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## Professor Spotlight

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Prof. Francy brings international experiences and creative approaches to classroom

As a 4th year Ph.D. candidate, as well as the vice president of the student assembly at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Penn State Harrisburg biology instructor Jacquelyn M. Francy works teaching around a busy schedule. A Buffalo native, Francy graduated from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 1999 with a BS in biochemistry and a minor in anthropology.

Her interest in other cultures and travel led her on several adventures. In 1999, Francy joined the Peace Corps, something she is very glad to have been a part of, and considers her work there to be her greatest achievement. She traveled to a rural village in The Gambia, West Africa. (Yes, you do actually have to say "The" Gambia) to teach high school biology. Although classes were taught in English, the natives usually spoke one of three tribal languages - Mandinka, Fula or Wolof.

"They didn't have textbooks," said Francy. "A lot of them did-

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Eagles fans remain loyal through through the test of time



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Kellye Way reviews the latest CD from Shinedown

## So you want to join a club?

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So, want to join a club on campus but don't think you'll fit in to any? Push all those doubts aside. Besides the well-known clubs like Student Government Association and, of course, the Capital Times student newspaper, there are lots of lesser known clubs that may be a perfect fit.

The Harrisburg Anime Association (HAA), a club dedicated to the art of Japanese animation, is a recently reinstated official club at Penn State Harrisburg. Started back in fall of 2003 as an official club, HAA attracted many interested students; however, only a few loyal anime fans remained and the club was forced to forgo their official recognition by the college.

Club secretary or, as the club prefers, Minion #2 Maruja Rosario is among a handful of students breathing new life into HAA. When asked to describe HAA, Rosario said, "HAA is a club that combines cool people and the beauty of a Japanese pop culture art form. It's also all-inclusive for anyone who likes anime, so whether you've been a fan since you were six or just started yesterday, we want you here."

Students interested in joining HAA can contact club president, or Empress, Lisa Stone at hbganimeclub@yahoo.com.

The Philosophy Club, which is currently drafting its constitution and new members, is also a budding organization at PSH. The Philosophy Club aims at providing interested students an informal, relaxed atmosphere in

which to question, explore, and discuss philosophical issues. Topics on which the club will touch on include religion, ethics, logic, art, politics, and a variety of other areas. The Philosophy Club will not just be discussion; they plan on bringing in guest speakers, showing movies, and fundraising for various causes.

Do not let the name scare you away. Club advisor Professor Haas said, "To be a member of the Philosophy Club, you certainly don't have to be a card-carrying philosopher now or ever. But if you like to think and talk--in that order--you'll probably have a good time in this club."

Anyone interested in joining the Philosophy Club can contact Professor Haas at jch19@psu.edu.

Another club flying below many students' radars is

Chi Gamma Iota (XGI), a club that provides scholastic and moral support to former, current, and reserve members of the United States Armed Forces. XGI also welcomes students who have friends, family, or spouses in the military. Some may remember XGI from the blood drive they held here at PSH last November. Members of XGI were out and about on campus letting people know about the

blood drive; they were hard to miss. Their blood drive was a great success, bringing in over 69 pints of blood for the Central PA Blood Bank. Be on the lookout for them this semester as they promote another blood drive and be sure to donate if you can. In addition to blood drives, for-

Anyone interested in XGI is encouraged to visit <http://www.hbg.psu.edu/clubs/xgi/index2.htm> for contact information and additional information about the organization.

A noteworthy unknown club for the non-traditional student is Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL).

[http://www.hbg.psu.edu/studaf/a\\_dultstudents/asmain.htm](http://www.hbg.psu.edu/studaf/a_dultstudents/asmain.htm).

If the left side of the brain dominates the right side, the Integration club may be the right choice. Although Integration's aim is to promote a better understanding of the mathematical sciences, students of all majors are eligible to join. For students majoring in a mathematical field, the benefits include opportunities to meet professional mathematicians and gain some help easing in the mathematical work force. For students not majoring in a mathematical field, or the mathematically impaired, experiencing the lighter and more creative side of mathematics through club activities are the perks. Interested students can visit Integration's website at <http://cs.hbg.psu.edu/ic/index.html> for contact information and other useful tidbits.

