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Parisi resigns after denied tenure

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The sudden departure of Dr. Peter Parisi this summer has faculty and students scrambling to fill the void he left.

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-Dr. Peter Parisi

Parisi promptly resigned from his post as Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Director of Journalism at C.W. Post Center of Long Island University.

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"I feel regret and pain that the provost and assistant provost could not see my contributions (to the university) as deserving of tenure when my colleagues could," Parisi said in a recent interview.

Normally, instructors who are denied tenure have a year to find another job, said Dr. William Mahar, head of the Humanities Division.

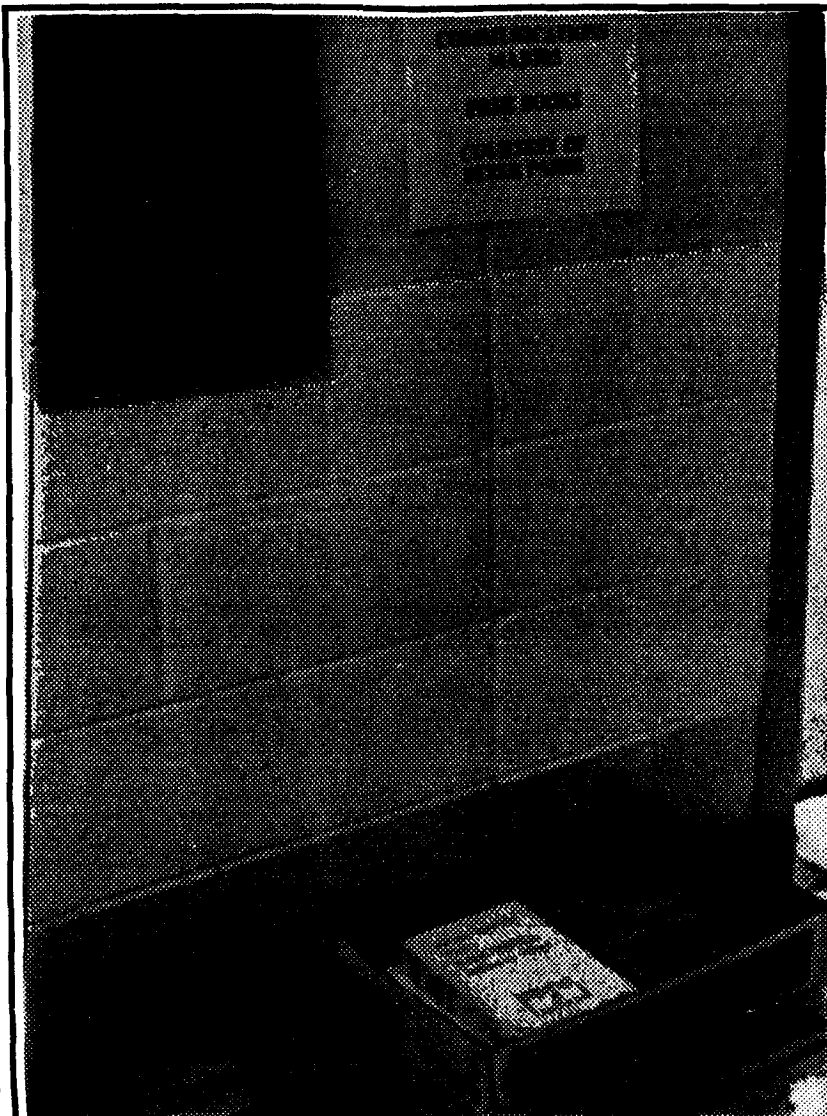
Associate Provost Ernest Dishner said he could not comment on personnel matters.

"He made his move sooner rather than later when who knows what the job market will be like?" Mahar said.

Parisi said he was told by both Dishner and Provost Ruth Leventhal that he was not approved for tenure because he had not done

"We will miss him and his contributions to the Humanities Division," Mahar said.

Parisi's absence has disrupted the PSH communications program



Free Books -- Dr. Parisi donated a box of text books to students after his resignation earlier this summer. photo by Mary Gates

which has been rushing to apply band-aids to cover Parisi's many responsibilities.

A Journalism and Literature class Parisi was scheduled to teach has been canceled while two of his other classes, Writing for Media and Advanced Reporting, are being taught by part-time faculty.

Mahar, meanwhile, is helping to supervise the students with internships who Parisi was advising, and the campus newspaper, the Capital Times, has been left without a faculty advisor.

"To function as a club, which is the only way it can get funding, it (the Capital Times) needs to have a faculty advisor," Mahar said.

"There will be a meeting for the Communication students to help direct them to internships, scholarships and other opportunities," he said.

Mahar now is in the process of putting together a search committee to find a replacement for Parisi by August, 1994.

"Obviously, we would like to get one earlier, but that is the latest (a replacement will be found),"

Mahar said.

Dishner said a full-time professor with a one-year contract to take Parisi's place could not be approved for 1993 because the Humanities Division already has one to replace an associate professor of American Studies who is on a one-year sabbatical.

To have a second one-year full time professor in the same division "is unheard of," Dishner said.

Mahar said that next semester students will be able to enroll in classes print journalism students need such as Magazine Writing, Desk Top Publishing, and Media Law and Ethics.

These classes will be taught by part-time faculty, Mahar said.

Until a replacement has been found, however, there is a noticeable vacancy at Penn State Harrisburg.

"It is always difficult when you lose an instructor and advisor," Mahar said.

Parisi is available, Mahar said, through Bitnet, a computer network."

And Peter expressed a desire to help his former students through Bitnet," Mahar said.

