

Police Beat

Crime Statistics

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The Penn State Crime statistics have come out and were made available to the *Capital Times*. The full report, along with some policies and the Spring Semester escort service schedule appear on the back page.

The purpose of this article is to help readers make use of the raw data presented.

The report, prepared by Supervisor of Safety and Police Service Charles Aleksey, covers the time period of 1991-93.

The first item that needs explaining is the actual terminology of the report. For each year are listed the actual offense on-campus, the actual offense off-campus and the arrest data.

"Each actual means a each call. So we might have a few arrests made on each call, but it's listed as one offense," Aleksey said.

One example of this can be seen on Part II of the report, in which 32 arrests are listed for 24 recorded offenses of disorderly conduct.

Another question concerns the rape and assault last semester.

It has been reported in the *Capital Times* last semester that the assault was an attempted rape, yet the report has the assault listed not as an attempted rape but an assault.

"In order to report it as an attempted rape," Aleksey said, "he (the assailant) would have had to touch a private part of the body (the victim's). That would have established intent to rape."

Finally, the report seems to indicate that the crime rate on campus is beyond police services resources.

The total number of reported offenses increased from 85 on-campus and 2 off-campus in 1992 to 114 on-campus offenses.

For the most part, however, the bulk of these offenses are vandalism and attempted forced entry.

These are the hardest cases to investigate, Aleksey said.

"The only real chance you have to catch people in those cases is to have some see them do it," he said.

Thefts

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Police Services is still looking for the perpetrators responsible for a recent series of thefts of stereos from cars parking in campus parking lots.

While two individuals were caught, they were the individuals responsible.

In the past few weeks, there have been four stereos stolen from cars. Three of the cars were in the back lot behind Olmsted and the fourth was in the Dining Commons parking lot, Charles Aleksey, supervisor of safety and police services, said.

Two people were arrested, but they were not the ones responsible for the thefts, Aleksey said.

"Although, they have confessed to some thefts in Highspire," he said.

Since there were some similar thefts in Middletown, Police Services are working with Middletown police in this investigation.

In the meantime, Aleksey suggests that if anyone sees anyone suspicious, they should contact Police Services at 948-6232.

"And if you have a pull out stereo in your car, you might take the stereo out of your car and lock in the trunk, so its out of sight," Aleksey said.

Lounge, continued from page 1

"I am happy that the new Faculty/ Staff Lounge gives us a greater opportunity to present student work. The Lounge also gives faculty a chance to see another side of their students," Ross said.

She believes this is important because some students in her class come from majors other than Humanities.

The work will be on display in the Lounge until the end of February. Linda Ross is tentatively planning a student show of paintings for the month of March.

The transformation of the room, from storage space to lunchroom, was initiated by the Faculty Affairs Committee. The Committee had been petitioning for a place where faculty members could spend

informal time together and avoid overcrowding in the Lion's Den during lunch hour.

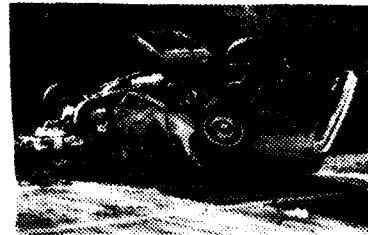
Once the Provost announced that funding for the project was available, the Committee met in order to construct a plan for the room's layout, decorations and furnishings.

At this point in the renovation process, Louise Hoffman, Associate Professor of Humanities and History, was chosen to work directly with James South, Associate Provost and Ed Dankanich, Head of Maintenance and Operations, as a designing consultant on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

"It was a fun project. Our own maintenance people did the work. They did a fine job," Hoffman said.

The only major setback for the project was the decision to neglect installing a sink because the room is in the bombproof section of the Olmsted building. Plumbing would have necessitated more time and money, so the idea of a sink went awry.

Hoffman plans to have warm spectrum lighting installed because there are no windows in the room. She has also decided to install railings on the walls for hanging heavier pieces of art in future displays.



Correction

Due to a layout error, and mislabeling in a by-line in the Nov. 15 issue, the impression was given that Anne-Marie Miller's column "Embrace the Lord!" was an article. In that same issue, Don Stoner was identified as an army veteran. Stoner served with the Marines. The *Capital Times* regrets both errors.

Why Stay?, continued from page 1

On improving the way of life on campus, some professors had some advice to give to Dr. Leventhal.

"My advice to her the first week she came here was to get to know your faculty," Swetz said, "get to know what their strengths are, get to know their needs."

"What we have instead is a wall that has been built between administration and faculty," Swetz said.

"I would like to see improvements in the library as it is now. Rather than an emphasis on the library of the future, I would like to see the library of the present upgraded. It needs a lot of work," Hedrick said.

"I would like to see students more motivated, less willing to see this place as another two years that they have to get through before they can get a job, and more willing to see it as an education," Hedrick said.

Many of the faculty remain optimistic as the year comes to a close. "I have seen this year as an exciting year," Plant said. "This is a good place to live."

"There is something in teaching itself," concludes Swetz, "in wanting to help the students."

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Tarnhelm editor, Paul Setlock, has been working with the *Kalliope* staff to set up an exchange system in which the two magazines submit work to one another.

"In matters of artistic expression, I believe it is important for us to work together on the university level. The exchange is a sign that the Penn State system is a united one," Setlock said.

Reactions from the University Park are positive.

"We are looking forward to an interesting and creative exchange," said Marne Neyhart, assistant editor for *The Kalliope*.

For now, the 1994 *Tarnhelm* is a dream being transformed into a reality by the hard working students who want to make this year's publication a success.

"They seriously need to improve the security," one faculty member, who wishes to remain anonymous, said.

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