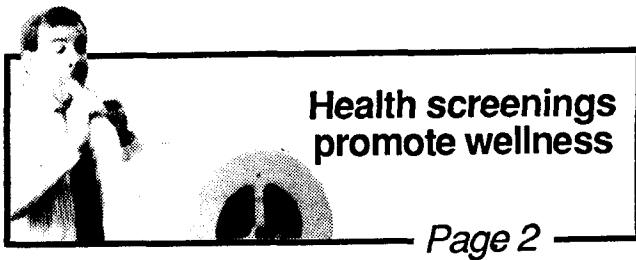


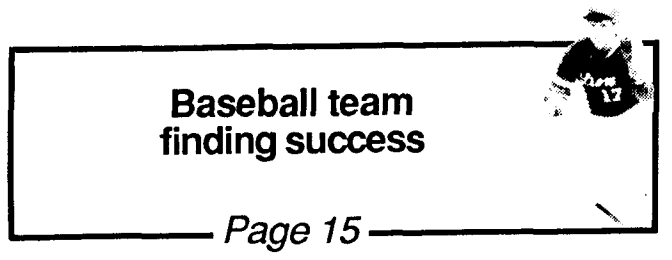
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Statues stolen from BCAC

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The recent theft of two bronze statues from the Black Cultural Arts Center is still under investigation, according to Penn State Harrisburg Police Services.

David Buckwash, Police Services officer, said they are taking normal investigative procedures, but would not say if there is a suspect.

"We are heading in a general direction," Buckwash said. "We arrived at that direction through normal investigation." Buckwash said normal investigation includes interviews and checking for fingerprints and footprints.

Buckwash said they are interviewing people who were known to be in the room around the time of the theft. He said, however, fingerprinting was impossible after two days, because so many people had access to the room.

The sculptures, entitled "The Dancer" and "The Heritage," were first noticed missing on March 22, but not reported until March 24. Buckwash said the two-day delay in reporting the crime is hindering the investigation.

"Any physical evidence would have been destroyed," Buckwash said. "The cleaning people had been in there two or three times. If there were any footprints, they had disappeared."

Angela West, president of the Black

Student Union, said she and several others noticed the statues were missing, but weren't concerned at first.

"I thought they were taken out to be cleaned," West said. "Come to find out they walked."

The thief sawed through two bolts, which attached the statues to the pedestals, and removed the statues. According to Buckwash, this was not an easy task.

"I imagine they weren't exactly light," Buckwash said of the bronze figures.

Buckwash said the thief tampered with a third statue, leaving pry marks between the sculpture and the base, but it was not stolen.

Donald Holtzman, director of Student Affairs, was unable to place a current dollar value on the statues, because the university had not yet contacted the sculptor.

If apprehended, the thief could either face punishment by the university, or criminal charges filed by the university, Buckwash said.

Crime Stoppers of Harrisburg is also offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the thief, Buckwash said.

In response to the theft, Police Services is locking all doors to the Olmsted Building earlier in the evenings, and unlocking them later in the mornings, Buckwash said.

Vandalism causes CUB to bear down on patrons

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Record incidents of vandalism and theft at the Capital Union Building have led campus officials to set a new policy limiting access to a single entrance and requiring visitors to sign in and out of the facility.

According to Duane Crider, director of athletics, the measure will take effect before the end of the semester.

"I've received anywhere from one to five complaints a day," he said, adding that of the five year's he's been on campus, "this has been the worst year for damages."

Crider cited numerous instances of vandalism ranging from stolen high-quality leather basketballs and weights to nearly \$5,000 in damages to three wooden doors that were literally ripped from their hinges.

"When you allow a lot of people into the building, you can't keep track of them unless they come in and leave from the same entrance," Crider said. A desk will be placed inside the lobby of the CUB and all visitors will be required to sign in and out.

Five other side doors and a maintenance entrance will no longer be used unless there is an emergency. "The new policy will allow us to monitor everyone who comes and goes," Crider said. The six other entrances to the building will not only be locked, but have alarms installed to warn personnel of any attempts by intruders to avoid the main entrance.

He assured users of the building's facilities, particularly heavy-use areas like the gymnasium and racquetball courts, that requiring everyone to use the main entrance will actually pay dividends.

