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Ram Goel



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When Dr. Ram P. Goel, Assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was asked why he decided to teach he explained, "I always like associating with ideas, and places where I can interact with the young people who can keep me challenged or keep my mind challenged. I always enjoyed the intellectual environment and that is one of the reasons why I decided to join the profession of teaching." Goel teaches classes in Physics, Astronomy, Mechanical Engineering and Business.

This winter during winter break Dr. Goel will be taking a group of students from the business school to India in order to help them understand the Indian's way of doing business. He feels that this trip will be a useful enterprise for the students because of globalization and international markets. They will travel, visit various enterprises, speak with business leaders, political leaders, and analyze the economy of India. The trip will help the students to gain a better insight to the Indian business environment.

Goel grew up in North India, in the state of Punjab. He moved to the United States in 1965. He explained that at the time there was a very positive global image of the United States. India had not yet established higher education institutions so it was normal for a student in India to go to a country like the U.S., which encouraged young people to pursue academic interests.

The education system in India, he explained, is different than the education system in the United States. In the United States the education is much broader-based with two components to it. One component is general education, which is required for every student in college. The general education classes help the student to be an enlightened or well-trained social being. The second component to education in the U.S. is focusing on the professional aspect of the student. In India, however, it continues to be a skill-based education system, with much less emphasis on the general

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Students speak out against ban

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It has been nine weeks since Chancellor Madlyn Hanes approved the tobacco-free smoking policy. Since the implementation of the policy, some students as well as faculty have voiced opposition to the ban. Both smokers and nonsmokers have alike raised concerns over the fairness of the policy and how it was decided.

Student Kervens Dorcelly was outraged that the task force did not take everyone's opinion into account.

"It was not a fair representative of the student body," said Dorcelly. He stated that 333 students is not enough to base a University policy on. Dorcelly is in the process of organizing a petition for the task force to re-examine the ban.

Dorcelly admitted to understanding why the ban was put into place but it was the way they made the policy that he has a problem with. As a nonsmoker, he hated smelling smoke when walking through the main entrance last year but what is now being avoided at the entrances is now happening across the street. Smokers block the walkway for students living in the dormitories,



With the new tobacco free policy on campus, smokers are forced to cross the street and stand out in the open to smoke. Students and faculty are asking for a compromise to this problem.

forcing students to walk through a cloud of smoke.

"It is discrimination against those with medical problems; smoking is a medical problem," said Dorcelly.

He believes that the University could have offered treatment to help smokers quit, such as patches and counseling.

Adult education professor Patricia Cranton was not even aware of the task force until the start of the fall semester, when the ban was announced. She is objecting to the process, not the ban itself. The committee meetings were not made public and were over the summer when most students and faculty were not around which raised concerns with Cranton. She believes that the word "force" makes it seem like we are at war.

Cranton along with other faculty are in the process of collecting information and talking to others to increase awareness of the ban and how it was made.

Mary Lou Martz, co-director of the tobacco task force, cited studies of second hand smoke as a reason for recommending the ban to the Chancellor. Senel

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Students learn the facts about domestic violence

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Jessica L. Zanders, is a 21-year old who was beaten, raped, and stabbed ninety-one times by her husband Shawn Marroquin. Three weeks prior to her death, Shawn was charged with kidnapping and terroristic threats on her life. He is now currently waiting for his trial for murder.

Jane D., a 23-year old was strangled simultaneously with her four year old daughter by her 23 year old boyfriend. He choked one in each hand until he couldn't hear them breathe. He had a history of criminal convictions and police were called to the apartment several times within two months prior to her death.

Victoria W., 20 years old moved away from home after becoming a model after high school. When her father was charged of sexual abuse against Victoria and her sister and had a Protection Abuse Order against him,

she moved back into her home with her infant daughter. On Christmas Eve of 2002, her father entered her home and shot Victoria, her sister and mother, execution style. Victoria was holding her daughter, who was the only survivor of this domestic violence.

