

OPINIONS

From the Editor's Desk:

When you hear students speak about Penn State Harrisburg, they usually fall into two categories. The first sees PSH as an academic college which looks like a high school. The other sees PSH as a high school trying to pass itself off as a college. The mixed signals students receive have something to do with these opposing views.

Lack of clear vision is holding up major improvements in PSH and keep us from knowing where the college is now and where its future lies. We've been hearing about how PSH is in line for a library for several years now, but we've gone from being top priority to near the bottom since the Camp Hill prison riots.

Clearly we can't be competitive if our library can't support the programs offered here. But once again bureaucracy has nipped us in the bud.

It is incredible that prisons and universities are linked under the same budget. How can a competent system logically explain that we are being denied something that is not only fundamental to our education, but will give PSH more access to the surrounding community and help increase the strength of our graduate programs because of the over-crowding in prisons. These are obviously two different problems and should be treated as such.

If this doesn't confuse students enough, PSH has been discussing the possibility of reorganizing its academic divisions. This committee, composed of PSH faculty, was to make reorganization recommendations and submit them to Dr. Ruth Leventhal. But the committee could only make present day proposals due to a "Lack of a clear vision co-developed and shared by the faculty and academic units and much vagueness on the vision and mission of the College."

If the confusion exists among the faculty, the message conveyed is not a good one.

One of the main problems PSH has in fund raising is that because we are only a two-year institution, alumni loyalty is hard to come by. The problem is--if present students can't develop good feelings about our education, how can PSH expect to build a foundation for the future?

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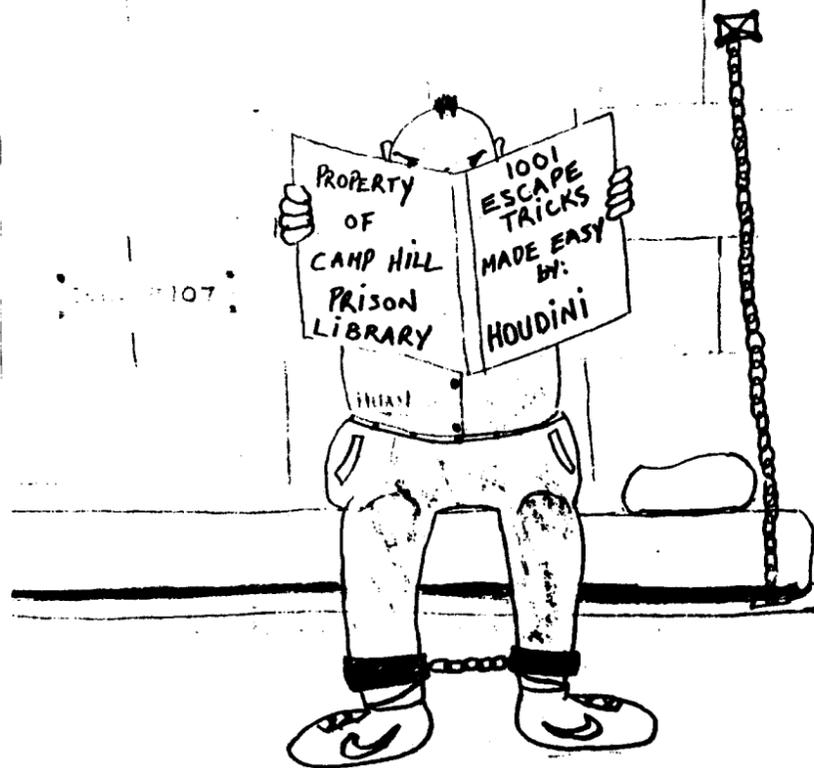


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If you want an up to date library, go to Camp Hill.

Letters to the Editor:

Customarily in our society we reprimand others when they fail, but do not praise them when they succeed. However, people benefit more from receiving acknowledgement of their achievements.

On February 7, 1990 we had a cheerleading accident at the CUB that required medical assistance. The student workers at the gym and police services responded immediately, and in turn called paramedics and an ambulance. The paramedics arrived within five minutes of the accident and the ambulance shortly thereafter. The cheerleading squad would like to thank all these people for their skill, professionalism and concern. And we also give special thanks to Health Services, the Lion's Den Ladies, Janet Widoff, George Young, the basketball team, and friends and faculty for their support and concern.

Victoria Cuscino,
and the PSH Cheerleaders

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Capital Times Staff

Gripe, Gripe, Gripe! If you didn't like the last issue of the Cap Times, here's your chance to do something about it.

The Cap Times staff is down to a mere few and is in desperate need of more staff help. If you have a little time that can be devoted to the paper, come on up. Otherwise, well you know.

By the way we'd like to do a gripe

article in the next issue of the Times, so if you have a gripe you want everyone to know about write it down and we'll put it in.

Editor's note: Below is a portion of an Executive Summary of a report submitted to Dr. Ruth Leventhal by the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization. This report will be reviewed and considered for the possible reorganization of Penn State Harrisburg.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization was charged on February 8, 1989, to address the following question:

"What is the optimum Administrative configuration for Liberal Arts, Education and related professional programs given the mission of Capital College and the projected needs of its constituencies, 1990-2000?"

The charge asked the committee to address the relationship between administrative structure and: (1) climate for interdisciplinary work, diversity and international activities; (2) advantages of consolidation; (3) departmental structures relative to tenure and promotion; (4) research productivity, particularly collaboration; (5) summer school and (6) future program development.

The committee solicited comment widely from faculty and administrators on the following topics: external pressures; internal status of Penn State Harrisburg; Vision and mission. The next step was to create a set of structural alternatives which were then evaluated by the committee and the faculty at large. Individual and group meetings