

THON: a PSU tradition

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THON's success is also known for its separation of responsibilities. Some of the groups that make up this organization are Public Relations, Family Relations, Marketing, Club Relations and more!
Mini Thon is a 24-hour event that allows dancers to prepare for THON by taking on the same level of enthusiasm for dancing, raising money and helping hundreds of

THON committee which organizes meetings, groups, advisors and events to raise money for the charity. This year's goals at Penn State Harrisburg are to increase revenue and to make the most out of their 238 percent increase in organization tools (a great increase in money to work with.) So far, the club has decided several canning dates and is designing T-shirts to sell for THON support.



Photo by MARIN BENDORITIS/Capital Times
A mass of students crowded the Bryce Jordan Center last Feb. for THON 2007. Students spend from Oct. to Feb. fundraising for the event.

families. The THON finale is held at THON's home, the Jordan Bryce Center, throughout the weekend of Feb. 22 to 24 and is a huge weekend filled with thousands of guests, speakers, entertainment, music and charity. At this event, sponsored families have children come up on stage and thank THON members for making it all worth it for them.
Penn State Harrisburg has an active

With regular meetings and e-mails, the members are sure to succeed in their goals. The club enforces some mandatory meetings and its friendly chair people are always available to contact for questions and suggestions. With this year's wonderful chairs, Ariel O'Malley, Adam Porter and Craig Dewalt, the year should be a productive one!

Campbell-Hetrick: Beyond the classroom

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Hetrick is excited about her work as well as becoming a part of the campus community. During

especially like to visit Spain, Italy and Germany.
In her spare time, she enjoys reading and swimming. Her



Photos by AMANDA NACE/Capital Times
Professor Hetrick, a central Pennsylvania native has come back to PSH teach mathematics

her first year, she was part of the newly formed Teacher Education Council. She is currently on the Curriculum Committee for the Math department and is also helping out with the math club.

Hetrick has in a sense come back to her roots. She grew up just a few miles down Route 230 in Highspire and after completing her Bachelor of Science at Villanova, she went on to complete her graduate studies and doctoral program at the highly selective and prestigious Bryn Mawr College.

"(Bryn Mawr is) an extremely supportive place to be for a woman in science or any field for that matter. It was a really good environment for me," she said.

Hetrick currently lives in Hershey with her husband Ron. This past summer, they took a trip to Hawaii. She said they had a great time hiking on Oahu. She wants to travel to Europe and would

favorite adult beverage is Mike's Hard Lemonade. She also likes listening to Y-Rock on WXPN.

"It has the NPR so it is nice and I get my modern alternative rock," she said.

Hetrick admits that her youthful looks are sometimes frustrating. She can easily pass for a student instead of a professor.

"I get asked about my age often," she said.

Hetrick said she is very proud of completing her doctoral program and is planning on presenting work to a Joint Mathematics Meeting in San Diego soon. She has made previous presentations to this group of professionals as a Ph.D. student.

Hetrick credited her parents for a lot of her success. She said her parents were really supportive of her pursuit of higher education.

"(They) pushed me to do my best," she said.

Save a life: don't drink and drive

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offense, you spend 48 hours to two years in prison and the fine starts from \$300 to \$5,000. With four or more offenses, you spend up to one to five years in prison and the fine starts from \$300 to \$10,000.

This year, Penn State Harrisburg's "National Collagen Alcohol Awareness Week" will feature:

Save A Life Tour on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Special Events Room of the Olmsted Building. Get a "real life" example of your impairment while driving under the influence of alcohol. (Open to the general public.)

behind the wheel, ended up with three felony manslaughter convictions, spending three years in a Florida prison. He also has a personal video clip of the event. (Open to campus community.)

Beer goggles on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location to be announced. See how alcohol impairs your ability to function when intoxicated. (Open to the campus community.)

Student panel discussion on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Olmsted Gallery Lounge. The panel is an open discussion about alcohol. Students

