

Eye on Campus

Hope For Heritage Week At Brandywine

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The honors students have come together to dedicate a whole week to fundraising for the education of children in Ghana. Come out and support the cause!

Monday, October 26th: "Voices of Innovation Seminar" Guest speaker, Kwesi Koomson, will be speaking about the Heritage Academy in Ghana in the Commons Conference Room.

Tuesday, October 27th: "Open Mic" in the Lion's Den during common hour. All singers or poets are welcome to perform.

Wednesday, October 28th: "Quarter Mile" a quarter mile of the path on campus will be designated for quarter donations. The goal is to cover the whole path with quarters.

Thursday, October 29th: "Hope for Heritage" All students are welcome to write letters to the children in Ghana. This will be held in the Lion's Den throughout the day. Paper, pens, markers, and colored pencils will be provided. Throughout the week donations will be collected in cans and on Friday, October 30th donations and letters will be shipped off to the children in Ghana.

Rockin' In The Lion's Den

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If you like indie/acoustic/pop music then you'll probably like Shayna Zaid. On October 12, Shayna Zaid appeared at the Lion's Den during common hour. While there she performed a few songs and entertained students and faculty with her talent. Her music, using a blend of simple and complicated styles, does a great job of catching your ear and keeping you listening. The instruments keep an acoustic/pop beat in the background while the violin takes some talented solos and Shayna takes the stage with her extremely talented voice.

Her songs involve some standard instruments like the guitar and drums, but also use instruments that are a little rarer in modern music like the upright bass, violin, piano, mandolin, and the concertina. She has a number of shows coming up in Pennsylvania and nearby states.

She'll be at Penn State, Schuylkill campus on October 29, Westmoreland County Community College on November 3, and Edinboro University on November 4. She also has upcoming shows in some surrounding states such as New Jersey and New York. If you want to check out her

music, Shayna is on Facebook!, www.twitter.com/shaynazaid, and you can also visit her Myspace page www.myspace.com/shaynazaid.



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The Counselor Breakfast

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Every year some of the Penn State Brandywine faculty, staff, and students gather for the Counselor Breakfast.

Every year brings a different theme that signifies the main topic of the discussion. This year's theme was the "international experience." The Counselor Breakfast was held on campus on October 6, 2009 in the Tomezsko building.

There were forty-five counselors from the area in attendance. They provided an insider's perspective on the PSU admissions process. The counselors were also given an opportunity to meet the Chancellor, the administrative staff, the PSU counselors, and were also informed about the facilities and programs that are offered at the PSU Brandywine campus.

The international theme was aimed at introducing the counselors to the current and future multicultural and international curriculum at PSU Brandywine.

The multicultural and international curriculum includes various programs such as, the infant and child development course. This course will feature study abroad in Guatemala and will be offered in the spring semester. This was just one of the examples that were provided to the counselors that allowed them to learn about the many exciting opportunities available for current students and any perspective student at the PSU Brandywine campus.

Muppets, Medieval Literature, and a Penn State Brandywine Professor: Dr. Kennedy's New Book

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As students, we generally don't give much thought to the busy lives our professors lead outside of the classroom. In one particular case, it is astonishing that Professor Kathleen Kennedy has time to lead classes in English and History, in addition to the heavy load of work she clocks in outside of the classroom. With a recent publication entitled "Maintenance, Meed, and Marriage in Medieval English Literature," Kennedy explores life in Medieval England and how it is depicted in literature, specifically the relationship between lords and retainers.

It deals very much with law, and as Kennedy states, "our legal system in modern-day America is based on pre-modern English law. Medieval

English laws are still occasionally cited in modern American courts."

This publication provides a fresh look on a topic we know more about than we may be aware, based on our own experience in society as well as the required literature we were given throughout high school. As an author and professor on the subject, Kennedy believes that "in very real ways the medieval world is all around us today, and I try to bring that realization with me into all of my pre-modern literature and Western Heritage courses."

In addition to Professor Kennedy's book, there are many articles she has published that deal with similar materials. In terms of writing articles and 200 page books, Kennedy explains that "most

of my articles are designed to be rewritten later as parts of book chapters...and the small arguments I make in the articles fit into larger arguments I make in the book."

In addition to her extensive knowledge and work on medieval culture, Kathleen Kennedy has also contributed to an anthology concerning the sex and violence presented in the Muppets, quite the change of pace. When asked if it at all tied into her more usual topics, she stated that "...It was just a fun piece to research and write. Through my work with the law I have written quite a bit about medieval sex and violence, so thematically it links with my formal research."