

Major spotlight: Public Policy, Political Science

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Students are given a rare opportunity when enrolled in either the Political Science or Public Policy majors at Penn State Harrisburg. With a close proximity to the capital, students are given the opportunity to easily take internships and establish contacts within the government; and are also given the chance to take classes taught by government employees.

In 2006, the Political Science major split from the Public Policy major, allowing students to choose their area of focus within the political field. Both majors

overlap in courses, allowing students to take a wide variety of classes depending on their area of interest.

Dr. Harold Shill became the program coordinator of the Public Policy and Political Science programs in 2006 and has been expanding the programs since then. According to Shill, the Political Science major, which was just introduced in 2006, offers classes focusing on American government, international relations, terrorism, interest groups and drug policy.

The political science major is most commonly used as a launching pad into law school, or elected office said Shill. Students may also choose to work for advocacy organizations,

nongovernmental organizations or various government jobs.

Although the Political Science major is new to Penn State Harrisburg, the program is expanding every year. Shill estimates enrollment in the major to be around 20 students at the time of press.

Public Policy, a subfield of the Political Science major, offers a more focused area of specialization. Students must take two ECON courses as well as a course in statistics in order to complete the major.

According to Dr. Nechemias, the former program coordinator of the Public Policy program, the major prepares students to work in areas of local, state and federal

government. Graduates may take jobs with Capital Blue Cross, or Chambers of Commerce.

PSH is the only campus that offers the Public Policy major, allowing students the opportunity of internships right in the state capital. "It makes a lot of sense" said Nechemias.

Nechamias also brags about the teaching staff, which includes a former acting governor, and a top staff member in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

1997 graduate of the Public Policy major, Jessica Grey is now the Executive Director of the Republican Caucus chairman's office, Representative Sandra J Major. During her time at PSH, she participated in the legislative

fellowship program and was hired from her internship. She advocates any student looking for a job in government to take the opportunity to become an intern, and especially take advantage of the legislative fellow program.

Grey's advice to current students in the major is to look for internships and to volunteer a lot. Many interns are hired upon graduation, said Grey.

"It's a major of discovery" said Nechemias. Many students who do know much about the major as freshmen, but change to either Public Policy or Political Science once enrolled at PSH.

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good at. He used to play ice hockey and soccer, also known as futbol in Sweden, when he lived there. Both sports, including tennis, are Sweden's national sports.

His favorite singers include Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan, but recently he has not been able to listen to them because his CD's are still packed from his recent move to Hummelstown.

Stalebrink said he looks forward to teaching at Penn State Harrisburg. The environment

seems very friendly and he is excited to do research in financial management and write articles on his findings, he said. He has accomplished what he always wanted to do in his professional life by becoming a professor, researching on a topic of his interest and doing public service.

"Now, I just hope to evolve in this profession," said Stalebrink.

Helping students learn material that he is interested in adds balance to his research. And being able to watch them evolve into professionals is very rewarding for him.

Stalebrink said that doing just

research would sadden him because then, he would probably just be sitting in his office alone. So, it is important for him to have that interaction with students since it makes his job that much more enjoyable.

"Teaching and lecturing is nice," he said, "because students bring up ideas that I may not have thought about and that makes me think of things in a different way."

After retirement, he hopes to be able to stay invested to accommodate his research interests and to be able to continue his public service.

Things you didn't know about Sweden, according to Stalebrink:

1. It takes only about three-to-four hours to drive across Sweden, while it can take almost 24 hours to drive from the south end to the north end.

2. Its latitude is about that of Alaska.

3. Sweden's population is 9 million.

4. Sweden's weather is very similar to that of Vermont.

Currently, Stalebrink teaches a course in public budgeting and government financial management. Next semester,

governmental accounting will be added to his teaching list.

KFC shoring up security for secret recipe

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Pssst. The secret's out at KFC. Well, sort of.

Colonel Harland Sanders' handwritten recipe of 11 herbs and spices was removed Tuesday from safekeeping at KFC's corporate offices for the first time in decades. The temporary relocation is allowing KFC to revamp security around a yellowing sheet of paper that contains one of the country's most famous corporate secrets.

The brand's top executive admitted his nerves were aflutter

despite the tight security he lined up for the operation.

"I don't want to be the president who loses the recipe," KFC President Roger Eaton said. "Imagine how terrifying that would be."

The recipe that launched the chicken chain was placed in a lock box that was handcuffed to security expert Bo Dietl, who climbed aboard an armored car that whisked away with an escort from off-duty police officers.

Eaton's parting words to Dietl: "Keep it safe."

So important is the 68-year-old concoction that coats the chain's Original Recipe chicken that

only two company executives at any time have access to it. The company refuses to release their names or titles, and it uses multiple suppliers who produce and blend the ingredients but know only a part of the entire contents.

KFC executives said they decided to upgrade security after retrieving the recipe amid preparations to add a new line of Original Recipe chicken strips.

The recipe has been stashed at the company headquarters for decades, and for more than 20 years has been tucked away in a filing cabinet equipped with two combination locks. To reach the cabinet, the keepers of the recipe

would first open up a vault and unlock three locks on a door that stood in front of the cabinet.

Vials of the herbs and spices are also stored in the secret filing cabinet.

Others have tried to replicate the recipe, and occasionally someone claims to have found a copy of Sanders' creation. The executive said none have come close, adding the actual recipe would include some surprises.

Sanders developed the formula in 1940 at his tiny restaurant in southeastern Kentucky and used it to launch the KFC chain in the early 1950s.

Larry Miller, a restaurant analyst

with RBC Capital Markets, said the recipe's value is "almost an immeasurable thing. It's part of that important brand image that helps differentiate the KFC product."

KFC had a total of 14,892 locations worldwide at the end of 2007. The chain has had strong sales overseas, especially in its fast-growing China market, but has struggled in the U.S. amid a more health-conscious public. KFC posted U.S. sales of \$5.3 billion at company-owned and franchised stores in 2007.