

Jamesway comes to Olmstead Plaza

By Erik M. Morris

The Olmstead Plaza will be adding a new store to its community of merchants in late October. If no further difficulties occur, the doors of the new \$1.2 million Jamesway store will officially open for business at 9:30 a.m. on October 25.

The Jamesway Corporation, a community-oriented company, is apparently hoping to pump new life into the Olmstead Plaza, which jokingly has been referred to in the past as the "Old Dead Plaza."

Heavy rains have hampered construction, according to Allen P. Anderson, manager of the store. This has resulted in a one week delay in opening.

Anderson said he plans to employ 70 to 100 persons, the majority of whom have already been hired. In the interest of flexibility, most of

the Jamesway staff will be part-time employees. Almost all of the Jamesway staff already hired are area residents, including several from the Meade Heights development, he said.

The Jamesway building, which is still under construction at the northeastern end of the plaza, contains 53,000 square feet of floor space. When completed, the building will utilize a "center court" floorplan designed to guide customers around the entire store with the hope of increasing the number of purchases per customer.

When it opens, the Jamesway store will be the closest department store to the Capitol Campus. The store will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. daily, with hours on Sundays scheduled to be announced on a later date.

According to Anderson, Jamesway is "promotion-

minded and community-oriented."

"In the past we have often had in-store fund raisers to benefit a charitable group or organization."

Jamesway is also a national sponsor for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Anderson said that he would like to try starting a marathon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He also encouraged students interested in campus fund raisers, bake sales and other related activities to contact him for information concerning use of the Jamesway property.

Anderson said he wants to interact successfully with all area residents and Penn State/Capitol Campus students. He has been with the Jamesway Corporation for eleven years. He worked previously in Red Lion, and spent the last six years working in New York.

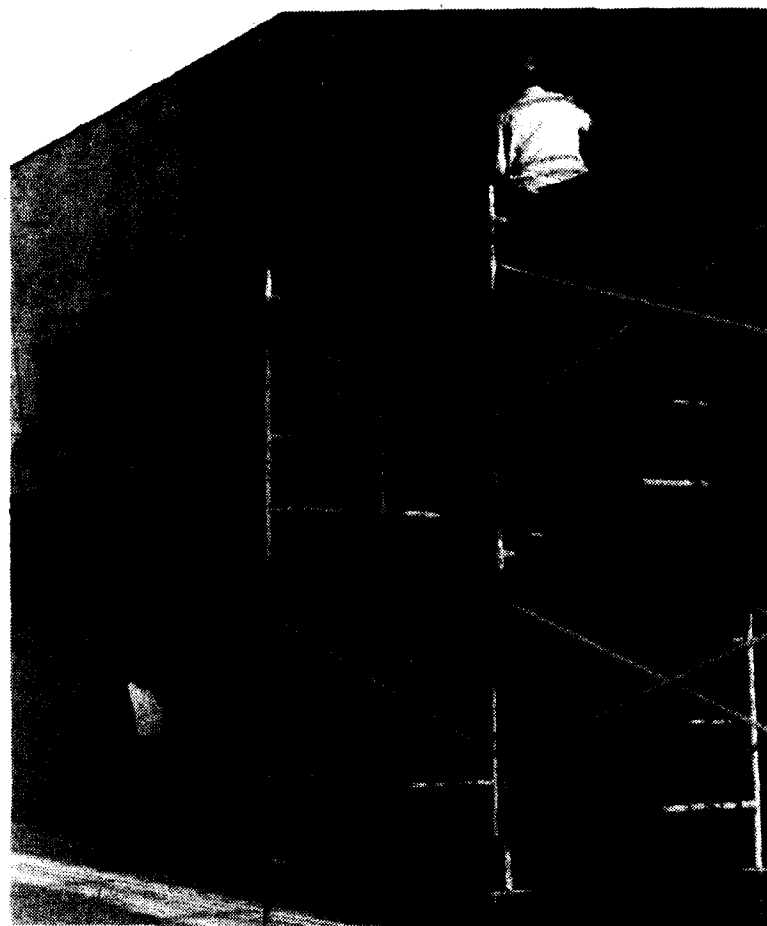


Photo by Rob Saylor

Work continues on the new Jamesway store in the former Olmstead Plaza.

sports potential high

A sports editorial

By Angelo Vecchio

Once upon a time there was a college located in a small area known as Middletown. The college was an extension of the mighty Pennsylvania State University. It had almost everything it needed: good academic programs, dorms, a long list of extracurricular activities, and even a truck factory next door. Students came from far and near to attend classes at this place, named Capitol Campus.

But there was a problem. It seemed as though very few people cared about athletics at the PSU/Capitol. And let's face it: while sports might not be a prerequisite for a successful college to operate, students can be proud of a hard-working varsity team. Still, it seemed as though very few people became involved with sports at the campus.

Then a wonderful thing happened: students, athletes, coaches and administrators began to take an increased interest in sports at Capitol

Campus. Attendance increased at games. Some team records improved as individuals were named to all-star teams. Coaches, like Frank Capprell (tennis), were cited for outstanding work with their teams. Athletic Director Bud Smitley worked hard to bring events like amateur boxing to the campus. Intramural sports boomed, and it seemed as though the whole attitude of people at Penn State/Capitol Campus was more sports-oriented.

Well, that brings us up to the present. It will be pleasing if sports programs continue to improve here. Sure, we are crippled by the fact that as a two-year institution, we have no freshmen or sophomores to participate. And we might not have the training tools that some other schools do. But it seems clear that there is a potential for great progress of athletics here. And if enough people get involved, in whatever way possible, we might really appreciate the results.

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