

Penn State campus celebrates 85 years

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LEHMAN TWP. - Celebrating 85 years of Penn State education in the Wilkes-Barre area and Wyoming Valley is the focus of year-long celebration at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

"Today, the Penn State Wilkes-Barre family celebrates its history, its significant events and people that have shaped us as an institution," said Dr. Mary Hines, campus chief executive officer, during the November 7 anniversary celebration. "We celebrate our past; we record our present; we plan for our future."

The Pennsylvania State University opened the Engineering Extension School in 1916 at Coughlin High School with 150 students. The school offered courses in surveying, reinforced concrete, mechanics and advanced mathematics.

By the 1960's Penn State outgrew its rented facilities in Wilkes-Barre. George Bierly, former campus chief executive officer and the Campus Advisory Board began looking for a site to build a campus. One proposed site, Bierly said, was the land where Newberry Estates stands today.

"We had no place to grow and no money," said Bierly.

In 1964, Penn State received the opportunity it needed to begin developing a campus of its own. The gift of the former Conyngham summer estate from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson not only included the land needed to build a campus but two buildings.

Shawn Murphy represented Sen. Charles Lemmond at the celebration, but she also has a personal interest in the campus. Her husband, John Murphy, director of Student Affairs at the campus, brought her to the Wyoming Valley 35 years ago when he interviewed for the

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job at Penn State. "I cried the whole way here," she said. "Who had ever heard of Wilkes-Barre?"

At that time, Penn State rented the Guthrie Building from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for \$1 a year. "People were saying Penn State was getting robbed," joked Shawn Murphy.

Before the young couple could get out of their car to enter the Guthrie Building, they were whisked away to the future of Penn State Wilkes-Barre. And as the Murphys drove through the Back Mountain, down Hillside Road, Shawn's tears started to dry. Once they toured the land and Hayfield House, their minds were made up.

Today the campus includes the Athletic and Recreation Building, the Science Center, the Bell Atlantic Center for Technology, the Nesbitt Library and the Friedman Observatory. In 2001, the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman offers 880 students a growing campus and over 160 classes to choose from each semester.

Choices abound for students academically. They can complete one of the campus's six associate degree programs or one of the four baccalaureate programs offered at the local branch. Students can also begin their college career in one of more than 160 baccalaureate programs that Penn State University offers.

"So where does Wilkes-Barre go from here?" asked Dr. Rodney Erickson, vice-president and provost, Penn State University. "I expect that it will continue to serve this region with top-



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Old friends enjoy the 85th anniversary celebration of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus. From left: Niru Idgunji, electrical engineering professor; George Bierly, former campus chief executive officer; Shawn Murphy, Sen. Lemmond's office; and John Murphy, director of student affairs.



Lion Ambassadors host students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus. From left: Amy Zamerowski, Shavertown; Aron Wesoloski, Sweet Valley; April Eaton, Lehman; Jim Appel, Dallas; and Kim Boyle, Dallas.

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PSU W-B program on anthrax, terrorism

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will present a program on terrorism at noon on Friday, Nov. 16 in Hayfield House 105. Mary Beth Mullen, Ph.D., instructor in Biology and Microbiology, will open the discussion with an overview of anthrax — what it is and how it infects humans. Lynda Goldstein, Ph.D., associate professor of English, will discuss how the media's coverage of the anthrax attacks affects the public. Robert Kotsull, instructor of Psychology, will talk about the psychological effects of terrorist attacks. Gary Beisel, coordinator of safety and security, will be available to answer questions regarding Penn State's security measures.

The Campus Environment Team and Student Activity Funds sponsor this program. It is free and open to the public. For more information, or directions to the campus, please call 675-2171.

Schraeder appointed to U.S. Naval Academy

Navy Midshipman Joshua Schraeder, son of Donna and Gerald J. Schraeder of Dallas, recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Schraeder will be prepared morally, intellectually and physically to become one of the future leaders of the Navy. In addition to instilling the highest ideals of honor, courage and commitment, the Naval Academy will offer Schraeder a bachelor of science degree in one of 18 academic majors in engineering, math, science, social sciences and the humanities. During the summers, Schraeder will receive on-the-job training on surface ships, submarines, aircraft and at Marine Corps units. Upon graduation, Schraeder will be commissioned as Navy or Marine Corps officer. Schraeder is a 2001 graduate of Wyoming Seminary.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse from the week of October 26-November 1, 2001.

Deerfield by Hallmark, Inc. to Douglas C. Pomfret et ux, Deer Meadow Estate Lot 35, Dallas Borough, \$50,300.
Michael Zabresky et ux to Daniel A. Peters, Lot 2, 11.45 acres, Harveys Lake Bor., \$425,000.
Satish D. Patel et ux to Michael Zabresky et ux, 1.053 acres, Jackson Twp., \$252,500.
Mary J. Crispell to Robert A. Brown et ux, 8 Woodside Drive, Dallas Borough, \$184,900.
David J. Carey Jr. per sheriff to First Union Nat'l Bank, 185 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas Twp., \$7,482.
Drew E. Fitch per sheriff to Dominic Fino et ux, Stredney Road 15, 883 ac, Dallas Twp., \$7,044.
Agnes T. Lach to Diane L. Klem, Lot 6A Overbrook Ave., Dallas Twp., \$25,500.
John E. Halbing partners to Luke J. Mamola et ux, 6 Lots Maplewood Hghts, Dallas Twp., \$29,000.
Timothy J. Muldoon et ux to

Robert Bekish et al, Lot 32 Hemlock Gardens, Harveys Lake Bor., \$112,500.
Peter J. Savage Jr. et ux to Gary J. Swartz et ux, Lot 37, 38 Harveys Lake, Harveys Lake Bor., \$312,500.
Richard J. Hainthaler to John Stevenson et ux, Lot 1 Carpenter Road, Harveys Lake Bor., \$60,000.
Carl Steger et ux to Shanee Preston, Lot 25 Hemlock Gardens, Harveys Lake Bor., \$12,000.
Sun Pipe Line Company to Michael Sczyrek, 976 Chase Road, Jackson Twp., \$99,000.
Henry M. Carlos III et ux to Joan A. Jones, Lot 2, 1.39 ac, Jackson Twp., \$10,000.
Christine E. Tilley per sheriff to PA Housing finance Agency, 1194 main St., Jenkins Twp., \$2,280.
George Davis per sheriff to GE Capital Mtg Service, 117 S. Maple St., Kingston Twp., \$1,257.
Anna E. Shaver per atty. to Dawn Marie Cragle, .34 acre, Lehman Twp., \$45,000.
Mark W. Whyte et ux to Robert A. Hummel et ux, Lot 3 Issac Sub., Lehman Twp., \$93,500.

Winter parking in effect in Kingston Twp.

Kingston Twp. Police reminds residents that the Township Winter Parking Ordinance is effective Nov. 1, and runs through March 31, 2002. Under this ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked on township streets during snow storms or for eight hours after the end of a storm. Residents with questions about the ordinance may contact Police Chief James Balavage at 696-1175.

Nov. schedule for Hasay's field aide

Representative George C. Hasay's field aide Millard Twardowski will be at Harveys Lake Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon and in Rice Twp. Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Face value on school taxes ends Nov. 16

Kingston twp. Tax Collector, Karen Rose, reminds residents that face value on 2001 school tax bills will end Friday, Nov. 16. All payments must be postmarked on or before Nov. 16 to be eligible for the face value. Regular office hours at the municipal building, 180 E. Center St., Shavertown, are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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