

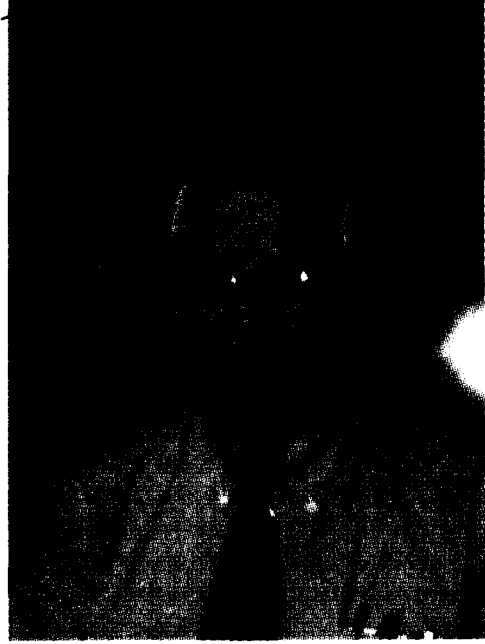
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Dr. Jerry F. Shoup

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Dr. Jerry F. Shoup, Associate Professor in Electrical Engineering and chairman for the School of Science, Engineering and Technology has been teaching for over 30 years.

Shoup first became interested in electricity when he was just 12 years old while working with his father who worked on electrical wiring for buildings. "It's nice to see things work after working on them for some time," said Shoup. The toy electrical train that his parents gave him furthered his interest. But it wasn't until his junior year in high school that he decided he was going to major in electrical engineering. Some classes he's taught include Electronics, Control Systems, Computer Programming and Newtonian mechanics.

Physics and chemistry were his favorite subjects in school. In college, his favorite subjects were of course electrical engineering courses and his electronics courses. He attended Ohio University for his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. For his master's and doctorate degree's that were also in electrical engineering, he decided to attend none other than Penn State University. Shoup's mother encouraged him to pursue going to college for which he is very thankful for.

When it was his children's turn to search for colleges, he said that he would only allow them to attend any of Penn State's commonwealth campuses. And that's exactly what they did. The oldest of his children, Cynthia, graduated from University Park with a degree in architecture. His second child, Martin also graduated from University Park and received a degree in computer science. Shoup's third and final child, like his older siblings, attended the University Park campus in addition to Shippensburg University and Harrisburg Area Community College.

Shoup grew up on a farm in Attica, Ohio, a town of just 800 people. "The

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PSH Legend Retires

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Familiar faces pass each other every day in the halls of Penn State Harrisburg. Unfortunately, one of those faces will no longer walk our halls. In a few short weeks, Professor Eton Churchill will be retiring after 27 years of teaching at PSH. He has taught courses in both Theater and Communications. Although Professor Churchill, the former head of PSH's Communications Department, has educated students for a total of 34 years (that's 60 semesters!), teaching is only a fraction of his capabilities.

When he was only 20 years old, Professor Churchill was lucky enough to become a reporter for the New Orleans Times Picunes. He explained how it was a great time to be a reporter, because it was during the Civil Rights Act. He then insisted, "I loved reporting, but there's no dope in the world like theater!"

After his stint as a reporter, Professor Churchill got a patent for his idea of voting through the phone to the television. The head of the Democratic Party in Ohio liked Churchill's idea, and asked him to work for him. This lasted a short time that Churchill described as "wonderful."

It was after this job that he began teaching in a college for the first time. When he was finished working for the head of the Democratic Party, Churchill moved to Maine. He built his house with his own hands, and while he was building he heard of a job opening at the University of Maine. When he inquired about it, he discovered the position had just been filled, but the dean met with him anyway. This meeting was the turning point in Churchill's career. The other man who was chosen for the teaching position at the University dropped within a few days, and employment was offered to Churchill. He taught in Maine for 7 years.

Churchill then began filming documentaries for PBS including the

celebration for the Bicentennial.

Churchill has done a great deal to enrich the Communications program at PSH. He has developed the current Communications Curriculum. He also invented the International Film Festival for which he develops a theme with

and is currently writing a novel.

Having kept himself quite busy during his working years, it's a wonder Churchill is willing to retire at all. In fact, to the outsider, compared to all his accomplishments, the prospect of retirement seems dull, but this is

With all of his successes, one wonders if Churchill finds time for anything outside of work in his life. Churchill builds kayaks, enjoys sailing, and goes hiking. He has 3 children (although they're not children anymore), Christopher, Abbey, and Eton. Success is in the Churchill's blood. Christopher is a professional photographer. Abbey is a senior at New York University, is paid by the University to make a magazine, and is paid by an inventor to write for him. Eton Jr. is publishing not one, but two books.

