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Caplan to Address Issue of Bioethics

Brandywine Welcomes Bioethics Scholar for Presentation Today

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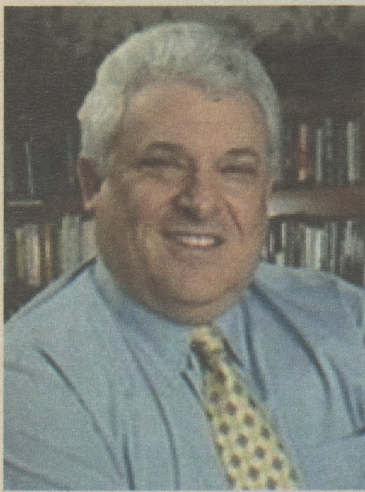
Henrietta Lacks, a poor, southern tobacco farmer, is known throughout the medical world for changing the course of science. Only, she'll never know. Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at University of Pennsylvania, will discuss how Lacks' cancer-stricken cells, taken without her knowledge, became an important medical tool during his talk "Bioethics and Henrietta Lacks" at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, September 16, in the Tomezsko Classroom Building Lounge at Penn State Brandywine.

Though she has been dead for more than 60 years, Lacks' cells, known as "HeLa cells," remain alive today—duplicated and grown in culture. These cells were vital in developing the polio vaccine and helped unlock clues to understanding cancer, viruses and the atom.

Caplan's talk is the first in a yearlong series of programs and events relating to the campus' Common Read Program, which encourages the campus community to read a book chosen at the beginning of the year and then explore it in a variety of ways. This year's common read is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Caplan is widely known for his research on transplantation research ethics, genetics, reproductive technologies, health policy and general bioethics. He has a regular column titled "Breaking Bioethics" on MSNBC.com and has published dozens of books on his research.

For more information, contact Patricia Hillen at 610-892-1372 or pah14@psu.edu. The lecture is free and open to the public.



Arthur Caplan, renowned scholar on the issue of bioethics, will be discussing the issues within Brandywine's common read text today on campus. (photo courtesy of Arthur Caplan)

Welcome Back!



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Students and family make their way on campus at the Grill n' Chill event held in July. Grill n' Chill is just one of the many events that Brandywine hosted as part of welcoming students to our campus. (photo by Brittney Walker)

Penn State Brandywine greets you on the renewal of another scholastic year. As August loomed, many students nervously anticipated—or dreaded—the first day of college. Whether you are an incoming student, a transfer student, returning student, or faculty, we begin another journey to improve our knowledge and way of life.

Just like any sport team where there is a pre-season; Penn State started its own "pre-season" on June 16 with its annual FTCAP (First-year Testing, Counseling and Advising Program) for new students to be acquainted with the Penn State family and system. As this "pre-season" continued throughout the summer, FTCAP collaborated with its annual biggest party of the summer, the Grill N Chill on July 22. This carnival-atmosphere event featured barbeque, ice cream, caricature artists, sand art, and live music that welcomed all Penn Staters and neighboring communities.

Ronika Money, Assistant Director for Student Affairs, says this grand summer festival is roughly 7-10 years old. While this program is in its infancy, the concept of familiarizing new students to the Penn State family has never changed. Every year there is a different theme; this year's featured a beach atmosphere that would later connect with luau theme for the welcome back week. Money and her planning team booked and planned all student events a year in advance. She went on to break down the process of entertainment selection.

"Before artists/entertainment is brought to campus, myself and some students attend at least 1 programming conference to initiate the booking process, view artist showcase, and to get ideas from other schools. If our group selects acts from the conference, a request form is completed and a process known as block booking can begin. Block booking involves linking up with other campuses and schools to get an optimal price for us. Once this takes place, I move forward with the contractual process," Money explained.

Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Matthew Shupp described the Grill N Chill as "an opportunity for all incoming students (and their families) to spend a summer evening at PSU Brandywine. This year we had a beach theme. Our Admissions Office also holds an event in conjunction with Grill N Chill called 'Spend a Summer Evening.' This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families, learn about Penn State Brandywine, and get a sense of the type of activities that we provide for the campus."

As that night waned, Penn State capped off the evening by showing the attendees Disney and Pixar's recent masterpiece, *Up* on the campus lawn. This carefree evening left everyone with smiles on their faces and memories in their hearts. Once that night ceased, many students realized their summer was disappearing and the fun would end. However, at Penn State, that is not the case. To cure the students of their summertime blues, there was a whole week planned of fun and exciting activities during the first week of the semester beginning on August 23.

Shupp described welcome back week as, "an opportunity for students to introduce new students to different programs, activities, clubs, athletics, etc...and welcome returning students back for another academic year. This year we held a variety of events which included a Welcome Back BBQ, Club Rush, Laser Tag, Athletics/Intramural Interest Sessions, and Condom Bingo, to name a few."

Shupp, Money, and the team at the Office of Student Affairs work diligently every year to ensure safe and fun activities around the campus. For the students who enjoyed the fun this summer and during welcome back week, Penn State has many more upcoming events where anyone can come and soak up the fun.

Shupp gave the following advice to all students, "Stay focused on school but be sure to stay active and engaged in the campus community. If you can manage your time well, and stay involved in extracurricular activities, you'll have a more rewarding college experience."

Money concurs with Shupp and also added, "Set goals for yourself and find friends are pursuing the same goals or better and you cannot fail. They won't let you. Also, challenge yourself to get involved. The club/organization/team you get involved in could help you to realize your untapped potential and open up new doors for you."

New Faces at Brandywine

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The sound of pages turning, the smell of coffee brewing, and the thought of late study nights are all an indication that the semester has begun. Freshmen's concerned about how they will adjust to their new environment have nothing to worry about; they are not the only newcomers to the Brandywine campus.

In addition to new students Penn State Brandywine also welcomes new faculty. Alexander Boilnger, Kerisha Bowen, Lynn Hartle, and Christina Olear have all joined the Penn State family.

Mr. Boilnger is the new Assistant Professor of Business. He received his Ph. D in Business Management from the University of Utah, and also studied at the David Eccles School of Business in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ms. Bowen, who received her Ph. D in Organic Chemistry from Temple University, is a Chemistry Instructor.

Ms. Hartle is now an Education Professor who studied at Penn State University and received a Ph. D in Early Childhood Education.

Last but not least, Ms. Olear studied at Strayer University and received her Masters in Accounting, specializing in Taxation. She is a new Instructor for Accounting classes.

Not only did the campus employ new faculty but they also have new staff members. Ms. Michelle Johnson has joined the family as the new Associate Director of Development. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Penn State. Previously, she was the Development Campaign Manager at Crozer-Chester/Delco Memorial Foundations. Her duties will include alumni relations as well as fundraising activities.

The new Lab Supervisor is Daisha Williams. She was formerly employed at Cephalon, Inc. as a GMP analyst, and was an adjunct Professor at the Camden County Community College. She received her Master of Science in Forensic Science from Arcadia University, and her Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Brian Rostick, who is the son of Barb Rostick, joined the staff as Grounds keeper/Landscaper. He received a degree in Journalism from Penn state.

John Hawkins is the new Maintenance Worker Utility. He worked as a patrol officer for Allied Barton Security, and was also a leader for custodian and maintenance employees while working for the Chi-Chester School district.

Broughton Young, also known as Rick, joined the staff in March 2010 as maintenance worker utility; he was promoted in July to Janitorial Foreman. Before working with Penn State he worked at Clean Systems in Pottstown, PA. Rick has over 18 years of janitorial experience.

Students, please welcome these new faces to the campus. Penn State is positive that they will be an excellent addition to our family. Good luck this semester!