit of the project.

A number of questions came from the audience after the individual presentations. They included questions about following up on sending your resume to a company, even if they had no openings listed, (yes), and going out with your co-workers to socialize after hours, (not drinking if you do not care to, but being there occasionally, to help build team cohesion).