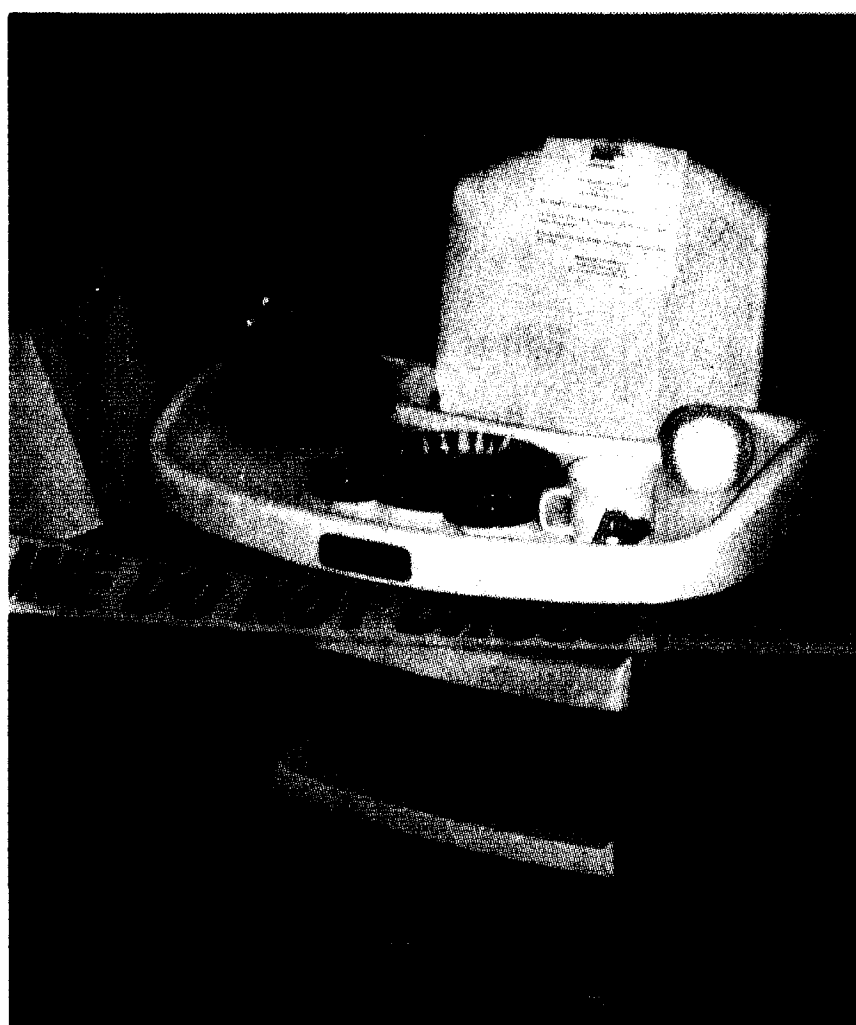
85 to 95 percent of all domestic

partner and out of the 1,232 women 66 percent of them are killed by a gun.

Domestic violence is a type of abuse. It involves injuring someone, usually a spouse or partner, but it can also be a parent, child or other family members. Domestic violence does not have to be only physical or sexual abuse. It could be emotional (criticism and inducing guilt), verbal (calling names or humiliating you), financial (stealing/ taking your money or preventing you to get access to transportation/ medical attention/ career opportunities), or psychological abuse (harassment, isolation from friends and family).

In Penn State Harrisburg, there have been some cases of domestic violence, like sexual assault. Although it has not been much of a problem that does not mean that domestic violence is not an issue that the University ignores. PSH

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"An empty place at the table" display in the Olmsted lobby gave a visual of how domestic violence affects families. The week of October 22nd featured events to teach students the truth about domestic violence.

Victoria W., 20 years old moved away from home after becoming a model after high school. When her father was charged of sexual abuse against Victoria and her sister and had a Protection Abuse Order against him,

violence victims are female. About 1 out of 4 women are likely to be abused by a partner in her lifetime. And approximately 1,232 women are killed each year by an intimate

Police commissioner named alumni fellow

PSH alumni is honored at dinner for work with Amish shooting

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It was toward the end of the Alumni Awards Dinner on Oct. 19 that Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Col. Jeffrey B. Miller was finally honored as Penn State Harrisburg's 2007 Alumni Fellow. In this case, the best was

she said, because state police commissioner is the highest law enforcement job in Pennsylvania and because "he was the voice of the Pennsylvania State Police during the Nickel Mines shooting."

After being commended and presented with a framed certificate at the awards dinner, Miller gave a speech in which he reflected on being recognized along with many other accomplished and interesting alumni. His story about a young Amish girl passing away in the arms of a trooper brought tears to some attendees' eyes. The self-described family person also thanked his wife and two daughters (who were not present because of PSATS and volleyball) for support and understanding, and his parents for being with him since the beginning.

"My parents really prepared me to be successful by encouraging me," Miller said in a phone interview.

He said he had support from his parents, coaches and teachers growing up and that hard work, self-discipline and drive led him to try to achieve what he could.

Miller knew he wanted to work for

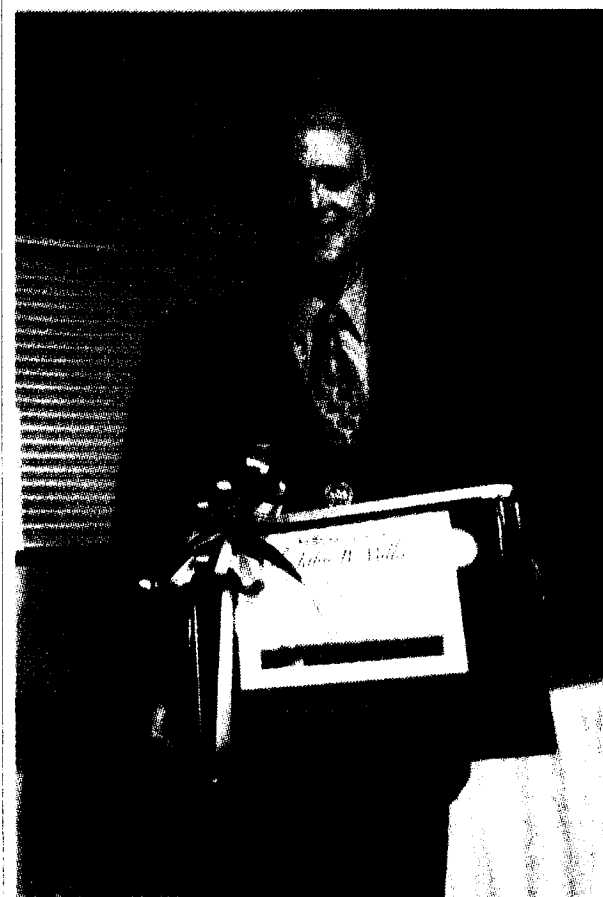


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The lifetime honor of Alumni Fellow was given to Jeffrey Miller, the State Police Commissioner.

saved for last.

The lifetime honor is the highest given to any alumnus from the Penn State Alumni Association, said Assistant director for alumni relations Laurie Dobrosky in an interview. Miller was awarded,

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