Mahar also said Michael Barber, a reporter from Seattle, is on campus this year as a student, and is a voluntary advisor to the Capital Times.

Bookstore mark-up benefits best bidder

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The money students spend on textbooks at the Penn State Harrisburg Bookstore will not necessarily stay on campus, according to D. Lewis Mothersbaugh, Assistant Vice President of Business Services, University Park.

"We decided to hire [Barnes & Noble] to come in and make some necessary changes."

"We allow ourselves a 75 percent margin on all hard back back books."

The profit on books purchased at commonwealth campuses is sent to University Park where it is placed in a campus fund, according to Mothersbaugh.

Customer service was the main reason for the change in management, noted Mothersbaugh.

"All commonwealth campuses have the right to pitch for the money in the pool, however, the campus' which needs are most justifiable will be awarded the money," said Mothersbaugh.

"It is in our contract that no student should have to wait in line longer than 10 minutes at the bookstore," said Mothersbaugh. "Also Barnes & Nobles will provide students with more used book options."

The profit on textbooks at Penn State Harrisburg is around 25 percent, according to the manager of the Penn State Harrisburg bookstore.

The terms of the Penn State Bookstore management contract with Barnes & Noble were released to the public on June 24, 1993 according to the Sept. 8, issue of The Weekly Collegian.

"We allow ourselves a 25 percent margin on all hard back books," the PSH bookstore manager said. "The bookstore purchases most hard back books at 75 percent of the selling price."

The University received \$3 million from Barnes & Noble that will be allocated to:

There is no mark-up on paper back books sold at the Penn State Harrisburg Bookstore, according to the manager.

- Establish a \$1.25 million Commonwealth Campus scholarship fund; establish a \$125,000 scholarship fund at Penn State Erie; contribute \$700,000 to the Campaign for the Library at University Park; contribute \$700,000 to the HUB/Robeson expansion project; contribute \$100,000 to the construction of bike paths at University Park.

The University recently signed a contract with Barnes & Noble, Inc. of New York to manage the Penn State University Bookstore System.

All statistics were taken from the Sept. 8, 1993 issue of The Weekly Collegian.

"We are not professional retailers," said Mothersbaugh.

Parking Fee to Affect All in Spring: Including PSH Tennis Fans

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Starting next semester, there are no more free rides. If you drive to campus, you will have to pay anywhere from \$20 to \$40 a semester.

faculty will pay \$120 a year.

For those visiting the campus for short periods of time, there will be parking meters in front of buildings. The cost to park at a meter will be \$.50 per hour.

It's called the Fee Based Vehicle Registration Program. In short, it sets parking fees for all Penn State Harrisburg students, faculty and employees.

"All of the money from the program will be used on campus in a conservative budget," said James South, Associate Provost for Administrative Operations. "It's part of the long-term College Strategic Plan which will, in essence, convert the campus into an academic mall with the Olmstead Building in the middle."

The amount each person has to pay will vary. Students will pay a different amount than faculty and university employees.

In general, students with 12 or more credits will have to pay \$40 per semester while those with less than 12 credits or those who live in dorms will pay \$20 per semester. Full-time university employees and

"An important allowance the program makes is that students who wish to car pool will only be charged one fee for vehicle registration," said Business Services Manager, Sandra Jackson.

be destroyed and converted into parking spaces.

Several other Penn State branch campuses, according to Dr. South, already have a Vehicle Registration Program in place.

Overall, Dr. South estimated the Vehicle Registration Program will collect more than \$900,000 a year.

The money PSH collects from the program will be used for new parking lots, sidewalks, roads and handicapped parking spaces.

Starting in January, everyone who drives a car to campus will have to pay a fee.

The tennis courts near the Education Activities Building will

Of course, if you don't have a lot of extra cash, driving isn't the only way to get to campus. In addition to car pooling, it may be cheaper to take the CAT bus which runs from Capital Campus to downtown Harrisburg every day.

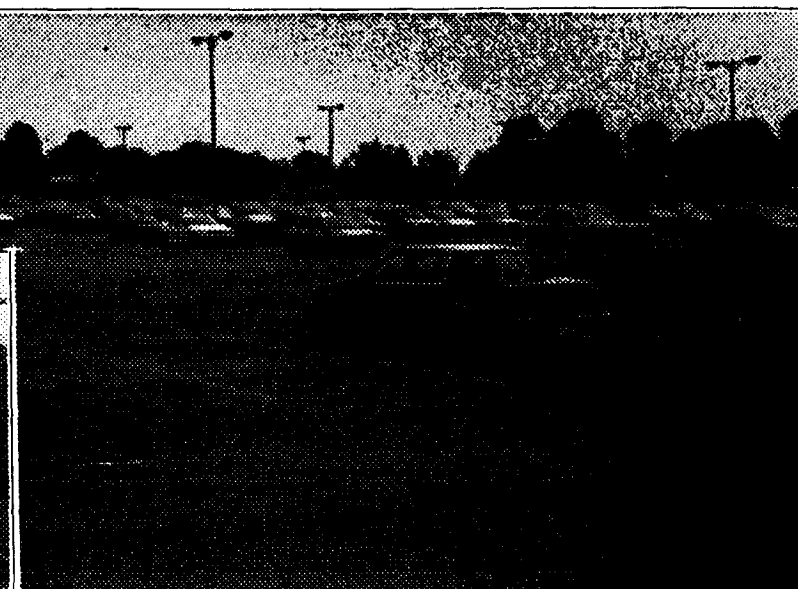


photo by Michael Starkey

Tennis Anyone -- Tennis courts will be removed next semester and replaced with additional parking.