

Club Fest blown away by number of interested students

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Penn State Harrisburg holds an annual ritual that involves all the pomp, circumstance, and charms of both Bush and Kerry's campaign trails combined. It is known as Club Fest, the one time when students, both new and mature, can see all the clubs that PSH

has to offer and should one (or a few) pique their interests, sign up to participate. This event is often the one chance clubs are given to recruit members using any means possible. Some clubs enticed students with candy or free pencils, while others used catchy posters and signs.

This year's Club Fest ran

smoothly, even with the weather attempting to sabotage the annual festivities. The rain decided it would be best to leave PSH alone, though it did send strong winds that forced the clubs to pin down their posters and make sure their freebies did not blow across Vartan Plaza, where Club Fest is normally held.



These Sigma Iota Epsilon members are using candy to entice students to check out their table and possibly join their honors fraternity. This club promotes interest and achievement in the field of management.



Members from Chi Gamma Iota Veteran's Fraternity (XGI) pose together for a quick picture between recruiting members during club fest. XGI works to help Military members and veterans make the transition from military to college.



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These environmentalists take a break from aggressive recruiting during Club Fest. Their club promotes awareness of environmental issues. They were lucky enough to get a good table at Club Fest; right up front and across from the busy SGA table.



Members from all campus clubs put on their best efforts to recruit members to join them. Club fest gives students the chance to see what clubs are offered at Penn State Harrisburg and get a feel for what they might enjoy.



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degree in English Education, Jaster began her teaching career. For fourteen years in Cape May, New Jersey, she taught all levels of children, from honors to compensatory, in grades 8th to 12th, always including Shakespeare in the curriculum. "I've taught this stuff to my compensatory eighth-graders and they got it," said

Jaster during a Shakespeare lecture at PSH.

While teaching, Jaster also coached softball and directed the literary magazine, honors society, and the junior high school newspaper.

During her stay in Cape May, Jaster became a loyal fan of the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies, a 3rd division professional ice

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hockey team. Jaster really loves the game of ice hockey, and though true to her Bullies, the Philadelphia native is also a fan of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Another result of her Cape May residence includes a love of relaxing on the beach and eating gyros, her favorite food.

Here in Middletown, Jaster can be spotted at the Gateway restaurant having breakfast, for Jaster said she is a sucker for "greasy spoon joints."

After Cape May, Jaster spent three summers studying in England with the Royal Shakespeare Company to receive her Master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Despite ridicule from peers, Jaster left teaching in 1994 to get her Ph.D. in English Literature, with a concentration in Renaissance studies, from the University of Maryland. True to her nature, Jaster did most of her research for her Ph.D. in the Folgers Shakespeare Library.

It was just after receiving her Ph.D. that Penn State Harrisburg got a hold of Jaster. Although she had job interviews all over the

Humanities and English at PSH.

Her favorite part of teaching at PSH is in the classroom. "I really enjoy the exchange of ideas with students. I like to see them get excited about this stuff," she said. English 200W and 444 are the classes she enjoys teaching most. "I really love my 200W course because the students get to think in new ways. That's very exciting for me," she said. However, Jaster said she could do without the committee meetings and the paper grading that all professors have to deal with.

She took a sabbatical from teaching from 2002 to 2003 to accept a fellowship from the Folgers Shakespeare Library to research clothes in the Renaissance, a favorite topic of Jaster's.

In the event that Jaster has spare time, she uses it to go hiking, attend theater and art museums and collect antiques. She also enjoys old Universal monster movies, especially mummy movies. "I'm not embarrassed to

say I enjoy some T.V.," said Jaster. She is an avid viewer of South Park, which she relates to Shakespeare with ease, and Reno 911. "I love anything Canadian, especially hockey players," she said.

She is currently renovating her Victorian home, which is proving to be a love-hate project. Jaster also has an appreciation for classic rock and soft jazz. Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits is currently spinning in her CD player. "My taste in music probably ends at 1975, mostly the stuff I've always loved," said Jaster.

Jaster is always busy with one thing or another. She is involved in many scholarly events, such as Folgers Shakespeare Library seminars, the Annual Medieval and Renaissance conference at Villanova University and various colloquia. It is a far cry from the blue collar atmosphere she began her life in. However, as Jaster said, "I knew what I wanted to do and I didn't let others talk me out of it."

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