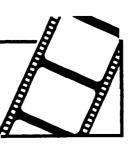


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Eastgate Center joins PSH family

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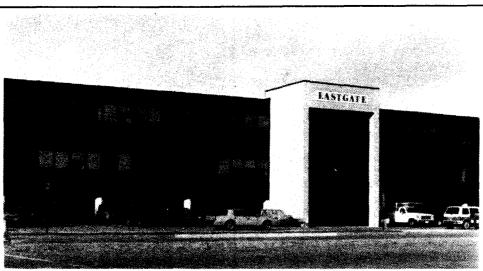
A ribbon-cutting ceremony involving Penn State Harrisburg and community officials, followed by an Economic Development Fair, are highlights planned for the formal opening of the Eastgate Center at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 12.

"This site will open the door for many, many opportunities between the college and the city of Harrisburg," predicted James D. South, associate provost for administrative operations at Penn State Harrisburg.

"Eastgate Center will complement programs available from the Downtown Center on Third Street," South said. "The two facilities will operate in concert with one another."

Purchased in September 1990, Eastgate Center is a three-story, 56,000 square-foot building at 1010 N. Seventh St. Located just north of the state capitol complex, "It's an area that has undergone major changes within the last 10 years," South said

"We're located in a strategic area to attract people from the minority



Capital Times file photo

The Eastgate Center, located at 1010 N. Seventh St. in Harrisburg, will officially open Feb. 12.

community," said Pat White, program aide at the center.

Because the center is in a position to be responsive to desires of the community, attempts will be made to offer courses and programs to meet those needs, she said.

White wears the dual hat of promoting continuing education programs and administering day-to-day functions of the

building. She said GED testing, engineering programs and a business law course are now offered.

She said the Economic Development Fair will take place following opening ceremonies, in order to showcase Penn State Harrisburg programs available to the community.

The Pennsylvania Local Roads Program, Economic Development Research and Training Center, Ben Franklin Technology Center and the Center For Survey Research are among the featured organizations.

A program aimed at assisting Harrisburg-area businesses is located at the site. The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development, along with Penn State Harrisburg, will sponsor the Central Alliance for Training and Educational Resources.

Another agency, the Lower Dauphin Council of Governments, COG, entered into a contract with the college last month, and has located its administrative and video production services at Eastgate.

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'Stoned' virus infects campus computer lab

Harry Long Capital Times Staff

A computer virus has been bugging students in the computer labs since October.

Computer viruses are programs that lurk in computer memory and are transferred from disk to disk, said John Bongard, a computer operator/assistant in the computer center. The virus can delete files or damage hardware.

They are designed by people as pranks or sabotage, but can be innocently introduced by computer users who don't know their disk carries a virus.

The virus affecting the PSH lab, called "Stoned B," does not cause as much damage as some, Bongard said.

When it strikes, the message, 'This computer is stoned' pops up on the monitor, said Mark Malloy, a senior in structural engineering and a technical assistant in the computer lab.

The virus has not destroyed any files in the labs on the third floor, Malloy said.

To screen out the virus, the computer center labs are checking all the computers weekly, using a program called Scan. Scan finds and removes the virus, Malloy said.

In the engineering lab, a special program has been loaded that

automatically checks for and eliminates any virus, said Chris Gibson, a senior in electrical engineering technology and lab technical assistant.

If the virus deletes files, a variety of software programs in the labs can restore them, said Mike Kalbaugh, instructional services officer. Students should consult lab assistants.

Kalbaugh said no one is sure how the virus entered the campus computers. It does seem to have first appeared in the

engineering lab, he said.

Bongard said no public computer lab can ever completely screen out viruses.

However the virus got here, it has people worried now--maybe too worried, said Terry Majzlik, operations supervisor of the computer lab.

"Two years ago if a person put a disk in a computer and got a 'bad disk' messsage, they would shrug it off and reformat the disk," Majzlik said. "But now they think everything must be caused by a

virue

She cited an article in <u>PC Computing</u> magazine that said viruses cause relatively few computer problems.

"Software bugs, hardware failures, power surges, and inadvertently deleted files have destroyed more data than viruses have--or are ever likely to," the article said

Majzlik's advice: "always save your files and make backups of what you want to keep."

Students hone leadership skills during conference

Terry Heffelfinger Capital Times Staff

The day before the Super Bowl, 73 Penn State Harrisburg "players" started preparing for the big game. They weren't training for the Super Bowl, but for the "big game" of life.

The Student Leader Conference was held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 25 in the Capital Union Building. Participating in the conference were Student Government Association representatives and club and organization members.

Frank "Josh" Stroup, of The Training Store in Harrisburg, used

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Pauline Zozos and Mary Anne Mawhinney discuss leadership qualities at the Student Leader Conference.