

Master plan proposes monster changes

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Future construction of campus facilities was discussed by faculty and staff at an open meeting to revise the campus Physical Plant master plan, last semester.

The Physical Plant Master plan organizes the placement of future buildings on PSH. The last plan was approved in 1987, and a revised plan must be completed in time for review by the board of trustees this fall. If approved, the plan will allow for a performing arts center and academic buildings.

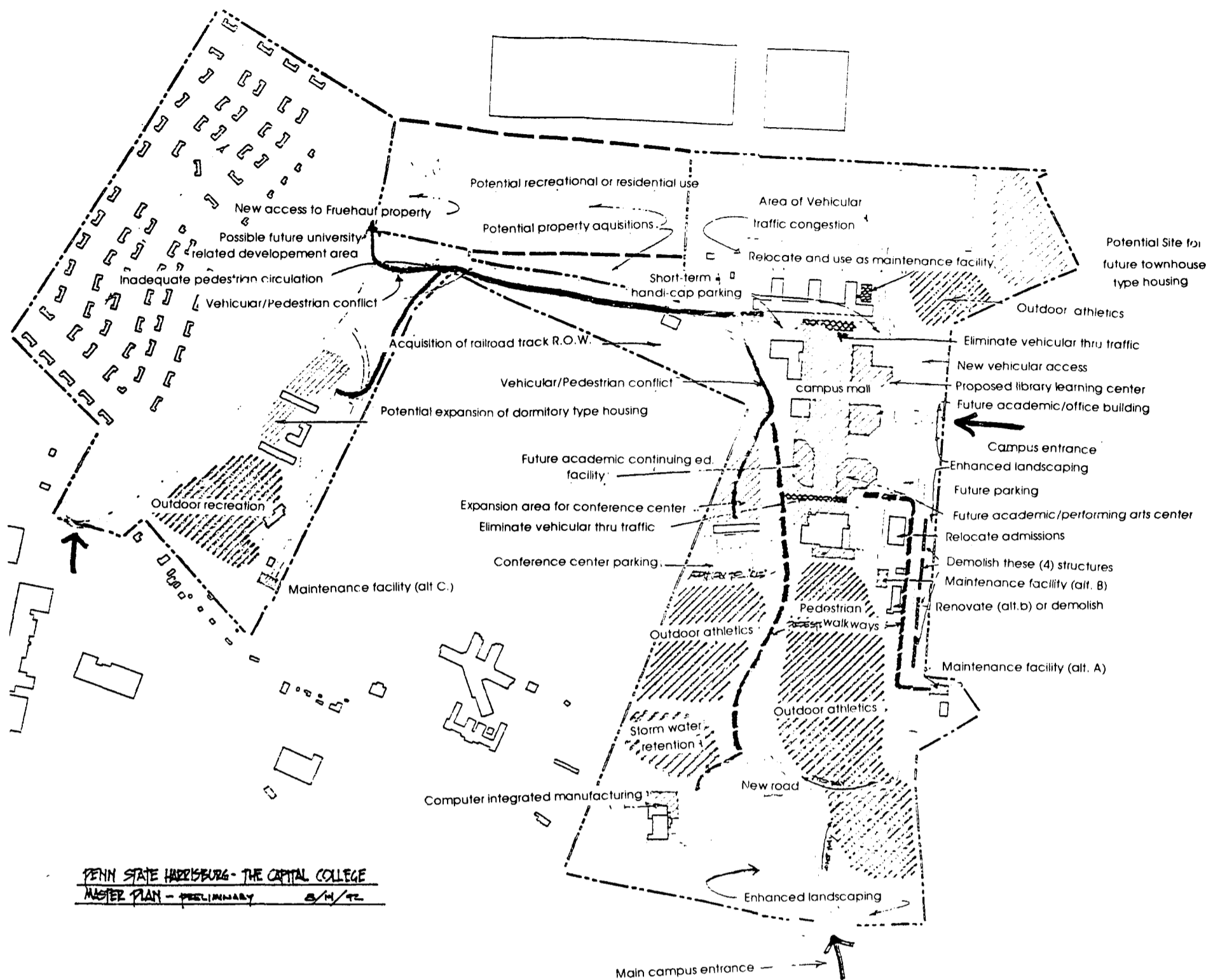
A central mall with the new library placed adjacent to the Olmsted Building on the southeast side are part of the proposals presented by Irving Hand, professor of public affairs and chairman of the task force, and David Zehngut, an architect in the campus planning office at University Park.

About 20 people attended the meeting, which was held on April 30 in the Student Center at the CUB, and the majority that attended approved of the library site.

"It'll be adjacent to the current center of learning," one faculty member said. "It minimizes the walking distance which will maximize its use."

Walking distances were a concern because the proposed parking areas will be on the perimeter of the mall. The lot in front of the CUB will be eliminated, as well as the traffic throughways in front of Olmsted and CUB if the plan is approved, while adding lots around the mall.

"People will have to get used to walking a little bit," Zehngut said. "Not every building will have parking adjacent to it." Other issues involved the use of existing buildings, whether some should be renovated or demolished, relocating admissions, and purchasing the railroad right-of-way and some or all of the Fruchauf property.



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Registration woes at PSH

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Long lines, closed classes and lots of signatures come to mind for many students when they think of Penn State Harrisburg's registration process.

"Required classes are closed because not enough sections are offered," said Kim Sudall, a senior Criminal Justice major. "Students

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then worry that they won't graduate in time."

Class availability is poor, according to some students. Those

interviewed say they worry that after waiting in long registration lines they will find their chosen classes closed.

"You have to go through too many channels to register," said an unidentified senior Communications student. She said that with many classes closed additional signatures are required to get in to a class.

"The only way to avoid the frustration of waiting in line to register is to offer new students the opportunity to advance register," said Registrar Millie Landis. "And we are working toward that end. But, that is also a two-way street. The programs that did offer advance registration this summer were disappointed in the low number of students who took advantage of the opportunity."

"We understand there are issues

between departments and registration that are being addressed," Landis said. "We are doing all we can to make it a smoother process. We go by orders from the department heads."

"Important classes are offered once a year, not once a semester," said an unidentified Psychology student. "Then, once they're filled, it's hard to get in."

"We try to give preference to students who meet all our requirements," said Dr. Mahar the head of the Humanities Division.

"That seems to be the only fair way to accommodate degree students."

"The Humanities division is trying to reduce the number of signatures required," Mahar said. "We are trying to reduce the number of trips by making the students and advisors aware of classes that are closed."



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Club Fest '93 --
Students gather in the Gallery Lounge to exam their extra-curricular options at PSH. Club Fest is held at the beginning of each semester.

PSH grad to speak on Defense systems

Lt. Gen Emmett Paige, Jr., the Assistant Secretary of Defense for

Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, will be honored as recipient of the 1993 Penn State Alumni Fellow

Award when he visits Penn State Harrisburg on September 21.

General Paige will address groups of faculty and students before closing out the day with the keynote address of the 1993-94 Lecture Series, "Community Within Diversity," at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge, Olmsted Building.

Upon retiring from the military in 1988, General Paige was Commander of the U.S. Army's

Information Systems Command, responsible for the world's largest information services organization. General Paige was awarded the

Distinguished Services Medal for his contributions to free world security, and the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Vietnam. He was also named Chief Information Officer of the Year in 1987 by Information Week Magazine.

Admission to the lecture is free to students, faculty, and the general public.

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