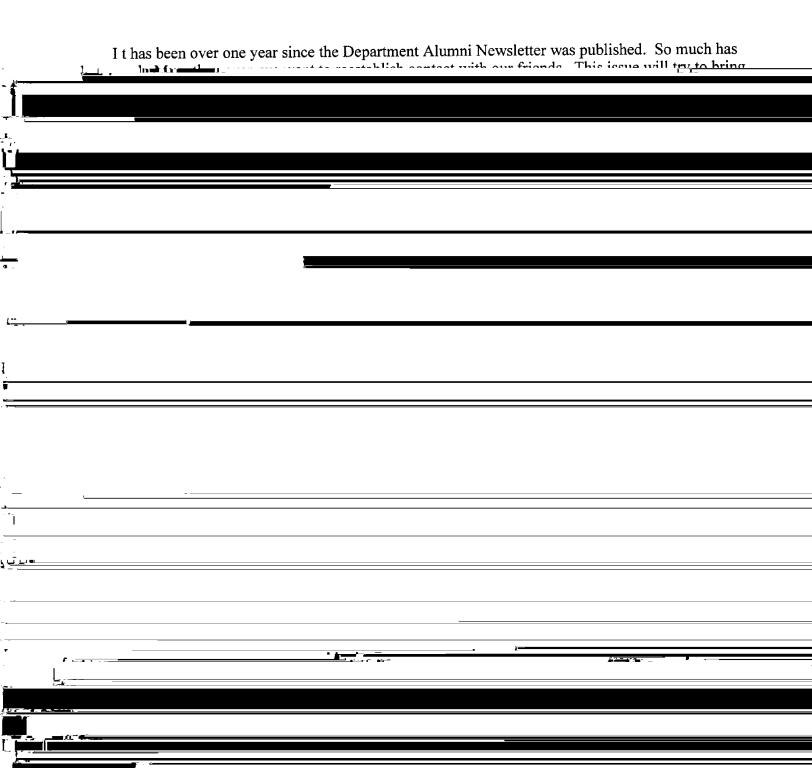
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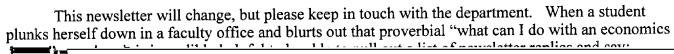
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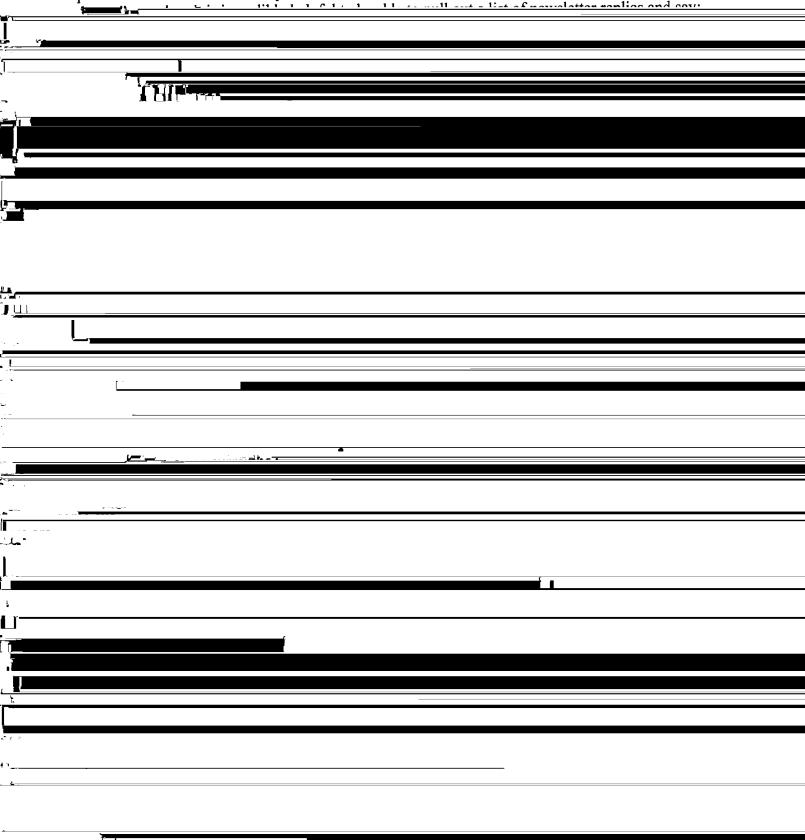
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## We Are Back!



## Keep in Touch





Pennsylvania leads the nation in importing trash. Our approved landfills have been filling as sludge and trash is trucked in from our neighboring states. As Marco Polo had the spice road, New York and New Jersey have their sludge road, Interstate 80. The difference is that the spice road brought something with a positive price to Europe, while the sludge road brings stuff with negative prices to Pennsylvania.

	Not surprisingly, Pennsylvanians are not exactly thrilled at our high standing in the art of						
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_	imposed upon themselves some of the strictest recycling laws in the nation. It doesn't make us too						
	happy to be paying for recycling that saves space in Pennsylvania landfills for trash, garbage and sludge from states that aren't as serious about recycling as Pennsylvania. As recycling reduces the						
	demand for landfill space and increases the available capacity of Pennsylvania landfills, there is						
	downward pressure on landfill prices in PA. In neighboring states with less recycling, there is a						
	greater demand for landfill space, as well as, rapidly diminishing supply, thereby putting upwardnressure_on landfill prices. The resulting price differential is what drives the heavy influx of garbage.						
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## Young Economists: Student Presentations at PEA

by Dr. Jim Jozefowicz and Dr. Stephanie Jozefowicz

IUP undergraduates are hungry. No, not just for food! They study economics from September to May under our tutelage in the classrooms of Keith and McElhaney Halls, and then they voluntarily travel to the Pennsylvania Economic Association (PEA) annual conference. For the last three years, the two Drs. Jozefowicz have accompanied students to the PEA meetings at the end of May. While many	
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