"Our goal is to tell the administration

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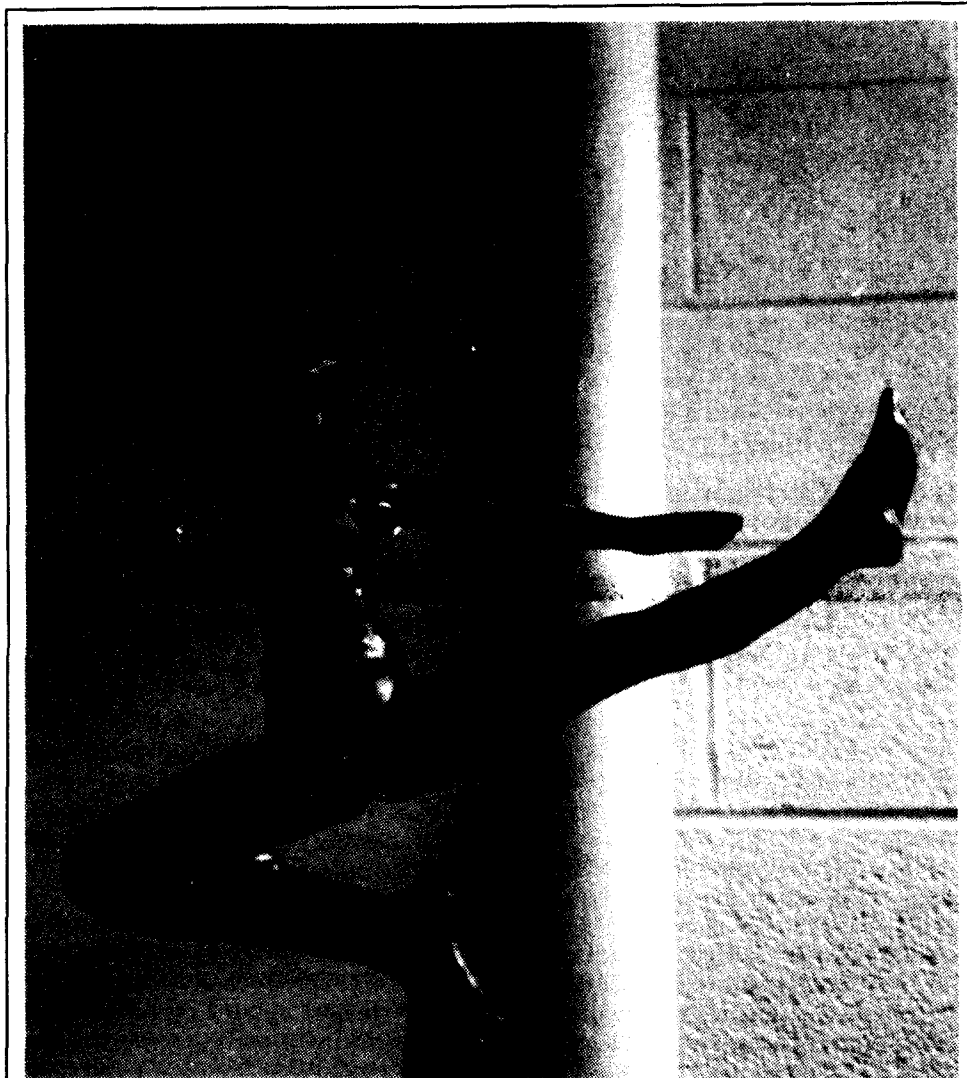


Photo by Angela West

The sculpture entitled, "The Dancer," was noticed to be missing from the Black Cultural Arts Center on March 22. Also taken was a second sculpture entitled, "The Heritage." The theft was reported on March 24.

SGA elections marred by poor voter turnout

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The results are in. The 1992 Student Government Association elections held March 31, and April 1-2 were typical according to SGA Senior Senator David Frist.

Frist, election screening committee chairman, said he was "pretty disappointed in the entire campus in general" due to the lack of student participation in the elections. Of over 3,500 students at Penn State Harrisburg, only 154 voted, and of those only 149 ballots were counted due to mistakes.

"The elections went as I expected them to go," Frist said. "They went pretty similar in form to the past year, and I really don't know what to do in order to drum up more interest." Frist said he feels that "people don't care, they're too busy to take out two minutes of their time to vote."

Those who won were all incumbent members of SGA. The new SGA executive board was elected as follows: Rick Delgiorno was elected president with 107 votes, Lori Gring was elected vice-president with 95 votes and Jim Mullane

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