

Eye On Campus

76ers To Help THON

By The Lion's Eye

THON would like to invite you to join them for a Night out at the 76ers Game at the Wachovia Center on Friday October 10, 2008. The tickets are going to be \$20/Ticket. Every person who purchases a ticket also receives an opportunity to go down on the floor for an autograph session. This event is a collaborative event with several other Penn State campuses in the

area. Mark the date on your calendar. For tickets, contact Amy McCaffrey, PSU Brandywine's THON Overall Chair, at aem259@psu.edu. Tickets are available for students, faculty, staff, family and friends. No transportation will be provided, just the tickets. Profits from the ticket sales will go to THON.



Kudos To.....

For the past year, **Christopher Bakey** (engineering major) and **JacQuita Lessane'** (HDFS) have been serving as campus representatives to Scholars in Service to PA through the AmeriCorps Education Award program. In exchange for volunteering 450 hours over the academic year, both students receive an education award that can be used to pay for any legitimate educational expense at Penn State or to pay for future educational expenses. However, both of these students have gone well above and beyond the required volunteering hours. In addition to receiving the AmeriCorps Education Award, they have both earned a President's Volunteer Service Award. JacQuita has earned the Silver Level of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and Chris has earned the Gold Level of the Award.

Alyce DiLauro and **Teron Meyers**, with assistance from **Jennifer Choi**, spent their summer vacation visiting the Smithsonian Institution and receiving a private behind-the-scenes tour by one of the museum's dinosaur paleontologists to collect video and photos to document the Dinosaur Hall before it closes for renovations. This is the first of several educational videos they are creating to continue the educational and outreach mission of the museum and to create a historical record of the exhibit once the hall is no longer available to the public. Please view their video on dinosaur type specimens at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnwhwVxfRic>

Penn State Brandywine's Honors Students are taking a unique approach in exploring world food problems. To begin exploring this issue, the scholars read Jane Goodall's book, "Harvest for Hope," and responded to questions in ANGEL, Penn State's online course management system. The students met for a day-and-a-half before the semester started to explore their thoughts about genetically modified foods, otherwise known as "Frankenfoods," fair trade coffee, sizes and portions of servings, animal factories, among others. Then, the group visited Linvilla Orchards, a 300-acre farm dedicated to agriculture, entertainment and education in Media, for a tour and to learn what it takes to run a farm in today's economy.

In fall 2007 and spring 2008, **Penn State Brandywine Honors Students** worked together to make a difference for a community group during the National Collegiate Honors Council's National Honors Day of Service. In the fall semester, it was the Reuse-A-Shoe sneaker recycling drive. In the spring semester, the students hosted a vision awareness day and brought two organizations to campus to share their mission and contributions to the community. One of the organizations that visited was *The Seeing Eye*, a New Jersey-based organization that raises and trains seeing eye dogs for the visually impaired.

Penn State Brandywine has received a one-year grant of \$39,000 to benefit student scholarships from the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust, West Conshohocken. The award will fund students who are enrolled as full-time Penn State Brandywine undergraduate students and have a financial need for the 2008-2009 academic year that cannot be met by other aid programs. Each eligible student must be a permanent resident in the Delaware Valley Area or of the city of Camden, N.J., and in good academic standing. Each student receiving a grant is also required to submit an original thank you letter to Smith Trust.

Elizabeth A. Dudkin, associate professor of biology at Penn State Brandywine, was one of four Penn State faculty members awarded the University's 2008 George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching. The University-wide award, named after Penn State's seventh president, honors excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level. Dudkin was recognized for her ability to teach, motivate and inspire students at all levels. She teaches introductory and upper-level biology, in lectures and labs, on topics ranging from mammalian anatomy to neuroscience.

Seven Penn State Brandywine students' essays were recently published in the University's annual journal, *The Best of Freshman Writing*, Volume 13. Myra Goldschmidt, associate professor of linguistics and English at Penn State Brandywine, submitted the seven winning essays from one of her classes. The authors are **Albert Parks, Jr., of Philadelphia; Erin Dungee, of West Chester; Hoi Chau Cheung, of Media; Matthew Riley, of Wallingford; Matthew Sengin, of Princeton, NJ; Santeena Brown, of West Chester; and Yudong Zhao, of Paoli.**

seeing is believing...

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Penn State-State Brandywine received quite a performance on Thursday, August 28, when illusionist Wayne Hoffman performed in the Lounge of the Tomezko Building. Dazzling a crowd of around 75 people, Mr. Hoffman performed several tricks that could only be described as magical.

"Amazing" was the assessment made by freshman Matt Bachman. Another freshman, David Daley says "Mr. Hoffman displayed an uncanny ability to read the minds of the students in the lounge." Among the acts performed were: the draining and refilling of a crushed soda can, the reading of several students' minds on different subjects, the guessing of a phone number, a touching act where only one person was touched but two people reacted to the touch, and

the consensus favorite, the swallowing of razor blades. The highlight of the act included Mr. Hoffman swallowing four razor blades and a string, and then pulling the blades back out, one by one. The catch to the trick was that Mr. Hoffman had tied all of the blades to the string...with his tongue.

The performer was also very engaging to the audience as well, often cracking up the whole room with one-liners relating to his acts. This writer's personal favorite was the mind reading in which Mr. Hoffman read the thoughts of the crowd. The audience could choose to think about anything, from dogs to cars to people to foods, and Mr. Hoffman was accurate every time. If anyone wants to get in touch with Wayne Hoffman, look up either his Facebook or MySpace



Illusionist Wayne Hoffman (photo courtesy of Wayne Hoffman)

September 25th,
2008
6:30pm-8:30pm

*Muslim Student
Association's Iftar Dinner*

Tomezko Lounge

Please come & join MSA Brandywine for Iftar dinner!!
Feel free to contact the following numbers if you have any questions:

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