

Black History Month Observed

By Monica Auld

Everyone has a history that shapes and changes their lives. During February each year, blacks in America celebrate nationwide the accomplishments made by black leaders, performers and statesmen.

This year's theme, "Together We Can Make It" signifies the efforts of blacks and others to bring mutual understanding among all people. Capitol Campus is participating in this important event too.

Marcia Rogers, Black Student Union president, emphasizes the universality of the programs it sponsors.

"Our primary goal is to unite minority students with one another and to create a bridge with all students within the Capitol Campus community."

A film entitled "Black History: Lost, Stolen or Strayed" will be shown February 17th at 12:15 p.m., in the Black Cultural Arts Center, (W-132). Narrated by Bill Cosby, the film is free.

A contest to identify famous black on the Black Cultural

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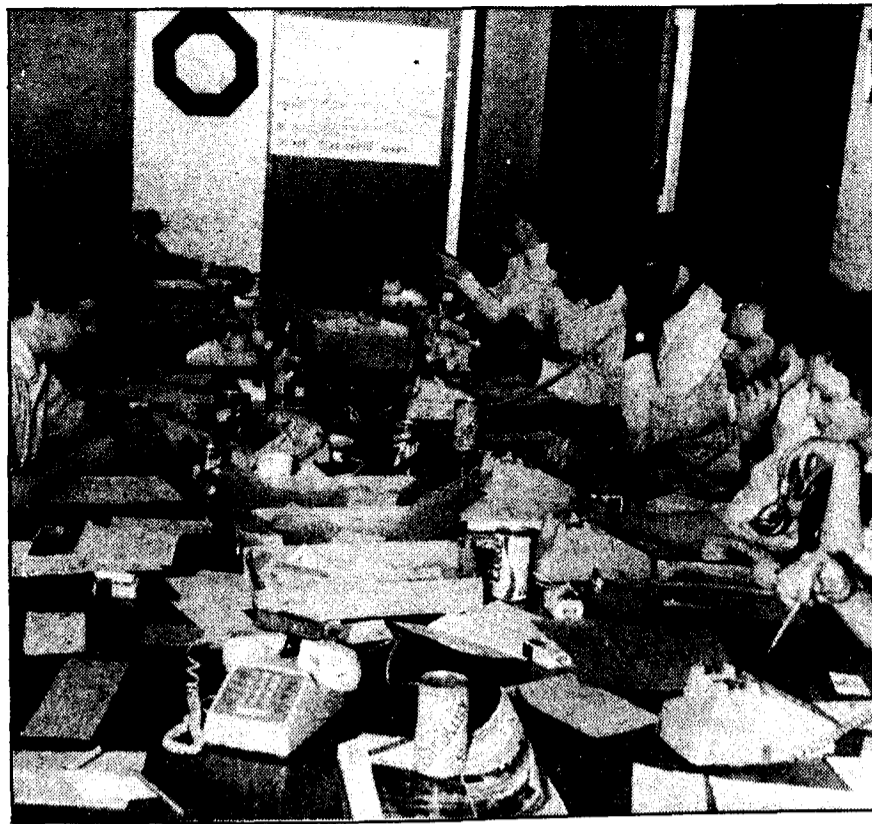


Photo by Mark Clauser

Phone-a-thon to end eight day run

The phone-a-thon sponsored by the Alumni Association is reaping many benefits even though the event is not yet completed.

Michael Breslin, Campus Relations Director, has been monitoring the eight-day affair.

"We have raised over \$7,500 so far, and I feel confident that we will meet or exceed our goal," he said.

During the first three nights of the fund-raiser, approximately \$4,400 was netted by the Humanities, Engineering, Behavioral Science, and Educational Divisions. The Engineering Division raised \$3,100 on Thursday evening.

As incentives, student volunteers automatically received a free five-minute phone call anywhere in the continental United States, and a T-shirt for their services.

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Hershey Medical Center's bookstore shares autonomy only with the Capitol Campus store in the PSU system.

Capitol administration red-faced over bookstore control blunder

By Joseph Guberman

Capitol Campus' administration had a big surprise this week when the *Capitol Times* informed them about a classic bureaucratic blunder, which has left the campus' bookstore in administrative limbo since 1967.

Our administration assumed that control of the bookstore was in the hands of University Auxiliary Services, which maintains 18 bookstores in the Penn State University Commonwealth System. According to Dr. John Joseph, administrative assistant to the Provost, "every one of my seventeen years at Capitol Campus, I would have sworn we had no control over the bookstore."

However, at University Park, Auxiliary officials had another view. John Bischoff, Director of PSU's Commonwealth System, said, "From what I've been told, my area of responsibility does not include Capitol Campus Bookstore."

But, if our administration's perception was confused, the perception of William Kistler, Capitol Campus' Bookstore

Manager, was not. He told the *Capitol Times* he was well aware of the fact that our bookstore was autonomous from University Park. In fact, he said "It's shocking to me that they (Capitol Campus' administration) didn't know this. I don't know who ever gave them that idea."

In the midst of all this, the students' needs were ignored. In fact, in the last issue of the *Capitol Times*, and as far back as 1979, student and faculty members had expressed their complaints and had proposed changes that could contribute to improvement of bookstore services.

However, the way the current system is set up, no one is there to listen. Our administration maintained that, if there were any changes to be made in the bookstore, the changes would be made at University Park.

But, State College officials didn't exactly see it that way. The Commonwealth Bookstore System, controlled by Bischoff, acts as a combined group. All of the eighteen stores around the state report monthly to

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