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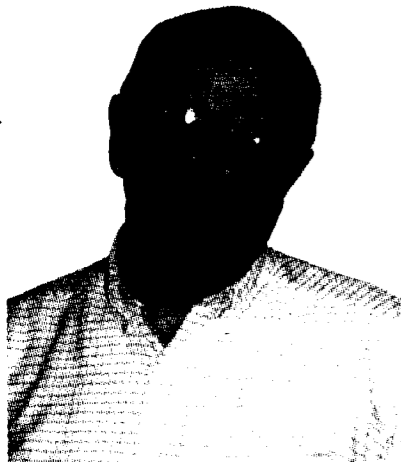
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Professor
Spotlight



Dr. Richard Young

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Professor Richard Young, associate professor of supply chain management, is also a traveler and risk taker. There is a lot more to this business professor than most people know. He has traveled to over eight countries and sat in the cockpit of an airplane through its landing.

Young spent five years in Singapore in 1996-2000 as part of Penn State University's division of executives program. Traveling overseas is an eye opening experience.

Young said that he loved being in Singapore. "I like the crossing of cultures. I think it makes life interesting," he said.

Besides Singapore, he has also traveled to Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Alaska, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and a few more. But the one country he keeps going back to is Canada.

"It's my favorite place on earth," said Young.

He said that Vancouver, Canada is the most beautiful of all the places he has seen.

When Young was coming back home from Singapore and the flight attendant asked him if she could get him anything, he replied, "I'd like to go into the cockpit." So, to Young's surprise, she took him to the cockpit and he was able to sit behind the pilot and copilot and watch them land the airplane. "It was cool," he said.

There is more to Young's risk-taking adventures, though. In 1991, he decided to get a pilot license. 15 years later, he hasn't had the chance to finish the necessary requirements, so he has named that as his goal in life.

In addition, Young has also been kayaking in Arctic Norway with his wife. "That," he said, "was interesting."

Young became a professor from a drastic mid-life change he decided to make in his career when he decided to go back to school for his doctorate degree in logistics. After being about 19 years in the pharmaceutical and chemical industry, he wanted to go into teaching business at the college level. "I thought it would be an interesting change in my life," said Young. He said his previous career was nice but he really enjoys his current teaching career. Besides teaching, he also enjoys what he is teaching. He said that he likes the business field because business changes from company to company, industry to industry, country to country and year to year. "Change is good," he said.

Upon his drastic career change in Please see **YOUNG** on page 4

Cost vs. convenience

How Stacks Market prices hold up against local food vendors

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While Stacks Market provides an immediate solution to the problem of hunger in the middle of a day full of classes, many students feel that the price doesn't reflect the product received.

"The General Tso's Chicken tastes like rubber," said Mike Surenda, junior, Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology (SDC ET).

This sentiment of food quality not being reflected in food prices is something that is echoed in nearly every student voice on campus.

"Every time I want something it's gone, and if I get what I want it's always cold," said Aarne Stefanon, junior, SDC ET.

Many students and faculty draw comparisons of Stacks Market to other local places in Middletown. Many students prefer to go to

Champions or Kokomo's for better-priced lunch specials.

Although Middletown seems to give the cold shoulder to the many students that reside here, there are establishments that welcome business from students. Hardee's, located on Main Street in the plaza with the post office, offers a free combo with the purchase of any sandwich; just show them a student ID.

Subway, located on 230 in Highspire, offers a 10 percent discount on all purchases with a

student ID. Students do have the option of saving 10 percent on every purchase here at Stacks Market, though. Each student's ID card is also their access to Lion Cash, the cafeteria's way of offering discounts to students.

Lion Cash works by either paying cash to the cashiers at Stacks Market to have it put on their ID cards, or by going online at <http://www.idcard.psu.edu/students/lioncash.shtml>. With this money on an ID card a student can get 10 percent off of all purchases.

Even with Lion Cash discounts available, a group of six students had a spending range of \$55 to \$70 per week. Depending on how often someone relies on Stacks for meals that amount can be even more.

Students draw comparisons between the wrap sandwiches in the refrigerator section of Stacks and the made-to-order subs offered by Subway. A small wrap sandwich costs \$3.29 at Stacks, but anyone can go get a 12-inch sub for only a dollar more. Likewise, with the

changing rather than being fixed onto a set schedule for the entire year.

One way mentioned prices could be kept lower is by planning the menu

for the entire academic year, but that allows for very little variations in recipes.

This variation in recipes leads to the wide variety of multicultural entrées offered for \$4.99. Some of these entrée items don't break even though.

