

# A Fresh Start

"There was never any communication between staff, faculty, students and ourselves," said Terrence Laehy, a full time police officer on Capitol Campus's police force.

The significance of this seemingly terse statement extends beyond simple semantics and it concerns the entire campus community.

Officer Laehy's statement is the prelude to a fresh, working relationship between C.C. police and faculty, staff and students; it is the end of the estranged relationship which prevailed for so long, especially between students and police.

The campus police expressed concern about students viewing the department as merely being an inflexible and relentless "ticketing agency." Recently appointed Police Supervisor Aleksy, replacing chief Paul and now in charge of C.C. police, hopes to dispel that reputation by concentration more on what his department can do for the campus community.

Under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the C.C. police department is developing an ongoing crime prevention program. As part of the program, officer Leahy recently completed a course in basic crime prevention.

The course covered such things as the history of crime prevention, loss prevention, security hardware and organizing neighborhood crime watch programs.

Members of the campus community are welcome to contact the police for assistance in any aspect of crime prevention -- securing car or apartment against burglary, for instance.

Many other useful services are also available from the C.C. police dept. For example, property engravers may be obtained from resident assistants at Meade Heights and the dorms, as well as from the C.C. police office.

Students are urged to have their valuables engraved with their drivers' license number.

Thieves will hesitate before stealing engraved, traceable items. Also, recovered stolen property which is engraved may be easily returned to the owner.

Another useful service, especially to vacationing students, is the police house check. Before leaving the campus for any length of time, students should call the C.C. police and inform them of when they will be leaving and how long they plan to be gone.

Regular police checks on the residence will be made until the student returns -- an excellent deterrence for would be burglars.

These services and more are available to every member of the campus community; all a student needs to do is make a telephone call to receive them.

To be sure, an ex-officer who issued tickets with monomaniacal zealotry did much for creating the strained relations which now exist between police and students.

However, it would behoove all students to know that this "iron hand of tenacious ticketing" is no longer with the C.C. police force -- surely a consolatory note for many about campus.

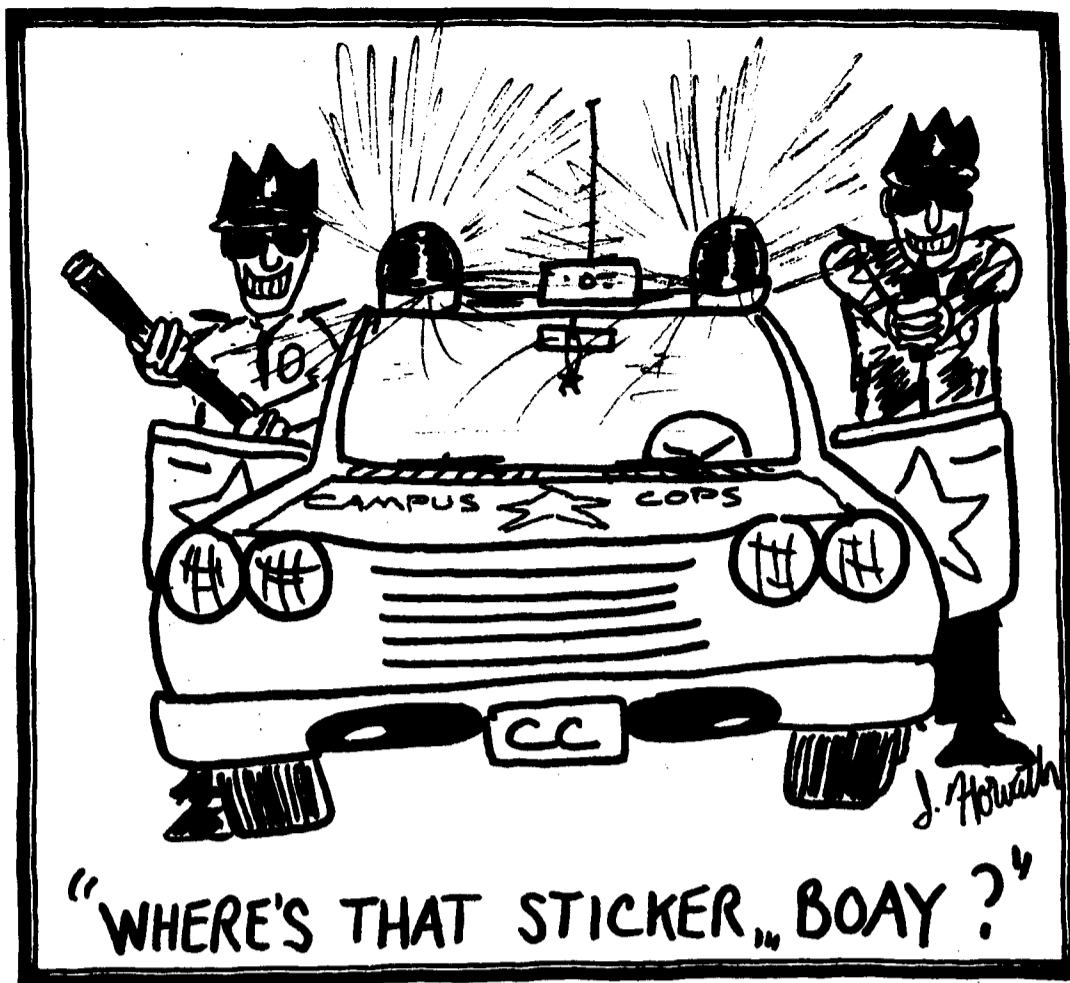


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# Letters To Editor

Editor:

