

## WNDR Ready for the Air

by Denise Reinas

"WNDR will not die, if we are not on the air this semester we will begin this coming fall," said Luke Hess, WNDR's station manager.

Previously, WNDR went off the air because of lack of student interest. Outdated equipment and equipment in extreme need of repair caused bad sound quality and therefore student interest began to drop. But now WNDR is taking a turn for the better.

"I came to Capital College in the Fall of 1986; my interest was radio and I met with Dr. Mahar, head of the Humanities Department. I was shocked to find that there was no reactive organization to restart WNDR. I simply said to myself that if anyone is going to work towards forming a new group, it's going to be me," said Hess. "I think a radio station should be part of any college offering media courses." Hess believes that actual experience is always better than book knowledge and that students can learn useful information through experience at the radio station.

In order for WNDR to get back on the air, new equipment and funding for the equipment was badly needed. The students proved their interest by attending weekly meetings, electing officers, and putting many hours into the reformation of the station. Approximately 35 students attended the first few meetings, and student interest is still blooming.

WNDR received \$3,500 from the Student Government Association,

\$1,000 from Penn State Harrisburg's enhancement funds from Student Affairs, approximately \$3,000 in a grant from University Park, and approximately \$7,000 in a loan from University Park. The money went to new equipment for the station and the installation of the equipment. The radio station also received a standard operating budget for the daily running of the station.

The process of reviving WNDR began in September and is still going

on. WNDR, 63 AM, is hoping to go on the air before the end of this semester. "There are a lot of seniors here who have put a lot of time into the station; we're hoping to see at least one broadcast day before the end of the semester. We want those seniors to at least be able to see the actual fruit of their labor," said Robert Derk, assistant station manager. The only things left to complete the station are maintenance and engineering tasks.

The elected officers of WNDR are Luke Hess, station manager; Robert Derk, assistant station manager; John Bucanelli, program director; Jon Geissler, business manager; Joe Anderson, music director; Mark Coldren, personnel director; Michele Hart, news director; and John Gerthoffer, chief engineer. Next semester Steve Potosnak will take the position of music director because Joe Anderson is graduating. The appointed positions consist of Diane Fitzgerald, secretary, and Denise Evans, accountant.

## My Morning on the Radio

by Michele Hart

Pop-artist Andy Warhol once said that everyone is famous for 15 minutes at least once in their lifetime. I don't know if I was famous or not, but I did spend part of a morning on the air with WINK 104 DJ Tim Burns.

Burns, who teaches radio production at Capital College, invited me and another student, Angie Dill, to come to the station and be on the WINK wake-up show, provided that we bring doughnuts.

So promptly at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, Angie and I knocked on the employee entrance door of the station. Traffic reporter Captain Matt Stewart let us in after we assured him that we were not groupies.

Going into the studio of Harrisburg's top-rated radio station is an intimidating experience. More intimidating is being handed a card with information about the station's Secretaries' Day promotion and reading it on the air to an estimated audience of thousands of people. I was more than slightly nervous, but Burns and newsman Dennis Edwards assured me that I had done a real good job since it

was a "cold" read.

The morning moved on as we learned the methods used to produce a daily radio show. We felt almost in the way as we watched Burns, Edwards, Stewart, and sports reporter Dan Camal compile and broadcast their half-hourly reports. Unfortunately we were not able to meet weatherman Storm Kennedy since he is based in Florida and the station calls him to get weather reports.

Burns really let us get hands-on experience by allowing us to pick the music to be played, fill in log cards, and read announcements and weather reports. The funniest part of the morning occurred while I was reading the four-day weather forecast. Instead of saying partly-sunny to describe the afternoon, I said, "the sun will be returning partly," opening myself up to lots of teasing.

Around 8:30 a.m. we said our goodbyes to Burns and the rest of the WINK 104 staff and decided it was time to get back to the real world. For the rest of the day, though, people stopped me in the halls to ask how I got on the radio. I told them it was because I had "connections."

## New Athletic Director Outlines His Plans

By Mike Camilli

Recently, Penn State, Harrisburg got a new athletic director. Duane Crider is replacing long time director, Bud Smitley, who left the university to become the Pennsylvania representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Crider, a graduate of Penn State, is quite active in sports himself. He is an avid runner, plays volleyball and badminton, and he enjoys hunting and fishing. He has spent the last eight years teaching at other PSU campuses. Most recently, Crider taught at Philadelphia where he was also director of intramural sports.

His goal for the athletic program here is to get more student involvement. By next year, he plans for the school to have a bowling club, volleyball club, intramural flag football, and a barbell club (already in process of being organized this semester). He also hopes to have a varsity cross-country team. And possibly, there will be women's varsity teams in softball, volleyball, and basketball. Anyone interested in these varsity sports should contact the athletic offices that plans can be made for next semester.

## Baseball Team is First in the District

By Mike Camilli

The Capital College baseball team is continuing its fantastic season. The team recently extended its record to 14-3 to put them in first place for District 19 of the NAIA. The team is well ahead of the pace of last year's 18-11 season. However, Coach Ron Melchiorre says that the last few games are always the toughest, including a game against Wilmington, the ninth rated team of the NAIA in the whole nation. But the team has already beaten some tough competition. So far, the team has knocked off teams such as Alvernia, Eastern College, Spring Garden, Allentown, and Lincoln University.

With only ten games left in the season, the team seems to have the manpower to go the distance. The top three hitters from the district are on the team. Kevin Lazor, Frank Popp, and Brian Ritz (all seniors) are each hitting above .500. Lazor is also leading the league in triples and is 16 for 16 in stolen bases. The whole team is an incredible 62 out of 64 for bases stolen. The top two pitchers in the district, Frank Popp and Tom Shannon are also from the team.

The team needs only one more league victory to clinch a spot in the district playoffs which are May 9 and 10 at Wilmington, Delaware.



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