The final pick for an unfamiliar club is the Ski and Snowboard Club, which is especially relevant this time of year. Since the club relies on cold weather, they are mainly active from mid-October until late March. The Ski and Snowboard Club has a terrific website with information about upcoming trips, contact information and great pictures of past events. You can reach the Ski and Snowboard Club's website at [http://www.hbg.psu.edu/clubs/ski\\_clubs/index.html](http://www.hbg.psu.edu/clubs/ski_clubs/index.html).

For more information about all the official clubs and organizations at PSH, visit <http://www.hbg.psu.edu/studaf/studentactivities/organizations.htm> or stop by the Student Activities office in room E101 Olmsted.



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The Harrisburg Anime Association (HAA) from left, front row: PSH students Matthew Wong and Trevania Beresford; back row: Lisa Stone, Brian Lee, Ari Jones, Ngoc (Tammy) Tran and Colleen Martin.

mer president and current member Chris Kramm said, "In the upcoming months, XGI will be organizing events for its members and their families; we're going bowling next month and skiing the month after." Kramm also said XGI plans on offering tutoring for its members in various subjects, providing a network of outside resources, and offering help to members returning from active military duty.

ASL is a national honor society for non-traditional students. According to their website, ASL aims "to recognize the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work." Theta Iota is a chapter of ASL as PSH. Learn more about membership requirements and benefits of membership by going to the adult learner homepage at

## Iraq's president wants troops to stay

By Miriam Fam  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq's president said Tuesday it would be "complete nonsense" to ask foreign troops to leave the country now, although some could depart by year's end. Officials began the final vote tally from

elections to produce a government to confront the insurgency. Despite scattered clashes in rebel areas across the country, Iraq reopened its borders Tuesday and commercial flights took off from Baghdad International Airport as authorities eased security restrictions imposed to protect last week-end's landmark voting.

In Baghdad, about 200 election workers Tuesday began the second - and possibly final - stage of the count. They reviewed tally sheets prepared by workers who counted ballots starting Sunday night at the 5,200 polling centers across the country and began crunching the numbers into 80 computer terminals. Officials said no figures were expected to be released Tuesday.

The ballots themselves have also been sent to Baghdad, but will not be recounted unless there are challenges or discrepancies in the tally sheets, offi-

cials said.

Sunday's election, which occurred without catastrophic rebel attacks, raised hopes that a new Iraqi government would be able to assume greater responsibility for security, hastening the day when the 170,000 U.S. and other foreign troops can go home.

During a news conference, President Ghazi al-Yawer was asked whether the presence of foreign troops might be fueling the Sunni Arab revolt by encouraging rebel attacks.

"It's only complete nonsense to ask the troops to leave in this chaos and this vacuum of power," al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab, said.

He said foreign troops should leave only after Iraq's security forces are built up, the country's security situation has improved and some pockets of terrorists are eliminated.

"By the end of this year, we could see the number of foreign troops decreasing," al-Yawer said.

Al-Yawer had been a strong critic of some aspects of the U.S. military's performance in Iraq, including the three-week Marine siege of the Sunni rebel city of Fallujah in April.

Al-Yawer helped negotiate an end to that siege. But the city fell

into the hands of insurgents and religious zealots, forcing the Marines to recapture Fallujah last November in some of the heaviest urban combat for American forces since the Vietnam war.

"There were some mistakes" in the occupation "but to be fair ... I think all in all it was positive, the contribution of the foreign forces in Iraq," al-Yawer said. "It was worth it."

Later Tuesday, Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said Iraq would only ask U.S. and other forces to leave when the country's own troops were capable of taking on insurgents.

"We don't want to have foreign troops in our country, but at the same time we believe that these forces should stay for some time until we are able to control the borders and establish a new modern army and we have efficient intelligence," Shaalan told reporters. "At that time ... we'll ask them to leave."

Meanwhile, a Web site posted a photograph of what it claimed was a kidnapped U.S. soldier, but doubts were quickly raised about its authenticity and the U.S. military said no soldiers were missing.

Liam Cusack, of the toy manufacturer Dragon Models USA, inc., said the image of the soldier



Photo by Nikola Solic/Reuters

An Iraqi child passes a U.S. army soldier from the 1st Infantry Division in Baquba, Jan. 23, 2005.

portrayed in the photo bore a striking resemblance to the African-American version of its "Cody" action figure. "It is our doll ... to me it definitely looks like it is," Cusack told The Associated Press. "Everything the guy is wearing is exactly what comes with our figure."

He said the figures were ordered by the U.S. military in

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