

From the Editor's Desk...

If the citizens of the United States want to tamper with the U.S. Constitution that's okay, but we should make changes count for something a bit more important than flag desecration. Let's talk about outlawing desecration of the human spirit, mind and body.

Sure, those patriotic citizens who were outraged by this year's Supreme Court decision okaying flag burning have a right to express their outrage. And those patriotic citizens who agree with the decision have a right to cheer.

But where is the loud roar about issues such as hunger, health care and homelessness? Where are the calls for a constitutional amendment mandating that the elderly be allowed to grow old gracefully and with dignity and respect?

Where are the battle cries to rally the citizens against drugs?

In short, where are the flag wavers who want to turn this country upside down about flag desecration when we need them to turn the nation upside down about human desecration.

Many of us are busy playing follow the leader with President Bush and Congressional leaders who use issues such as flag burning to divert our attention from the issues that really hurt America.

This nation will not rise or fall as the flag does; the fate of America and the American spirit rests on the fate and the spirit of this nation's citizens.

Nathan Lee Gadsden
Editor in Chief

New Feature

Let's Talk About It

We at the *Capital Times* wish to open our editorial pages to debate on issues that directly affect our college community. To do so we are introducing a new feature called "Let's Talk About It."

In each issue of the *Capital Times* we will present a question, solicit perspectives, and in the following issue, publish as many of the varying opinions as possible.

For our next issue, we invite commentary on the college's Western Traditions courses.

All Humanities Students are required to take three Western Traditions courses and many other students take at least one of these courses to fill a humanities requirement.

Question: With the commitment that Penn State University has to cultural diversity, are the Western Traditions courses too limited by focusing on the development of Europe and America.

Any student, faculty, administrator or staff member who wishes to write a perspective on this question should contact the Editor in Chief of the *Capital Times* in room W-337 Olmsted, or at 944-4970.

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Letters to the editor . . .

Dr. Leventhal says hello

Dear Penn State Harrisburg Community Member:

Warmest welcome or welcome back to each of you. A lot has happened over the summer at Penn State Harrisburg in terms of renovating classrooms, corridors, and the gallery lounge, and I hope you will enjoy these improvements. This brings the total now to 22 classrooms refurbished in just the last month.

This summer also saw a most effective and exciting summer minority scholar program, with the distinguished Keisho Scott from Grinnell College and Douthard Butler from George Mason College as resident professors. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy their wonderful teaching.

The new consolidated Student Assistance Center has been operating smoothly for a year now, and I hope you will stop into Room W-117 to learn of the wide and expanding range of services available to all students, full or part-time, traditional or non-traditional.

There are eight new full-time faculty at the College this year, each of whom bring important new dimensions to our increasingly outstanding faculty. I hope you get to meet many of them individually.

I also hope if there are issues, or problems or wonderful things that have happened that you wish to talk about, you will stop in to see me in Room 119. I will also continue to have a program of open hours for students which will be announced shortly. I look forward to meeting each of you at the All Campus Picnic, September 12.

Best wishes for a most successful academic year.

Ruth Leventhal
Provost and Dean

Dr. Graham says goodbye

To the Penn State Harrisburg Community,

Beginning with the Fall 1989 Semester, I will assume new duties as Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Roosevelt University, Chicago. With feelings elated and sad, I therefore have tendered my resignation from the Associate Provost and Associate Dean of Faculty position here. My five years in this office have been, for me, personally and professionally enriching.

During this time faculty, staff, and administrators have accomplished commendable series of successes. From physical plant to working climate to curriculum to personnel--in fact, in all arenas of university activity--your college has demonstrated remarkable progress and you have been responsible for it.

For her faith and support, for the administrative latitude she has permitted me, I am most grateful to Provost Leventhal. We have had an easy and happy collaboration and I thank her for it.

To all my colleagues--whether faculty, maintenance, clerical, academic support staff or fellow administrators--a warm thanks for making my time in office worthwhile and enjoyable.

Robert J. Graham