This is a letter of apology to those smokers who either don't know or don't care that there are certain designated **NO SMOKING** areas clearly marked in Vendorville.

Please take note that there are a significant number of us who either don't smoke or don't care to breathe the smoke while we are eating.

Therefore, when one of us ignorant, narrow-minded non-smokers make a remark like: (1) "oh, I thought that this was the **NO SMOKING** area but perhaps I'm mistaken.", (2) "Would you mind not smoking here? **THIS IS DESIGNATED NO SMOKING** area.", or (3) "Hey stupid, do you know this is a **NO SMOKING** area?" Please understand what we are trying to say.

Also understand that some of us are less vocal than others, and there are many of us who may not say anything, but we did sit there because we thought that no one would smoke there.

So, we apologize for the inconvenience we may cause you when we ask you not to smoke around us.

Non-smoker, MDET term 11  
Phil Murphy

Editor:

A newspaper is to print news for its area, your area Capitol Campus. As an officer of an organization, I tried to inform you of our club news; but only to be told there is no space available. After seeing the Jan. 11 issue, I noticed space available.

The article "Spring Weekend Favored by Majority" was totally unnecessary and incomplete. What it did do was tell us something we already knew. To me this is not news.

To quote the paper "The overall interest was for a spring weekend with several events such as a picnic, sport tournament, an art festival, club carnival and live music." This is not news but tradition.

"Rites of Spring" have been going on for seven years now with strong support for their events.

Things normally start in early May, by M.H.B.O.C. and some other clubs. Past events have included open air kegger, chicken picnic, clam bake, gong show, road rally, pig roast, bath tub race (PSPE), olympic games (dorms), end of year picnic (Beta Chi and Acety club), casino night, friday night concert (JE) and it all ends with the spring concert (GPP).

If anyone wishes to help out during this years "Rites of Spring" contact the clubs mentioned above. Past records show that these events are favored by almost everyone.

I hope in the future you do not put any half-finished articles in and call it news when it is tradition; and then tell club officers there is no space available for them.

Articles that got axed were Project Helpline reopens, Jack Rivers, poem, and 2 letters to the editor (will this one make it?).

Anyone of the above clubs could have been in the space occupied by "Spring Weekend Favored by Majority."

Mark Kowalski

We have been getting a lot of hassles from students and clubs concerning our Feb. concert.

This will help clear things up

**1. Why a jazz concert, why not rock or country?** A rock concert is not possible in our area, due to restriction by the owner's of the Forum, Hershey Park Arena, Zembo and the Farm Show Arena.

Therefore our closest sight for a rock concert is Baltimore, MD. Who wants to drive to Baltimore for a concert?

The vote was in with jazz #1, rock #2 and country #3. These were student votes, mainly from the fall term.

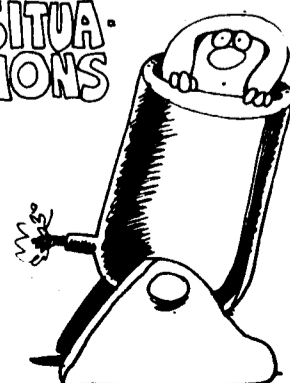
**2. Why not get a well known artist, other schools get them?** They cost money. We do not have it. We are spending about \$8,400, but other schools spend about \$15,000. Other schools are members of NEC, thus getting a discount on all artists.

Our SGA approved fund, in Oct., for our membership; but never sent us the application. Because of this we missed out on group bookings.

**3. Why can't we cancel the contract?** We can, but we must find another suitable date for the artist performing, if not we pay anyway (typical contract).

GPP has changed its structure and we need people to fill these new positions. They are: promotion, internal, external; public relations; work force. If anyone wishes to join, contact Mark at 944-7831.

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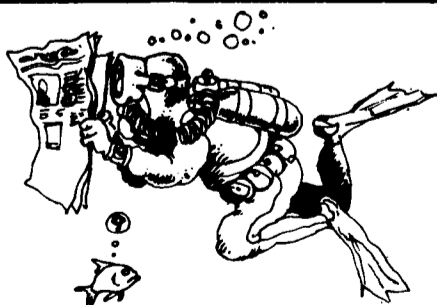
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