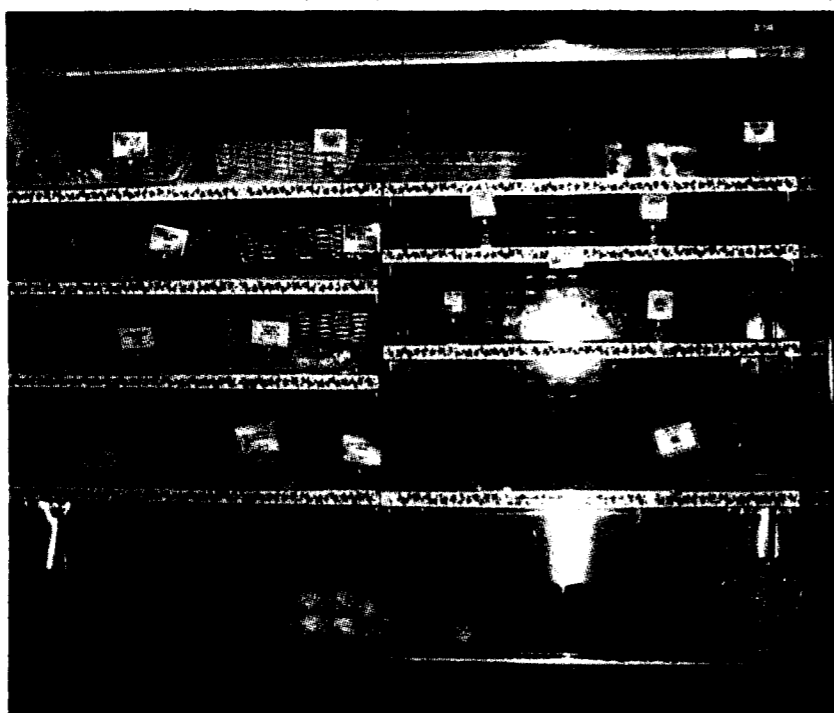
Vending machines on campus have currently raised prices to \$1.15 for a drink. The actual vending machine prices are controlled by Housing and Food Services at University Park. The Housing and Food Services here at Penn State Harrisburg is only responsible for executing the decisions of University Park.

Another common misconception is that Stacks Market receives money from tuition dollars. Stacks is its own self-supportive business with unionized labor. Stacks Market currently hires 8 full-time employees and 18 student employees.

Stacks Market does have a suggestion box on the end of the eating bar in the dining area and welcomes all suggestions from students. Most suggestions are dismissed for being junk. Suggestions like beer, steak and lobster, and free lunch on Fridays make the majority of suggestions.

Stack's also plans on hosting a monthly forum in their special events room to field questions from the student body. This could provide an opportunity for the students to finally voice their concerns about prices, hours, and menu options.

The first forum for Housing and Food Services has not yet been announced and no future plans were announced either.



The refrigerator section in Stacks Market looks a bit bleak on Friday afternoon, but normally, sandwiches and wraps are found on these shelves. Stacks Market prices are frequently compared to local area businesses.

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Facebook me, pretty please?!

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As I was walking around in the computer labs in the Olmsted basement, I noticed an unusual phenomenon. It appeared that more and more students were logged into a little webpage known as Facebook.

This led me to the question, "What in the world is this new phenomenon and how can I be apart of it?"

The Facebook craze began in the minds of three people, Mark Zuckerberg the founder, Dustin Moskovitz the keeper and Chris Hughes known as the empath.

Launched to the public on Feb 4, 2004, the website states its purpose as an online directory that connects people through social networks at school. Knowing all this, it still did not fulfill my appetite to know why

people would still look at the site for hours on end.

So I did the most appropriate thing I could think of. I joined Facebook.

My first step to becoming a Facebook junkie was going to the website, www.Facebook.com.

As the site pops up before I even begin to register, I am blessed with knowing that I have the ability to look up people at school, see how people know each other, find people in classes and groups, all of which begins to excite me. As I do not have a login in yet, I decided to register.

The first step in this process is entering my name and school email address, followed by choosing a password. Now I don't know about you, but the following step seems quite odd to me, enter the word that you see in the box. What is the purpose of that? I'm in college; an institute of higher learning. I better know how to read a word in a box.

By the way, my word was reason.

The next step was to wait for an email to arrive and confirm my information. I was now an official Facebook junkie.

Now it became time for the fun stuff.

Step two: enter all of my personal information. I now have the capability to enter anything I want from relationship status to political views, what clubs on campus I'm involved in, to my favorite movies and quotes.

I traveled on down further with the ability to enter my classes and create photo albums of past events. As I became more familiar with Facebook, I realized that the photo feature is really used as a way of showing off drunken friends at parties and bars.

My mind was blown away at all the time I spent on Facebook. I started to invite people to be my friends, and as I learned, this did

not mean just people that are here in the Penn State system. Oh no, I was finding people I went to high school with as well. This allowed me to become connected and kept updated on old friends as I was making new friends.

I also ventured into joining clubs. I became a member of such clubs as Penn State Harrisburg and I live for champs on Thursdays. I felt as though I was suddenly living the high life, the completion of my entrance as a Facebook junkie.

Throughout the semester there were events and parties that I had missed and pondered what had happened. Through being a junkie, I've discovered that people are more than willing to place pictures of themselves and activities on Facebook.

It is not just about the pictures though, oh no. I began searching Penn State Harrisburg and came

across all types of postings for parties and events such as the Boobies Ball last Friday.

Much to my shock, I was surprised to learn that this was not just for students, but faculty and staff members as well.

When I asked other PSH students their opinions of Facebook, they were happy to reply.

Steve O'Holla, senior, said, "It was a great way to stay in touch with friends from high school and friends from other colleges. It's also a good way to remember friends' birthdays as Facebook sends reminders out."

For me, this was a whole new cultural experience. I could relate with the students in the computer labs now. I entered the dark side and liked it, and now I am a junkie for life.

This is like 21st century ethnography and, as Afolabi Oyelowo, senior, said, "There is no rehab for Facebook."

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