

People in the Community



Felix Aronovich

Penn State men's gymnast Felix Aronovich recently qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. He will compete as an individual

and represent his home country of Israel.

Aronovich, a junior, was the Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Year in 2010. Last season, he set career highs in five events and ended the year nationally ranked in the parallel bars, high bar, and still rings.

He was recognized as a Gymnast to Watch in the Big Ten this season.

The gymnastics competition for the 2012 Olympics takes place July 28 to August 7.

Zachary Schiffer

State High senior Zachary Schiffer is a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search, a program for Society for Science & the Public. The talent search brings together the best and brightest minds in the United States to compete for \$1.25 million in awards.



Each semifinalist receives a \$1,000 award from the Intel Foundation with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her school.

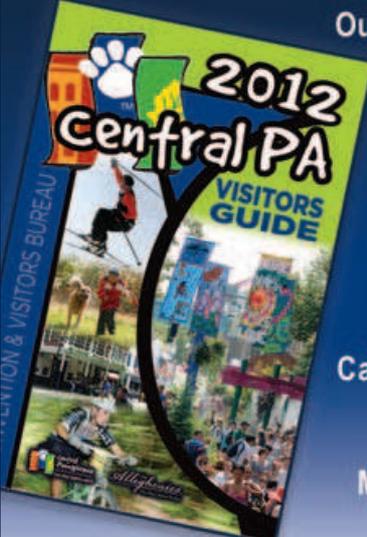
Since the summer of his sophomore year, Schiffer has worked with Dr. Barbara Garrison of Penn State's department of chemistry to simulate argon atoms hitting a benzene crystal. He also presented his research at the annual Mercury Conference on Undergraduate Computation Chemistry at Bucknell University in July 2011.

In October, he was selected as one of five individuals in this region for the Siemens Competition, and one of 30 individuals nationally to compete at MIT for a Siemens finalist spot.

Schiffer has been accepted to Princeton University for this fall.

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Lee Stout

Lee Stout, Librarian Emeritus at Penn State and regular contributor to *Town&Gown* with his "Penn State Diary" column, has a new book coming out in early March that looks at PSU alum Barbara Franklin.

A Matter of Simple Justice: The Untold Story of Barbara Hackman Franklin and A Few Good Women, shines a light on how Franklin worked with President Richard Nixon's administration to recruit more women into executive-level positions. She nearly quadrupled the number of women in high-level government jobs and opened the door for advances for women in the private sector. She went on to serve as Secretary of Commerce for President George H.W. Bush.

In the second part of the book, Stout looks at other trailblazing women, including Senator Elizabeth Dole, Judge Cynthia Hall, and Ambassador Anne Armstrong.

This is Stout's second book. He also wrote *Ice Cream U: The Story of the Nation's Most Successful Collegiate Creamery*. **T&G**