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New Master Plan Outlines Future of the PSU, Harrisburg Campus

By Jan Travers

"The purpose this master plan is the creation of a campus atmosphere at Penn State, Harrisburg. We want to establish Penn State as a college that will attract students who want to go to a real campus." -- Douglas Steele, H2L2 Master Planners--

In a formal presentation January 13 to the college community, the physical plant master plan was unveiled by H2L2 Master Planners, the firm contracted by the university to study needs at Capital College.

The three phase proposal, which outlines the development of the campus well into the next century, recommends that the first new building to be added to the campus is a library. In addition to the library, Phase I will address circulation problems on campus, provide for removal of the red brick building along the

eastern edge of campus, provide new sidewalks between the campus and Meade Heights area, and additions to the engineering laboratory and the admissions building.

Phase II, which wouldn't be addressed until at least the year 2,000, according to Douglas Steele, H2L2, will include building a conference center south of the existing University Apartments,

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renovation of the same apartments, building an auditorium and student union and completion of the shift of the driveway away from the Fruehauf entrance.

An overview of the campus layout reveals a barbell shaped property. H2L2, according to Steele, attempted to

remove the "institutional nature of the former air force base" by trying to present a multi-building campus in an acceptable setting.

According to the planner's recommendation, the library will be combined with a computer center and located adjacent to the CUB. "The

intention of choosing this location was to unify the campus and establish the southeast corner of the quad. With its slightly higher elevation, it can stand on its own to draw people through the college. "Capital College's future is a full campus. We didn't want the CUB out there all alone," said Steele.

Traffic flow on campus has always been complicated by the Fruehauf Corporation's employees, who have legal right of way through Penn State. The plan will address this issue during both phases. Phase I will see traffic rerouted at the split in the drive at the present entrance

to the east side of campus past the CRAGS building. Olmsted Drive will be extended at Wharton Avenue past the east side of the Olmsted Building and directly into the rear parking lot. "The first part of the present entrance is attractive," said Steele, "but as you get to the the Olmsted Building you are greeted by a picture of the Fruehauf Building." The result of shifting the road will be a more attractive setting.

In order to have parking for library patrons, the red brick buildings along Olmsted Drive will be replaced with parking lots. The intent in not having

the parking bordering on the library is so the library will stand on its own and build a college atmosphere, according to Steele.

In further addressing campus pedestrian traffic, new sidewalks will be installed between the campus and Meade Heights housing area and also

between the library and other buildings.

"A rise in enrollment has necessitated the recommendation of adding to the admissions building and the engineering lab. "These two building are presently in the design state," said Steele.

The master plan was

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adopted by the trustees on January 17. However, as explained by Ruth Leventhal, provost and dean, the plan is only a recommendation. No final decisions have been made on specific buildings and before they are, more research is expected to be done.



HACC/PSU Sign Articulation Agreement for Criminal Justice

By Denise Reinas

An articulation agreement between HACC and Penn State at Harrisburg was signed and became effective on January 1, 1987. The purpose of the agreement is so students can obtain a four-year baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice by taking at HACC the credit hours which fulfill the admissions and graduation requirements at Penn State at Harrisburg.

There already is a general articulation agreement between the two colleges, but this is the first real effort regarding a specific program. "We are interested in forming a partnership with all professionals involved in the Criminal Justice

field through articulation agreements such as this one. We also want to work with other four-year institutions," said Dr. John Ramirez, coordinator of the Criminal Justice program at Penn State at Harrisburg.

The reason for the agreement is because there was really no local four-year arrangements in the area. Previously, anyone wishing to enter the Criminal Justice

program would have had to enter into the Public Policy program at Penn State at Harrisburg. But now, the college has developed its own Criminal Justice program.

A long planning process led to the growth of the newly started program, and in the future, the program will attempt to fulfill the training and research needs of the Criminal Justice community.

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