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Business manager becomes familiar with Penn State

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One bright new face in the business office this semester is Business Manager Sandra Jackson.

Jackson a Rochester, New York native who received her B.S. in Accounting from Rochester Institute of Technology was anxious to join the Penn State team. "I heard positive things about the academic program," Jackson said, "and I was interested in becoming part of the team."

As Manager, Human Resources and Business Services, Jackson's main duties include: managing business services (i.e. safety and police services, copy center operations, mailroom and telephone service), serving as human resources officer, and administering various college support services.

Although Jackson is in the process of learning the system and becoming familiar with the campus, she looks forward to the challenge of fulfilling the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

"I have a philosophy of emphasizing a customer service approach to students, staff, and faculty," Jackson said. "For example if employees have concerns about benefits, I want them to come to the office to resolve any questions they may have."

Prior to joining the staff at Penn State Harrisburg, Jackson worked as an Administrative Assistant/Chief Financial Officer for the College of Business Administration at the University of Tennessee. She was also a Business Manager at Knoxville College in Tennessee.

Jackson was the first Black female Staff Accountant at Ernst & Ernst, a National CPA firm. According to Jackson, earlier in her career, she was once denied a promotion because women didn't want to work for her.

Jackson's success can be attributed to what she believes is an advantage to being a woman in this field-- sensitivity to human needs. "I don't let challenges or disappointments stop me. I keep going," Jackson said. "I perform my job to the best of my ability and always consider the feelings of other people along the way."

Today more women are going into the field of financial management. "There are many women in middle management positions," Jackson said. "Yet very few women are in v.p. management around the country. However this is changing drastically, because the financial management industry has changed drastically due to more women going into the field."

Jackson replaced former Business Manager Bob Hamill who recently retired.

She now resides in Hempfield with her husband Len, a mechanical engineer with Armstrong World Industries and 13-year-old daughter Holly and 9-year-old son Lenny. Her 17-year-old daughter, Anita is a freshman at Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, majoring in Biology.

Jackson was an active member in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Knoxville. She served as church treasurer, sang in the choir, and was a member of the Mission Council for the church. She was also a member of the Kiwanis Club in Knoxville.



Photo By: John J. Garvey

PSH' Athletic Poster.

Hank Rappold
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Just for Virginia, Sue Hoover put together the above photograph depicting what Penn State-Harrisburg has to offer in the way of athletics and recreation to the students.

Hoover worked with Athletic Director Duane Crieder to put this photo together. The thinking behind the photo was that activities sponsored by the Athletic Dept. were not drawing enough student participation. "The photo is a good representation of all the sports available at Capital," said Hoover "and it lets

people know what is available."

Long range plans for the photo call for it to be made in to a poster that will be hung in the CUB and Olmsted buildings. Other possible plans might be including it in orientation information or for part of the campus promotional packet.

Crieder feels the photo is comprehensive of all activities here at Capital. "The students are the focus of the athletic/recreation department" Crieder said "The

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Olmstead receives expansion.

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Renovating and remodeling to this former air force base continue as the Humanities division on the third floor of Olmstead received a much needed expansion.

The expansion project, which had been in the planning stages for six months, will allow the division to add three more offices to the Humanities

suite.

The work that started three weeks ago originally had been planned to be done over the Christmas break, but had to be postponed due to the elevator breaking down.

Dr. William Mahar, the Humanities division head, said the planning of the project was a joint effort between the Humanities department and Ken Witmer,

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