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## Meet the Dean

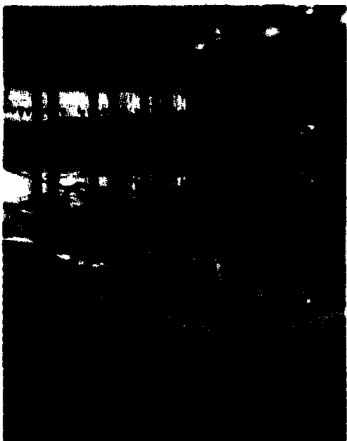
Dean Hanes makes our campus a better place to become lifelong learners

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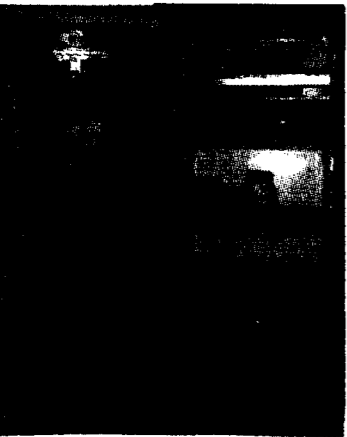
As Penn State Harrisburg is growing into a four-year college, Dean Madlyn Hanes is working around the clock to make sure all students are given the opportunity to succeed. What many students are not aware of are all the behind the scenes work that is needed to make this campus productive. Hanes oversees all student-related affairs.

The dean has her hands dipped in all aspects of PSH including "every policy, every practice, every decision- from the scheduling of courses, to the selection of faculty and array of academic and co-curricular student support programs."

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New aquatic facility gives CUB more options.



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College drinking is on the rise and PSH is on alert

## Freshmen are moving in on PSH

Second deck

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Beginning this semester Penn State Harrisburg campus has opened its doors to more underclassmen seeking four-year degrees. Capital College enrolled more than 150 freshmen, making this the largest freshmen class in

The first year of college is rough, living in tight quarters with complete strangers, the demanding professors, the standard diet of Ramen noodles and Frosted Flakes; all day, everyday. As PSH kicks off the Fall 2004 semester, the administration and staff will also feel that awkward first-year adjustment, along with the new freshmen. "The addition of freshmen will definitely make the campus

more well rounded and give the students a more traditional experience," said Molly E. Kane, senior English major. "The Freshmen will need support that we will all benefit from."

"I think it's great that the campus is growing," said Liz Allen, a senior English major.

This year, the college took a giant leap in the expansion of the academic program to include a four-year study in

all majors offered at PSH, and first and second-year courses of study for university-wide degree areas. Some PSH students are familiar with the notion of freshman on campus. The first wave of freshman enrollment occurred in fall of 2001, with studies in the Information Sciences and Technology (IST) major. By 2003 the campus offered courses in Computer Science, Environmental

Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, and Structural Design and Construction Engineering Design majors.

Construction projects have also complemented the recent influx of students to the campus. Over the past several years, additions to the campus have included new academic buildings, a new library, apartment-style housing, an indoor swimming pool, and the Towne Square for dining and other student activities. These projects were essential for the rapid growth of the once small, graduate student-dominated campus.

Penn State University requires all freshmen to complete a First-Year Seminar. Capital Campus is approaching this differently. While other campuses attach this requirement to a class freshmen will take that is specific to their majors, PSH has a class specifically for this program. Kane is involved in peer mentoring for the First-Year Seminars. She is responsible for making sure the freshmen complete all requirements.

"The peer mentoring is good for freshmen because they might be more comfortable talking to me about a problem than to a professor and I can direct them to the right place," said Kane. In addition to attending class all freshmen have to go to ten outside activities for "out-of-class experience." These activities include library open house, how to use APA and MLA, how to use ANGEL, and safe sex programs.

Supat Kanchanasakul,



38 years.  
Photo by Supat Kanchanasakul

Michael Walters gets a good start to his day with a bowl of Frosted Flakes. Walters is one of more than 150 freshmen now attending Penn State Harrisburg.

## Fun start to new semester at PSH

By Sharon Furfuro, Staff Reporter srf171@psu.edu

Welcome back to familiar faces and making new friends, late night studying and video games in the dorms, professors you love and homework you hate. Goodbye to tank tops, sun burn and hot summer nights and hello to sweaters, textbooks and

crisp autumn air.

Penn State Harrisburg started the school year out with a bang, with a new pool and computer labs, and over one hundred freshmen about to make their mark on campus.

Cub Night wrapped up the first day of class with

swimming, racquetball and ping-pong in the Capital Union Building

The first day of September filled the lawn with students during Carnival Craze, complete with cotton candy, Italian Ice, Balloon Man and games. The next day continued the fun with acoustic guitar melodies by the band, "Green To Think," and ice cream sundaes at the Community Center.

Labor Day weekend offered extra time to wind down from the first week of class, but now summer break is truly behind us. The time has come to start a new chapter on campus. Welcome back to PSH and the 2004 fall semester.



Photo by Kathryn Herr

Students enjoy opening week activities of Carnival Craze; cotton candy and carnival games



Photo by Kathryn Herr

Randy Gager attempts to win a prize by getting his disk to fall in the right slot. Gager and his friends enjoy the activities of Carnival Craze

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