Churchill wishes "for students and faculty to remember me kindly." I hope they remember me as having done more good than harm." He would like the Communications curriculum to continue to grow and to remain interdisciplinary.

Churchill's final words to all students are "Aim high, and don't worry so much about the money. Get obsessed, stay obsessed, and

get out of Pennsylvania." Thank you, Professor Churchill, for your contributions and wisdom, your wit and creativity. Although you may be physically leaving PSH, your spirit will always dwell in these halls inspiring both students and faculty alike.



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Professor Eaton Churchill will be retiring after 27 years of teaching here at PSH. From journalism, to theater, and to film Professor Churchill has given his students and this campus his full dedication.

filmmakers all over the world. The festival has been reoccurring for the past five consecutive years. The festivals have so far included 3 Academic Awards Nominees and filmmakers from New Zealand, Columbia, Iran, Brazil, Iraq, and Czechoslovakia. Churchill is extremely proud of his festival, and he will miss it very much.

Along with teaching, Churchill has written several short stories and plays,

Churchill we're talking about. The grass doesn't grow underneath his feet. He plans to take residence in Puerto Vierta, Mexico in January through February of 2006 to write. When he returns, he will build a studio for his wife onto his house in Maine. He will also continue working on his novel. After that, he said, "Who knows? I'm sure I'll find something." With his track record, there should be no doubts about that.

SGA caught in turmoil

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The Student Government Association is split in two; those who want to keep their president in office and those who don't. In a few short months the SGA members have argued in meetings, debated in the office, and discussed the issue for endless hours. Most members belong to one camp or the other and they keep their distance, similar to United States political parties.

Presentation of the Articles of Impeachment:

On Nov. 29 around 10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Jeremy Kiehl was presented with the Articles of Impeachment against the Student Government Association President Michael Edwards, brought forth by 'select members of the SGA.'

Kiehl announced receiving the articles against Edwards at the following SGA

meeting on Thursday Dec. 1, which was ironically Edwards' birthday.

The First Step:

An impeachment board was formed to review the articles and determine the validity of the accusations. This board consists of two randomly selected executive board members and two randomly selected justices from the student court. The club's advisors, Nichole Duffy and Donna Howard, chose Augustine Bravo, Paul Fogle, David Bomenka, and Kathleen Winters to serve on the impeachment board. Kiehl will chair the board.

"At this point we are just wading through paperwork," said Kiehl.

They have met once for initial discussion, but the next meeting will most likely take place after the winter break, leaving the issue to hang over the SGA's heads for the remainder of the semester.

"We will be conducting meetings to hear both sides of the story," said Kiehl.

The board will summon those who gave statements that make up the articles of impeachments, as they are needed. These meetings will help them decide if the charges are valid. A simple majority vote of the board is all that is needed to move to the next step.

The Next Step:

If and only if the impeachment board finds the articles to be valid reasons for impeachment, the board will turn all further decision making over to the SGA Senate, where an impeachment hearing will take place. The hearing will be presided over by Senate Leader Matthew Mahoney. The executive board members cannot vote or have any say in this hearing. They will need a two-thirds majority vote to impeach their leader.

The board will bring forth the charges against the president and Edwards will have the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Edwards also will have the chance to have others testify on his behalf, in hopes to retain his position.

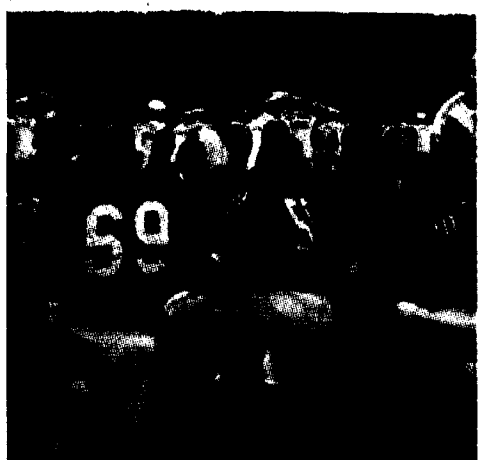


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SGA President Michael Edwards

As a freshmen Edwards was elected to the SGA President position with a last minute write in win last spring. But in the end what was it that caused his senate to stand against him? The reason is not yet public knowledge, as Kiehl has sealed the Articles of Impeachment. The next few months will bring the answers and hopefully an end to a split SGA senate.

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