



## Elizabethtown College

September 18, 2002

Hello Alumnus:

Homecoming is just around the corner and we look forward to seeing you.

Complete details at: <http://www.etown.edu/alumni/Homecoming.asp>

This is a good year to come back “home” to Elizabethtown. The department is growing, both quantitatively and qualitatively, and the college is recognizing our growth by providing resources:

- Seventy-nine students are majoring in physics and engineering. Additionally, we have eight 3+2 students at PSU and one at Johns Hopkins. Two graduates are in full-time masters programs (Electrical Engineering, PSU; Applied Physics, George Washington U.) and three are in full-time Ph.D. programs (Chemical Engineering, Rutgers; Industrial Engineering, Virginia Tech; Civil Engineering, PSU).
- The **Science, Math, and Engineering Center** is being planned. It will provide more space for departments now housed in Esbenshade and Musser (for example, our department area will grow by about 40%). Computer Science will move from Nicarry to be co-located with Physics and Engineering. With successful fundraising, groundbreaking will be in May 2003.
- Just last month, Dr. Ilan Gravé (Ph.D., Applied Physics, Caltech) and Dr. Troy McBride (Ph.D., Engineering Science, Dartmouth) joined our faculty. (We are pleased for Tom Salem that he accepted a position in Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy, effective Fall, 2002.) In our hiring, you know we pay lots of attention to solid non-academic experience, and we’re happy to say that both Troy and Ilan have good industrial experience.
- Faculty now includes Ass’t Prof. Kurt DeGoede, Chair David Ferruzza, Assoc. Prof. Ilan Gravé, Researcher Nat Hager, Ass’t Prof. Troy McBride, Visiting Ass’t Prof. (of Phys and Geosciences) Michael Scanlin, Prof. Mark Stuckey, Ass’t Prof. (of Cmp Sci and Cmp Engrg) Joe Wunderlich.

Regarding Homecoming, the “official” time for our department’s get-together is 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday October 19 in Esbenshade Room 166. Some faculty and students will be there. We will (informally) tell you what’s happening in the department and will enjoy hearing of your activities.

Other Saturday events involving our department: (noon – 4 p.m.) Physics & Engineering Club will have a freshman design project (an innovative dunk tank) on the Midway; (2-3 p.m.) at least two of our faculty members will participate in *Author, Author!*, Campus Center Lounge; (4 p.m.) Provost Ron McAllister will present a preview of the new **Science, Math, and Engineering Center**, Gibble Auditorium.

*Today’s physics and engineering students are known as hard-working and serious scholars, and many of them engage in broadening non-academic activities. Such a description was also true when you were a student: We thank you for establishing and maintaining such a tradition.*

Educating for Service,

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