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Chancellor greets class of 2013 at convocation

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Students and Penn State Harrisburg staff rose from their seats as faculty, dressed in their full academic

regalia, ambled into the Student Center of the Capitol Union Building Tuesday, August 25 for the 2009 Student Convocation.

Dr. Mukund S. Kulkarni, the senior associate dean of academic affairs, led the remarks by welcoming students to the first academic event of the new school year.

Kulkarni introduced the new student government president, Thomas Brown, before turning the microphone over to Jean Vogel, a Penn State Harrisburg alumni volunteer.

Vogel, a member of the first graduating class at PSH in 1968, gave words of encouragement to the class of 2013, while reminiscing on her days as a student.

In 1968 the library was located in a tiny room in the Olmstead Building, said Vogel, and the school's librarian worked hard to get students the materials they needed for studying.

Chancellor Madlyn L. Haynes gave the convocation address. The class of 2013 represents 300 high schools, 26 states and 13 countries, said Haynes.

By following the Penn State principles of respect, integrity and responsibility, said Haynes, you will behave as a better person.

When getting perspectives from alumni on what they would have done differently while at Penn State, Haynes said the most frequent response she hears is that the former students would have gotten more involved.

Haynes said, alumni wish they had spoken up earlier in their first



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Chancellor Madlyn L. Haynes gives the convocation address on Tuesday, August 25 in the CUB.

classes, leaving no questions unasked and no questions unanswered.

"You bring your own stories, vantage points and experiences," said Haynes. Students should seek out professors, learn from mistakes and aim higher, she said.

Following Haynes' address, Kulkarni inducted the new Penn State students before Teresa Anstatt lead the audience in the singing of the Alma Mater.

During the recessional, Haynes walked through the aisle, smiling and patting nearby students on the arm.

The students who attended received gifts and lunch.

Amanda Klaboe, an 18-year-old freshman biology major, said she attended the convocation because Penn State is a good school. A few of Klaboe's friends stood behind her, giggling while she explained her reasons for coming to Penn State Harrisburg.

Klaboe chose to attend the Harrisburg branch because the campus is near her home in Hummelstown, she said.

When asked why he attended the convocation, Antoine Tate, a sophomore communications major, said, "Support."

Yaowei Li, a 16-year-old student from China, who studies aerospace engineering, said the convocation reminded him to keep on thinking about his lessons. The event was a guide to be competent and focus on his goals in aerospace engineering, said Li.

Panna Idowu, the special events manager at PSH, said the 2009 convocation was more formal than in the past. This is the first year that faculty dressed in their regalia, said Idowu.

A lot of students missed out though, Idowu said, and it would be nice to recruit more students for this year's upcoming events.

Back to school fashion trends channel the 1980s

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New school supplies, fresh agendas, set schedules. It's that time of year again to open up our textbooks and get down to business. But everyone knows its hard to get back into rhythm without having the latest fall fashion. This years fall trends reflect heavily on the early '80s. From big hairstyles to neon colors the retro style is back. One example of the changing trends: baggy pants are out, and skinny jeans are in.

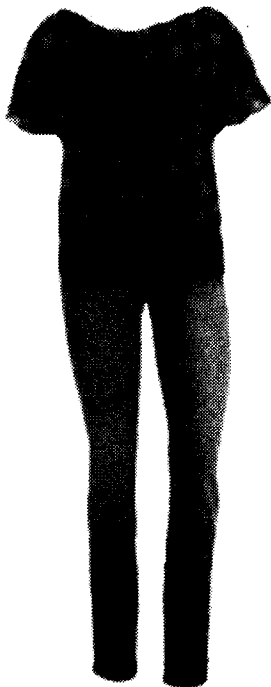


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Cold shoulder buffalo tunic,
\$4.99 at Wet Seal
Show stopper skinny jean,
\$9.99 to \$24.50 at Wet Seal

High Top Converse

A popular shoe being brought back is the hightop Converse sneakers. These hightops come in all sorts of colors, but no matter your preference its for certain you won't be out of style this year with this hightop footwear.



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Classic Converse Chuck Taylor
All Star, \$45.00

Plaid

By simply walking around campus it's clear plaid is in. From hats to tops to skirts there's no doubt plaid is a safe bet for being in style this year. From American Eagle Outfitters to Wet Seal I have seen almost every store in the mall with some type of plaid article of clothing. In correspondence with plaid, layers will be another big trend this fall. The '80s was a time that was coming out of a recession, so cheap layers of clothing were in. It's no different from this year's style. Layers are perfect for adjusting to temperatures outside and around the classrooms. Top designers say layers are a popular fall 2009 trend.

Jeans

Jeans will yet again be a trendy exception for both genders. Jeans have been popular for many years now and probably many more to come, however, the style of jeans are is what have changed. For the past couple years the baggy off-the-hip jeans were popular for males, but the '80s have yet influenced these as well and now the skinny jeans are back. These tight fitting jeans are acceptable for males or females, and are easily worn with any type of shoes- from sandals to Ugg boots to hightop Converse sneakers.

Hairstyles

Although not quite as extreme in previous years, hairstyles this fall as well as clothing, will reflect the early '80s individualism. For girls: although straight hair probably won't

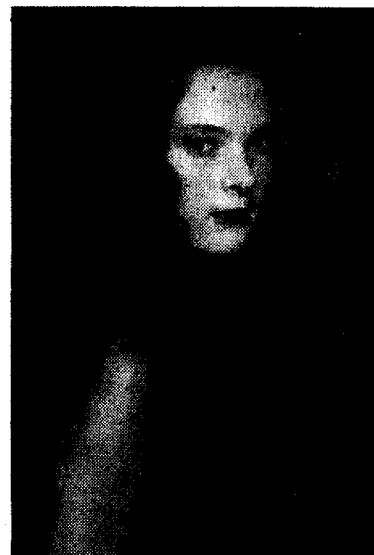


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go out of style anytime soon, the look this fall is the straight-out-of-bed messy look. Also the crimped, frizzy hairstyles will be back. For guys: shorter hair is in this fall, and as well as girls the messy look on top is in this fall. Also the side-swept bangs are in.

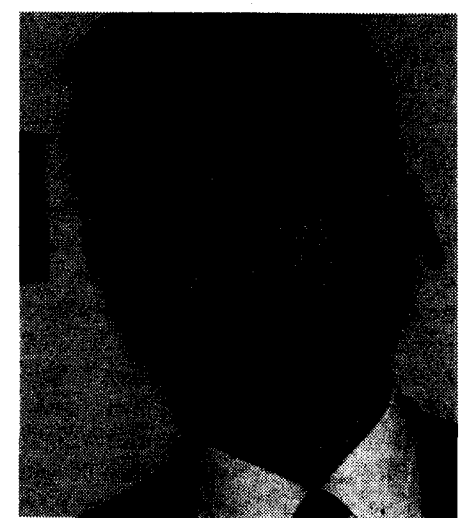


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