

Campus Calendar

Lectures & Events

Managing Your Finances as a Student
October 9 from 12 - 12:50 p.m.
E-257
October 10 from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.
E-257

Career Services - "Etiquette Dinner and Workshop"
October 9 from 6 - 9 p.m.
Special Events Room

Student Life - "Acquaintance Rape"
October 11 from 12 - 12:50 p.m.
W-242

Learning Center - "How do I cite this thing?"
October 11 from 12 - 12:50 p.m.
E-257
October 12 from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.
E-257

Career Services - Intern Panel
October 11 from 1 - 1:50 p.m.
Gallery Lounge

Career Services - Internship Search Strategies
October 12 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
E-247

"Save a Life" (Alcohol Awareness)
October 16 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Special Events Room

Library - Resources in SET
October 16 from 5 - 5:50 p.m.
October 17 from 1 - 1:50 p.m.

Sexual Harassment
October 18 from 12 - 12:50 p.m.
Oliver LaGrone Cultural Arts Center, W-132 Olmsted

Library - Resources in Humanities
October 18 from 12 - 12:50 p.m.

Latin Dance Lessons
Oct. 15, 22, 29, 3 - 4:40 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Library - Resources in Business
October 18 from 5 - 5:50 p.m.

October 19 from 1 - 1:50 p.m.

Career Services - Prepare for the Capital Region Internship Fair
October 19 from 3:30-4:40 p.m. - E-247

Athletics (Home)
Women's Volleyball
VS. Abington
October 17 at 7 p.m.
VS. York
October 21 at 11 a.m.

Tennis
VS. Mont Alto
October 11 at 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer
VS. Penn College
October 14 at 1 p.m.
VS. Hazleton
October 19 at 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer
VS. Valley Forge Christian College
October 11 at 4 p.m.

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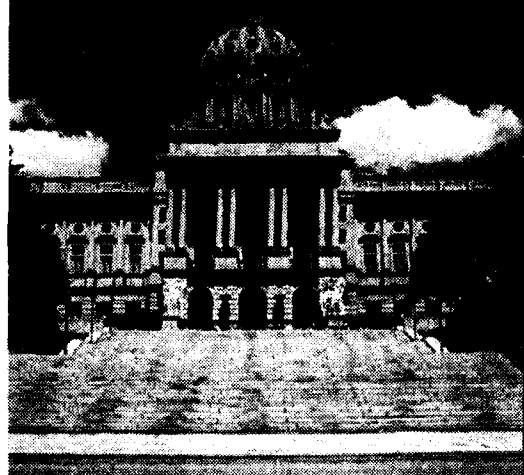
Spring 2007: October 15, 2006

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Jennifer Glenn, 2003

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<http://www.hbg.psu.edu/hbg/hburgsem>

717-948-6510 or 717-948-6282

Things You Need To Know

KI pills are available for all Harrisburg campus students. Stop by Student Health Services during normal business hours to pick them up.

Hours: Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time is October 29th. Set your clocks back one hour to Standard Time at 2:00 a.m.

The eLiving Contract Process will begin on Thursday November 30 at noon. See www.eliving.psu.edu for more info.

CUB Information

All users of the fitness facility (CUB) must present their Penn State ID at the front desk. The desk monitor will sign you in and give you any equipment you need.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-8p.m.

Meetings

Chi Gamma Iota, the veterans fraternity meets every Monday at 12 p.m. in E-124. For information contact Matthew Mahoney at mlm5039@psu.edu

Student Government Association meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building, room 118.

The Multicultural Academic Excellence Program meets every Wednesday from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Oliver LaGrone Cultural Arts Center, W-132.

The Harrisburg Anime Association meets every Thursday from 9 - 11 p.m. in the Oliver LaGrone Cultural Arts Center.

A family of thousands One year later: Katrina

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Upon entering college, most students find it a luxury to be able to say, "Just four years and we're done with it." This is not the plan of hundreds of people in over twenty campuses that are employed in Penn State's Alumni Programs. Laurie Dobrosky, the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at Penn State Harrisburg, said, "Our job is not for the students to just graduate and go on their merry way. This is a team for life." She enthusiastically emphasized that the Alumni Association's main objective is to connect or reconnect alumni back to their university and campuses. This association enables alumni to give back to their college and community, as well as benefit from the resources it has to offer.

According to Penn State's Alumni web site, the university's program began back in 1870 with only twelve alumni and a very strong purpose. They wanted to give services to their members as well as to give back and fulfill duties such as teaching, researching, and serving their university. This was only nine years after its first class had graduated. Now, it is one of the largest and most successful alumni programs in the world. With over 159,063 members in the association, Penn State is number one for having the largest amount of dues paid in the country. Dobrosky believes this portrays the utmost commitment that Penn State students have to their university.

Penn State University's dedication to the program as well as a hard-working staff contributes to making it so successful. The association is made up of many departments that manage the program and plan events year round. The Alumni Council and Executive Board govern the program. Composed of volunteers, alumni, and professional staff, these boards are all dedicated to supporting Penn State alumni all around the world in enhancing their career growth. Here at Penn State Harrisburg, there is a Board of Relations and Volunteer Board that Dobrosky said, "focuses on graduates and their needs as they get older."

