

## Renowned professor dies at 86

By Micah Wintner  
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The legacy of professor emeritus Rustum Roy, who died Thursday at 86, will live on at Penn State through the Materials Research Lab he established.

"It's a terrible loss," electrical engineering professor Eric Cross said. "He was a real expert in fabrication of materials."

Roy paid for Cross, originally from England, to come to the United States. They remained colleagues and friends for years, up until the end.

Cross said he saw Roy the day before he died.

"It was good to be with him close to the end," Cross said.

The Materials Research Lab

was established by Roy and continues to be a world leader in research today.

Materials Research Lab Associate Director Michael Lanagan acknowledged the importance of Roy's work.

"It is a leading research lab at Penn State and internationally," he said. "We've had visitors from all over the world for the last 40 years."

Penn State spokesman Geoff Rushton said the lab is one of the world's most significant scientific resources.

Roy's primary specialization was ceramics — he did a lot of work to understand the fundamentals and chemistry of cement, Lanagan said.

The Material Research Institute, the umbrella organization that Roy's lab fell under, posted a memorial on its website in honor of Roy and is still discussing possible memorial services, Lanagan said.

Roy's work was not limited to material research.

"He had a huge breadth of interests and wrote books about topics like world religions, science policy, human values and radioactive waste management," Rushton said.

Roy earned his PhD at Penn State in 1948 and served as an "academic leader, researcher, and educator" for more than 60 years, Rushton said.

Roy was the Evan Pugh professor of the solid state emeritus, professor of geosciences emeritus and professor of science, technology and society emeritus.

Cross said he'll remember Roy for his intelligence.

"You didn't argue with Rustum unless you had your facts straight," he said.

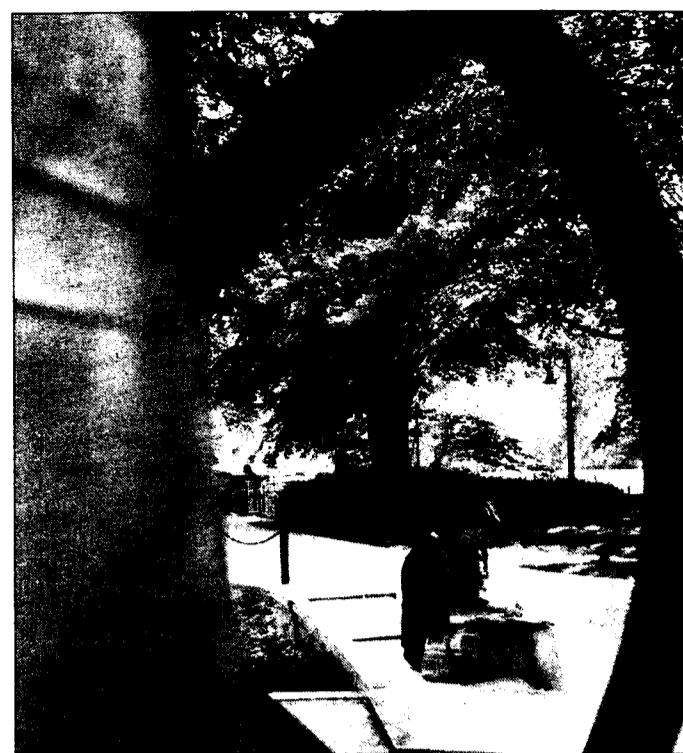
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Roy

## RING MY BELL



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Achsah Dorsey (senior-biological anthropology) studies next to the bell outside Old Main Thursday morning. The bell was restored and put on display as part of the Class of 2009's senior gift.

## Testing center sees busy first week

By Brendan McNally  
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In the midst of its busiest first week ever, the Pollock Testing Center is facing some changes including a new testing format, new keyboards and an upgrade to the new operating system Windows 7.

But everything has been running pretty smoothly so far, testing center IT specialist Tom Pelton said.

The new operating system, Windows 7, has become the standard operating system for all PCs on campus after Penn State switched from Windows XP, Pelton said.

Pelton said the switch to Windows 7 was a bit hectic, but all the kinks were worked out in time for the fall semester.

"We had to do some testing to make sure it would work in the same secure environment," he said.

The testing center has also switched to a new testing format that automatically saves a student's work, Davis said.

The change is meant to allow students to concentrate more on their tests and less on saving their answers.

Barbara Davis, testing center administrative support assistant, said the testing center has been operating for three years now — and this is the busiest first week of school the testing center has ever seen, she said.

The testing center — which can handle up to 2,250 test-takers a day — has been filled with students taking pretests in the first week, Davis said.

"More instructors are doing pre-tests," Davis said. "This is the



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Students check in before taking an exam at the Pollock Testing Center.

busiest we've ever been in the first week."

Davis said instructors have been using the testing center more because they can schedule tests outside of class time, which frees up more time for teaching.

Instructors also favor the testing center because students are monitored to prevent cheating.

Cameras cover 25 different angles of the testing center and its lobby, and students are not allowed to carry any loose items or bring their own scrap paper — all in an attempt to deter cheating, Pelton said.

But Penn State student Ashley Miller (sophomore-communications) said she doesn't like taking tests at the testing center — not

because it's harder to cheat, but because it's harder to take tests on computers.

"It's more convenient, but it's more difficult," Miller said. "Some things can malfunction, which can be really irritating."

Pelton said he knows from his time in college that technology and test-taking don't always mix.

"It is a whole other ballgame," he said. "You're not just worried about getting the answers right but also about technical difficulties."

But Pelton said most of the problems have been fixed so that students generally don't have many issues.

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## Coffee hour serves up friendship, diversity

By Jessica Wabara  
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The sound of Middle Eastern music and the smell of cake and coffee lingered in the air during Thursday's International Coffee Hour event.

The weekly event, hosted by the University Office of Global Programs, provides an opportunity for international and American students to talk while they enjoy food from other countries.

"This is an informal program for a way students can get together to mingle, chat, share ideas and practice languages," said Tia Trueblood, University Office of Global Programs program coordinator.

Every week for about four years, different clubs and organizations have sponsored the event and brought their own unique food and music.

On Thursday, the room was filled with about 70 students from as far away as China and India and as close as Pittsburgh.

"You don't have to study abroad to meet people from other countries. You can come here and learn about different cultures," Trueblood said.

Many attendees chatted amongst themselves about their summers and plans for the semester.

International Student Council

President Jinghao Lu said he has yet to miss a meeting since he started his education at Penn State.

Lu said he comes every week because of the welcoming environment. After hearing others' stories, he said he is now inspired to study abroad. He said he enjoys interacting with international students and hearing about their different cultures.

"I don't want Americans to think this is an event for people from other countries. But it's for people who want to learn about other cultures," Lu (senior-sociology) said.

First time attendee Siddarth Sitamraju said he also noticed the welcoming environment and friendly atmosphere.

"This is a great place to expand your network and relieve pressure and chill out with good friends and good music," Sitamraju (graduate-materials science and engineering) said.

While some students chose to socialize with friends, others — like Chris Tutolo — enjoyed a game of chess.

"I don't have to travel to meet people from different parts of the world," Tutolo (sophomore-journalism) said. "As an American it's good to have different cultures in your life. That's why we come to a place like Penn State."

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