

First of office moves complete

By Maria Kent

Better utilization of space is the key in an upcoming series of office moves scheduled to be completed by early June.

Provost/Dean Ruth Leventhal submitted a proposal to the Facilities Commission at University Park for the shuffling of classrooms and offices.

The offices that will be moving include the Provost's office, WNDR, the bookstore, student activities and student affairs office, according to Joseph Kemp, manager of Maintenance and Utility Operations.

Kemp and his maintenance staff recently completed the student organizations' office and lounge last week. The office was developed out of classrooms 214 and 216. Kemp also said that as soon as the phonathon is over, his maintenance crew will begin work on room 212 which will become the new Student Activities Office. The provost's

new office will be where the bookstore is now. The Student Affairs Office, now in W-105, will be moved to the provost's old office in room 200. The campus radio station, WNDR, will then be moved to W-343 across from the audio and video production room.

Kemp said that Leventhal received a grant from University Park for \$40,000, which is being used for painting rooms, remodeling, construction and renovation of the offices. "Wall are being used to save some money...[It] keeps cost to a minimum," Kemp said. He added that he is on a tight schedule, but feels he can have the projects completed by June 3, 1985. He said there have been some setbacks with the project -- weather and the phonathon.

SGA President Pete Mekosh said he feels the moving of the SGA office will be beneficial to the students and will provide flexibility in the future.

"I was happy about the

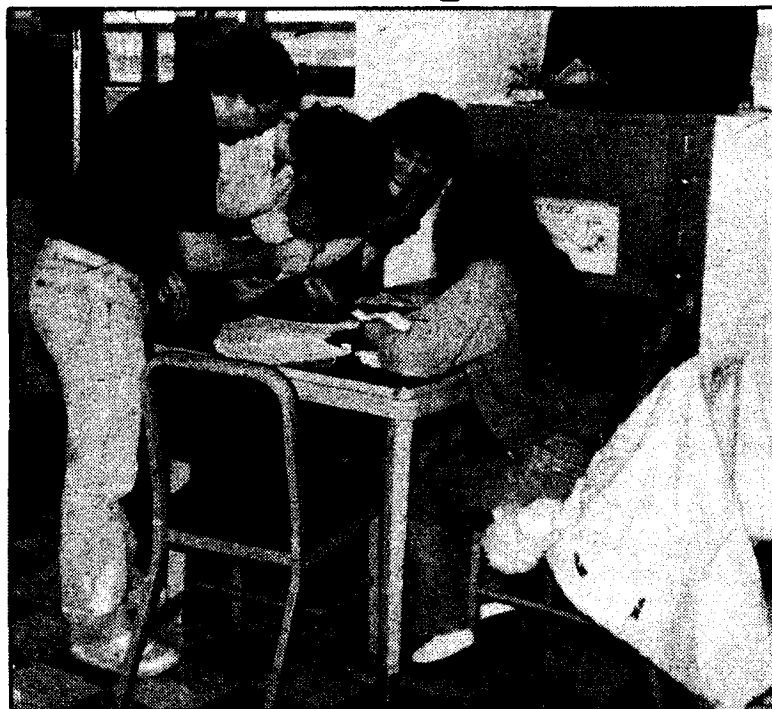
move from day one. What's good for the university as a whole is good for the students," Mekosh said.

Mekosh feels the new office is an exchange that is worthwhile because it offers more space.

Jeff Schnier, SUBOG president, said that he is also happy about the move. He added that the SGA office is open to all students and that anyone is welcome to study or talk in the office's lounge area.

WNDR's program director, Brian Conroy, said he would prefer to move to a place where the students are. One of Conroy's fears is that people will not know there is a radio station at Capitol if the station moves to the third floor.

"This is no easy move... when will we be able to get back on the air?" Conroy asks.



Students in the newly completed club office suite. Photo by Lisa Mauss

Phone woes

By Susan Skorupa

(CPS) -- It's been a year since a court order broke up American Telephone and Telegraph's communications monopoly into one long distance and seven regional carriers.

And it's been an unusual and occasionally rocky year for students as their campuses struggle to cope with the changes by testing new phone systems and sometimes even becoming their own phone

companies.

Moreover, a number of colleges "don't know what they're doing," one consultant charges.

Other observers, moreover, don't see the situation changing much in 1985.

For State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY-B) students, 1984 was a year of dead lines, charges for extra services and higher phone rates.

"The university installed the system in good faith," says

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From Campus Police...

By Carman Amerson

The Capitol Campus police report for mid-December through January 22 includes the following incidents:

- An apparent break-in of a Meade Heights house sometime between Jan 18-21 resulting in the moving of some furniture and the loss of \$15 and some chewing tobacco.

- A hit-and-run accident near the campus ball-field causing damage to a chain-link fence.

- An inventory by the Regional Planning Office personnel revealed a number of pens, electric erasers and other various office supplies missing.

Charles Aleksy, supervisor of Safety and Police Services, would also like to remind students of the following notes:

- Beginning Monday, Jan. 28, citations will be issued for all cars in the parking lots without the proper parking stickers.

- There is a residence check service for all campus residents,

free of charge, by Police Services. This service is for residents leaving the campus for a day or more. If the student notifies Police Services at 948-6232, they will check your residence, periodically during your absence, to insure against theft or damage to your property.

- There have been reports of students "spinning donuts" on the ice in the parking lot. This is a commonwealth violation and anyone caught doing so will be issued a citation.

Parking sticker money traced

By Maria Kent

The Department of Safety and Police Services at Capitol Campus collects more than \$30,000 a year by selling parking stickers to students, but the campus can only keep 10 percent of the money, according to Charles Aleksy.

Aleksy, supervisor of Safety and Police Services at Capitol, said about ten percent of the \$32,032 collected last year was kept to pay for the services of people that sell the parking stickers during the first week of each semester. Aleksy also said that the other 90 percent of the money went to University Park, where it was put into a general fund.

The fund is used for repairs to parking lots and the up-keep of parking lots, Aleksy said.

Ken Babe, Assistant Vice President for Audits and Internal Control at University Park, said that it was his understanding that the parking sticker money was put into a student

parking fund, which any of the Penn State campuses could request. Babe said that the money could be used for maintenance, repairs, painting the lines, or for new parking lots. Other University Park administrators were unsure as to what amount or percentage the University received from the commonwealth campuses for selling parking stickers.

Students had varying opinions on the parking situation.

"I think the fees are all right as long as they are going to give you the options they say you get," said Kelly Leland, a junior in accounting.

Paul Douglas, a senior EDET student, had a different view:

"Fifteen dollars a semester is ridiculous. In fact, at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), we paid \$1.00 and you could park for a lifetime...I don't see where the money's going. I don't see a 12-story parking garage."

Dr. James South, Associate Provost for Student Affairs, told students at last Saturday's Student Leadership Conference that part of the reason the fee is higher than HACC's is the fact that HACC is heavily subsidized by the state and area school districts. He said he feels people who park on campus should pay for the privilege.

South noted that the campus began offering a five-dollar discount to full-time students who purchase stickers for the entire year in September.

Police Services collected \$19,810 under that plan in the fall of 1984.

Students can pay for their parking stickers during registration in the Lion's Den in the Olmsted Building. After registration, students can pay for the stickers at Police services. An unrestricted parking sticker costs \$15 for full-time students and \$10 for part-time students.

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