

Problems Plague WPSH's Debut

By Josette M. Kloker

Penn State Harrisburg's radio station, formerly known as WNDR, has a new name -- WPSH.

Judy Hricak, station manager of WPSH, said WNDR represented "a whole new decade of rock," as opposed to WPSH which stands for Penn State Harrisburg.

Hricak said, "We felt that students couldn't identify with WNDR because they didn't know what it meant."

"We felt to become a key part of campus life, students needed to be able to identify with us (the radio station)."

Hricak said the radio station's members voted unanimously for the change.

"So far, it has been pretty well received," said Hricak.

Their name was not the only change the radio station had to face.

WPSH planned to begin broadcasting but was confronted with a major obstacle.

Hricak explained, "I went down to turn on the receiver in the Lion's Den, and I was getting static where signal should be. It wouldn't tune in."

After checking a number of possible causes, she discovered the transmitter was dead.

Apparently, sometime over the summer, it overheated.

No decisive reason has been pinpointed for the problem.

The transmitter was mailed out to be repaired.

Even though WPSH could not begin broadcasting until Sept. 28, more than two weeks after their intended starting date, Hricak said it has been a learning experience for her and her staff.

"It has been easy for people to jump to irrational conclusions. However, when problems arise, people should learn to put things into perspective instead of complaining," she said.

She said that for example, this delay was a major disappointment for the WPSH staff, but instead of complaining, they used the extra two weeks to develop stronger programming and recruit more personnel.

After getting the transmitter running, Hricak is determined to get WPSH's signal into the dorms.

She said her chief engineer, Troy Sieg, will be the key element in completing that project.

"Our main goal is to establish ourselves as a quality radio station for the students and faculty," said Hricak.

She said in order to do this the station needs dedicated personnel, not only DJs but other important components of a radio station like news and promotions.

She said anyone interested in becoming part of WPSH should stop by W-343 or call 948-6395.

"I want the radio station to be taken seriously," concluded Hricak.

WPSH Sponsors Lecture Series

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WPSH, Penn State Harrisburg's radio station, is sponsoring a lecture series for the entire campus.

Judy Hricak, station manager for WPSH, said she hopes the series will "inform the student body of the valuable resource they have on campus that they should take advantage of."

The first of these informative lectures will be held Thursday, Oct. 20 at 12:00 in the Gallery Lounge.

The guest speaker will be Steady Eddie August, disc jockey as well as music director of WNNK-104 FM.

Hricak chose August to be the first speaker because she holds him in high regard as a disc jockey.

She said he "caters to his listeners by giving them what they want."

Hricak said he will cover a number of topics including:

- * The importance of radio in the communication industry
- * The role of the music director in the "big picture" of a radio station
- * The importance of strong programming
- * How to begin a career in radio.

Hricak said she hopes the series eliminates a lot of the misconceptions people have about the radio station.

"A lot of people think WPSH is just people having fun and fooling around," she said.

"Running a radio station is a lot more serious than people think."

In addition to the Oct. 20 lecture, Hricak plans to have at least two more lectures next semester.

She said she is "looking into speakers from WTPA, WRKZ, and WHP-FM."

Poets Sought for APA Contest

A trip to Hawaii for two is the new grand prize in the American Poetry Association's latest poetry contest.

There is also a \$1,000 first prize. In all, 152 poets will win \$11,000 worth of prizes.

Contest entry is free. "Students have been winners in all our contests," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association.

"So I urge students to enter now. Later they may be too busy with exams."

Poets may send up to five poems, no more than 20 lines each, with name and address on each page to American Poetry Association, Dept. CN-74, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA. 95061.

Poems are judged on originality and sincerity.

Every poem is also considered for publication.

In the last six years, the American Poetry Association has sponsored 27 contests and awarded \$101,000 to 2,700 winning poets.

Poems postmarked by Dec. 31 are eligible to win.

Prizes will be awarded by Feb. 28, 1989.

Robo Harv Saves the Day

By Donna K. Holmes

We all know her as Harv, one of the valuable employees of our Lion's Den; but to the crew she is also known as "Robo Harv."

"Harv" is actually short for her maiden name Harviletz. But for those who haven't gotten as acquainted with Harv as others have, she's the friendly lady behind the grill.

Penn State Harrisburg has been her kitchen away from home for nearly seven years.

Harv started out as a part-time

as much as Harv.

"I like the people," she replied when asked what she enjoyed most about her job.

"And if there were one thing I could change around here, it would be to have more time and space so we could accommodate our customers better," Harv said.

For those students and faculty who have to be away from home at meal time, it means a lot to eat decent food, prepared in a nice atmosphere. And that's what the Lion's Den crew provides.



Harv prepares lunch on the grill in the Lion's Den.

employee in the dining hall and after a year there she was transferred to the Lion's Den.

If you are not a regular at the Lion's Den then you're really missing out. whether you like chicken or hamburgers, Harv can whip it up, give you a friendly conversation, and garnish your plate with pickles and oranges in a matter of minutes.

"She can turn a grilled cheese sandwich gourmet," said one student enjoying lunch in the Den.

It's really amazing how Harv can maintain that terrific smile and a sense of humor through rush hour, with a line of 10 people talking to her and calling out orders at the same time.

"If I get upset, nothing will get finished. The secret is keeping calm," she said.

Harv is proud to have reached the point where she can converse and work at the same time.

But that doesn't come as a surprise for someone who seems to enjoy her job

"I am glad everyone can feel so relaxed and at home."

ATTENTION Public Policy Majors:

A Public Policy Open Forum
will be held
Tuesday, Oct. 18
at 2:00 p.m.
in the BCAC.

This S.G.A.-sponsored event
is an opportunity to have your
questions answered. All public
policy majors are encouraged
to attend.