

Career Services director retires after 27 years

By Kathleen Loughran
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Jack Rayman had a dream. As director of Penn State's Career Services, Rayman was instrumental in developing Career Services into the premier center it is today. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Philip Burlingame said.



Rayman

"He's been a leader nationally in focusing career service on the idea of coun-

seling students to think about their careers in a very long range view," he said. "He's a personal champion of making sure we have excellent career counselors. That's the reason Penn State's program is so highly respected."

When he arrived at Penn State 27 years ago, Career Services' facilities were split between two buildings, Rayman said. And though there was a commitment to Career Services, there was definitely room to improve, he said.

"If you never have a dream, you'll never have a dream come true," Rayman said. "Somebody has to have a vision."

This semester is Rayman's last at Penn State as director, since he

will be retiring this month.

But Rayman's retirement doesn't come with an abundance of free time. He said he hopes to spend time with his 93-year-old father and travel to see Egyptian antiquities and Serengeti animals, among other things.

At Rayman's final conference, attendees all wore a navy blue cap imprinted with the slogan "You don't know Jack." But for those who knew Rayman, he's a man who many won't forget.

"Jack's intensity, strong sense of purpose, intellect and commitment to quality will be difficult to replace," Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims wrote in an e-mail.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland said he has had the opportunity to work with Rayman, since Ragland has sat on the Student Activities Fee Board, of which Rayman is the chairman.

"He's very student-oriented," Ragland (senior-political science) said. "He was always available to talk to students. He was very quick to help us out — he definitely deserves a lot of praise for that."

Rayman said he initially decided to be a career counselor because while he was an undergraduate, he felt there was a lack of quality services available.

During his time at Iowa State as an undergraduate, Rayman said

he was a resident assistant with Graham Spanier in the same building.

"I always tell people that's the last time I was above [Spanier]," he said with a laugh. "I was on the eighth floor."

After graduating, Rayman entered the Peace Corps because he said he wanted to make a difference.

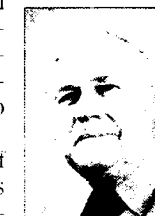
"You go in wanting to change the world, and the world ends up changing you," he said. "It made me realize that the most important things in the world are not the material things but the relationships you make."

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Distinguished communications professor retires

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Even though journalism professor John Curley will retire at the end of this semester, his legacy will live on through his contributions to the university and lessons imparted to students.



Curley

"The College of Communications has been fortunate to have such a distinguished journalist on the faculty for the past ten years," Dean Douglas Anderson said.

Curley made his mark as a great teacher and journalist and earned the respect of his students

and colleagues. Some students said they only had positive experiences to share about Curley.

Carly Mollenbaum took COMM 475 (Issues for Newsroom Managers) with Curley this past semester and said she made it a point to never skip the class.

"He's the man. I'm really bummed that he's leaving," she said. "He really cared and he knew what he was talking about."

Mollenbaum (senior-broadcast journalism) said everything she could say about Curley is positive: He was personable, gave great feedback, held discussion-based classes and truly cared about his students and his profession.

Andrew Dzurita took COMM 461 (Feature Writing) with Curley last spring and said Curley had a vast wealth of tips not only for

writing but for life in general.

"He was just awesome to learn from," Dzurita (senior-broadcast journalism) said. "He's done so many things."

That's the kind of teacher Curley was from day one, Anderson said.

"I don't think I'd ever seen a professor prepare so hard before arriving at PSU," Anderson said.

And students who have been lucky enough to interact with Curley should aspire not only to his level of excellence in journalism, Anderson said — but also to his work ethic and positive attitude.

"His consistency and level of preparation and dedication to students and loyalty to the institution combine to make him what he was all about," Anderson said. "That's

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the kind of professor he was and the kind of person he is."

Before coming to Penn State in 1989 to serve on the Board of Visitors for the College of Communications, Curley was the president, chairman and CEO of Gannett Co. Inc. as well as the first editor of USA Today. During his tenure as head of the Gannett News Services, the company won a Pulitzer Prize.

At Penn State, Curley helped to

start what is now known as the John Curley Center for Sports Journalism in 2003, which was named after him in 2006. In September, Curley was named the university's fundraising volunteer of the year.

With more free time on his hands, Curley said he will see more of his five grandchildren. He also plans to increase his travels.

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Buses take students home for holidays

By Matt Morgan
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As students look to head home for the holidays, some local travel companies are offering special deals.

For winter break, Fullington Trailways is extending its express services to most locations from Wednesday Dec. 15 through Sunday Dec. 19, said Milt Weisman, Fullington Trailways' vice president of intercity coach services.

Express bus rides take customers directly to their destination with no layovers, he said, and are normally offered only once a week from State College.

"Express buses are almost as quick as a car," Weisman said. "It's safer, and for the cost it's cheaper than having a parent drive up and take them back."

Weisman said the bus is also a "greener" way for students to get home.

Dan Fratoni said he likes the bus but has a problem with not



Courtesy of megabus.com

The megabus, and other bus services, provide students with an economical and environmentally friendly way to head home for break.

being able to take as much home with him as he would like.

"There is never enough room for what you want to bring," Fratoni (freshman-business management) said.

Madison Savaria said she has had similar problems.

"I definitely am aware that I have to pack lightly, and that's annoying," Savaria (junior-public relations) said.

While taking the bus can be a pain for some, others have had good experiences with using the bus to travel home for breaks.

"The bus is pretty fast and efficient," Andrew Pirolo (junior-accounting) said. "It makes it easier on me and my parents."

Megabus.com is another

viable options for students looking to travel home to Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, New York or Philadelphia. Megabus boasts \$1 fares if the ticket is booked far enough in advance.

Dale Moser, president and chief operating officer of megabus.com, said the company is not offering any special deals because he believes its prices are already a value. But they will increase the volume of buses if necessary.

Students may not always want to take the bus, but most will do what they have to do to get home for break.

"I'd rather not take the bus, but if I have to take it as a last resort I will," Savaria said.

Ragland: 'Pleased' with semester's work

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Student government leaders from different organizations said they have had a successful fall semester and are already planning for the future.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland said he is pleased with what he's accomplished so far.

"From the executive standpoint, [UPUA Vice President] Colleen [Smith] and I have pretty much accomplished the majority of our platform, and anything that hasn't been accomplished is 50 percent there," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Council of Commonwealth Student Governments President Mohamed Raouda expressed similar sentiments.

"It was actually one of the best semesters we've seen in a long time... it's a really good step forward for CCSG," Raouda (senior-history and international politics) said.

"Everything from my platform has been accomplished. We set out to finish our 90-day plan that we had introduced in August, and

we finished it back in November."

The 90-day plan was the first for the organization, CCSG Vice President Peter Khoury said.

"It's gratifying to know that we were able to work collaboratively with the other student leaders because they in turn enact positive change within the Penn State community," Khoury (junior-biology) said.

Ragland said he has learned this semester what it takes to be UPUA president.

"One of the things I've learned is that this is a role where you can't take yourself seriously — you can't get caught up with yourself in the role," he said. "It's about putting students first. At the end of the day, we're all students. That's why the word student comes before leader."

Student government leaders said they will continue to be busy come spring semester.

Smith (junior-history) said she is already looking forward to next semester on UPUA.

"This was a really positive semester, and one that is really going to set the tone for next semester," she said.

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