Dobrosky, closing off her sixth year this fall working for the Alumni Association, has seen the program grow and change over the years. In addition to the 32,000 alumni from Penn State Harrisburg, she forecasts that with the expansion of this campus, freshman admissions, and increased number of graduates, the alumni program will continue to grow in student interactions with its alumni in Harrisburg.

Despite the size of the program, not many people are fully informed and aware with how it works or what it has to offer. Membership comes with a variety and countless number of benefits. Entertainment benefits attract many graduates to become a part of the program. Alumni receive publications just for them. These include The Penn Stater magazine, the Football Letter, the Sports Letter, as well as college or campuses society newsletters. Sports tickets and other events are made available to them as well. Favorably, there are discounts on everything from life insurance to books. Alumnus Pete Strella, who recently spoke to students on landing careers, said that he likes to take advantage of the deals on football tickets and also uses the PSH gym very often.

The alumni program is often mistaken to be just for those who have graduated and joined the society. In result, many current students miss the opportunities that they can benefit from that this association has to offer. The program commits to teaching current students in workshops for the future. After the panel discussion, Strella stated, "The opportunity to speak to the freshman was also beneficial for me to reflect on how I have reached the position as sports editor in the Press and Journal. It's always good to remember where you came from." Dobrosky wants students to benefit from the knowledge, experiences, and diverse stories many alumni have. She insists they will arrange specialized speakers for any club or sports teams who are looking to learn more.

The Alumni association's key tool is the networking and mentoring programs. According to the Alumni Career Services web page, their

mission is to form partnerships, provide and create resources, and offer services that are receptive to the life and career needs of Penn State alumni. Alumnus Rodney Horton gives most of his success appraisal to networking. He joined the association because he too, once had a mentor from the alumni program. During his sophomore year of college, he was mentored by the House Majority Whip, David Argall. Out of this mentorship, Horton received the opportunity to intern with the House Republican Caucus. "The networking opportunity that existed with other Penn Staters through various events and information panels contributed to my success post-graduation." Now serving on the Middletown Borough Council, Horton hopes to "help develop a close friendship between the Borough and the student body."

Penn State alumni pride is supported by the Lion Ambassadors across the campus, the community, and the country. Heading the Lion Ambassadors as well, Dobrosky assimilates her current students of Lion Ambassadors, who want to make a difference, with her alumni and work hand in hand. They aid, assist, and promote PSH and its Alumni Association by running their events. They coordinate tours, class reunions, and greet any visiting alumni, family, and friends. President of the Lion Ambassadors, Melissa Yingling, stated, "I am looking forward to conducting the alumni tours at the end of this month, meeting with them, and learning from their experiences at this campus."

The association holds events such as socials, dinners, couple dances, panel discussions, awards ceremonies to recognize outstanding alumni, and reunions. On Oct. 27, the Alumni Association will be celebrating PSH's 40th anniversary and holding an award ceremony as well.

For the students of today, the alumni-in-training, sharing the time and talent with the university is important before and after graduation. This is a movement to commit to representing your university and to "bleed blue and white", for life.

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A year later, devastation, frustration, and years of memories still lie in a city ruined by a natural disaster: hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina, unlike any other storm, has managed to not only tear apart cities and states and change lives of the people affected, but it has also helped promote the rumors other countries have about how much Americans care for one another.

"Together we stand, divided we fall" is one of the most common phrases used in the government system. However, in case of one of the deadliest storms seen in the United States, how the government managed to handle the events before, leading up to, and after Katrina did not give proof that we lived in a nation that stood together.

Experts say that Hurricane Katrina was the sixth strongest land falling U.S. hurricane on record and though our government has systems in place to warn us of upcoming storms, no one believed this storm would be so devastating. Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic disaster in most of the areas it hit, but it managed to

really cause severe damage in places like New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The states hit the worst are still trying to rebuild and overcome the changes that were forced to take place in their lives.

Many organizations, government foundations, and even individuals have tried to donate their time and money into helping to rebuild what Katrina took away from so many people: security, love, family, friends, and hope. Many are desperately trying to pick up the pieces, mend their lives back together, and start fresh. Starting fresh can sometimes be hard when you have nothing to start with, and all you ever knew vanished before your eyes in the blink of an eye.

"Support and time may help us get through this devastation, but all the money in the world can not bring back memories of loved ones," said Devinique Murray, senior communications.

The attacks of 9/11 were not something we could completely prepare for because it happened, supposedly, without the government knowing about it. However, the devastation brought on by hurricane Katrina could

have at least been downsized if the right actions would have taken place to help prepare the anticipated cities that were to be affected. The media has also been criticized for not doing its rightful duty by telling the truth despite how the government feels. Spike Lee took the first amendment use into his own hands by developing a documentary in conjunction with HBO Films called *When the Levees Broke*. This documentary is full of personal accounts from people who live in New Orleans and live footage that supported their feelings of abandonment and prejudice.

Though many are still so very upset because of how the government handled this situation, it can not take away the fact that a disaster did happen. As Americans, all we can do now is help piece lives back together, both financially and emotionally.

As we pass this one year anniversary of the event, let us remember those who were lost and those who have survived and are still trying to mend their lives. Hurricane Katrina was not only New Orleans' and other states' devastation, it was an American devastation.

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