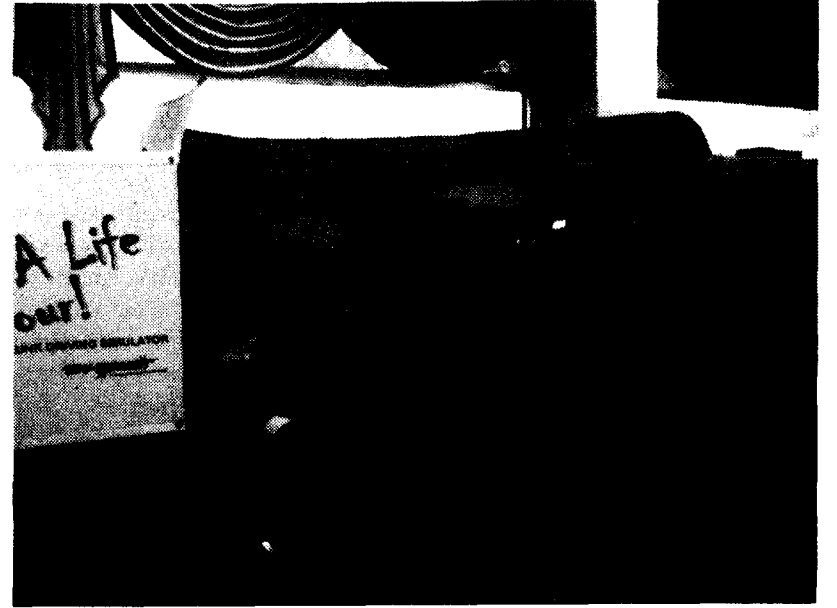


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The drunken driving simulator allows students to get a feel for how even one drink can affect reaction time and sight.

Mark Sterner: DUI, A Powerful Lesson on Monday, Oct. 15 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Olmsted auditorium. Sterner tells a personal story of how his life drastically changed when three of his best friends and fraternity brothers were killed in a drinking and driving accident. Sterner, intoxicated

and alumni will be participating. (Open to the campus community.)

With drinking under the influence being illegal and with so much at risk, take a quick second to think before you leave a party or a small get-together.

Even if you had one drink, you never know if will be your last.

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Pulitzer winner discusses book

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Penn State Harrisburg welcomed the author of this year's summer reading choice Sonia Nazario to campus on Monday October 9th. On Monday, Nazario gave two separate presentations at the CUB for students and faculty to attend to where they had the opportunity to interact with her in regard to her Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Enrique's Journey."

Nazario began her presentations discussing the "biggest crackdown"

the U.S. who abandoned him. The mothers who leave home are usually single mothers who cannot afford to send their children to school, or even feed them every day, and decide in desperation that they must abandon their children to go to the United States where they think jobs are plentiful and money is easier to come by.

Children of abandoned mothers cannot come to understand their mother's reasoning in abandoning them, and have told reporters that they would rather have had their mother by their sides living a poor

and try for the 28th time to cross the border into the U.S. even though he had faced death many times.

Nazario admits that she was very judgmental when her eyes were first opened to this issue. She said that she couldn't understand how a mother could abandon her children, but after having traveled on top of the trains herself, she changed her mind.

She wrote Enrique's Journey to humanize what she, and many others, see as such a horrible issue. She hoped that the novel would make her readers feel like they were



Photo by DIANA LE/Capital Times
The students of Penn State Harrisburg attended a presentation by Sonia Nazario, author of "Enrique's Journey", which dealt not only with the book, but with the issues the book covered.

immigration in our country's history and the "various responses to the mounting frustrations of the country." She explained that while many people think that the United States is only having problems with immigration in the states along the Mexican border, there are in fact

"125 to 175 thousand undocumented immigrants in Pennsylvania alone." Nazario said that this is not an issue we can turn a blind eye to in the hopes that it will fix itself.

Various students and faculty said that they appreciated Nazario's research prior to her presentation, because even though she doesn't live in Pennsylvania she came prepared with relevant facts to put on the table.

Nazario continued with a brief summary of the events throughout her novel which depict the journey of Enrique, a Honduran boy trying to reach his mother in the U.S. through the use of freight trains through South and Central America. Enrique like many other children in South and Central America left home desperately. He had no money and only a slip of paper with a phone number on it to find his mother in

and hungry life, than receiving expensive tennis shoes and toys from her while she worked in the U.S.

Nazario stressed the fact that these children who are abandoned at an early age become troubled adolescents which leads them to the desperate decisions they make in coming to the U.S. or their lives become chaotic and that's when we start to see the gang numbers rising in South and Central America.

Nazario explained to her audience that no one understands the "gritty determination" that these people, both children and adults, have in coming to the U.S. She told the story of another young Honduran boy that she had met, who had tried to cross the border into the U.S. 27 times and was once again being deported back home. He told her that he would start his journey again tomorrow

riding on top of the trains with the immigrants.

When asked if she regretted her trip Nazario stated no, but with a laugh said that her husband did, and she would have even gone a second time if he would have allowed it.

She also acknowledged that the immigrants she encountered on her journey were mostly men, so she often stood out as being the only female, but that they were very gracious because she was there to tell their true story in detail. She didn't just "talk the talk," she said, they also saw her "walk the walk" which gained her a lot of respect.

Nazario has no current plans to write another novel because she hasn't found a topic that "grips" her yet, but she will continue writing for the Los Angeles Times until she decides she might want to start another novel.