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Police and safety services officers Dori Beard and Mathew Hathaway, and student patrol Mathew Fisher are shown with the three "vehicles" used for campus security

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electricity, and powered by a cord that can be plugged into a normal outlet. The other end of the electrical cord is plugged into an outlet where the gas tank would normally be.

The other ecologically friendly vehicle is a Cannondale mountain bike ridden by Officer M. Hathaway. Supenski said the bike patrol gives a chance to "integrate officers into the campus community."

The bike patrol allows an officer to physically be in the environment, is not con-

finned to roadways, and also allows for accessibility that a police car may not have. It also provides visibility and maneuverability between campus buildings.

PSPS would like to build mutual respect between the campus community and its department. In an effort to build a relationship with the campus community, a program on bike safety was held for the children of the Meade Heights Residential Area.

The bike runs on pedal power, therefore causing no harm to the environment. A pack is on the back

of the 21 gear bike to carry equipment. The bike is equipped with special headlights, but does not have a siren, horn, or bell.

The patrol can be run for most of the year, but once winter comes, it may be placed on the bike rack until the spring. The bike patrol is only used when Police Services has extra staffing.

With the addition of these two new services to the campus, Police Services is connecting with the environment, research, and most importantly safety services to the students.

Campus police investigate incident at SGA office

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Staff Reporter

On Thursday, October 17 Campus Police received a report regarding two male students fighting in the Student Government Association (SGA) office.

The two students, according to Frank Nieves at the SGA's open meeting of Oct. 22, were Tarik Griggs, SGA treasurer and Gordon Moon, president of Chi Gamma Iota (XGI).

During that regular meeting of SGA, Nieves said of the incident: "I don't

know what happened, but from what I understand no punches were thrown."

Liane Bankos, SGA vice president added that she believed the incident was provoked "because of an escalation of the budget situation" between Chi Gamma Iota and the SGA.

According to Nieves, Chi Gamma Iota received \$850 of the \$1300 they had requested after first-round of budget negotiations.

Director of Student Affairs, Donald Holtzman could not release any details

about the incident, but he had not received any requests for further action through judicial affairs.

Holtzman added that the goal of any investigation would be to determine if there were any violations of the university's codes of conduct.

Campus police chief Leonard J. Supenski declined comment in the interest of privacy until all parties could be contacted. Griggs and Moon could not be reached for comment.

CBC and PSH monitored by EPA as Superfund site

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Staff Reporter

Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) and surrounding areas are being monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Why? Because it is located on a Superfund Site.

"The site consists of 1000 acres of land, including the Harrisburg International Airport (HIA), the industrial area of the Capital Business Center (CBC), and PSH," said Nicholas DiNardo, the remedial project manager for the EPA region 3.

PSH students and faculty should not be concerned, though, because no soils are impacted by the contamination. The ground water is affected, but PSH is not permitted to sink wells on its property, according to DiNardo.

In 1985, Olmsted Airforce Base was declared a Superfund Site due to contamination. These contaminants have been identified as chlorinated volitic organic compounds. Through normal engine cleaning and metal cleaning operations, degreasers such as TCE and Perk seeped into the soil owned by the base. Other contaminants were found from auto and jet exhaust and runoff from asphalt.

Other inorganics, or metals, were also found during testing, but these are native to the Middletown area,

and were not due to base operations.

"When it was declared a Superfund Site, it was also placed on the National Priorities List," according to Ruth Bishop, and environmental chemist for the EPA. "The sites are able to use Superfund Trust money, which is a tax paid by companies with hazardous wastes to be removed." This trust fund provides sites with insufficient funds to discard of waste.

The CBC is not a risk area, due to the low level of soil contamination at the site. Industrial usage is O.K., because people are not living there, plus, no children would be exposed to the contaminants.

Through a Record of Decision, which is a legal document stating what action should be taken, three decisions have been made.

In 1987, ground water contamination was declared. In 1990, soil contamination was documented. Both levels were low, and scattered throughout the CBC area. No further action was taken to clean the area.

In September 1996, further testing was done, but found the same results.

Remediation of a site is site dependent. To bring the site back to pre-industrial conditions, it would cost an estimated \$170 Million.

DiNardo explained, "Since there is no negative

impact of the population or environment, the EPA and state of Pa. decided not to use the money for this, but for other sites."

The CBC is part of the Pa. Brown fields legislation, which uses state money. Dr. James D. South, associate provost for administration explained.

"This is the first major example of a Brown fields project. It will be a site of 1,000 jobs, proving success of the government and private sector," he said.

The Superfund Site includes PSH, because all of the Olmsted Airforce base property, by law, needed to be declared. The property includes Meade Heights and the dormitory land.

Lower Swatara Township manager, Ron Paul said that the township, where the site is located, was satisfied with EPA's testing and monitoring.

He said, "There was information initially [surrounding the declaration], and the township was aware of all testing."

The water supply for the township originally came from ground water, but now comes from stripping tanks located at HIA.

The PSH campus has done independent testing of the soils and ground water, and agrees with the EPA that there is no immediate danger to students or faculty.

Artists "work as a message" to be displayed in the Gallery Lounge

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Staff Reporter

Matthew Lawrence, whose work titled "The Revenge of the Blob", will be featured in the Gallery Lounge Nov. 4 to Dec. 21.

Lawrence's work is included in several international traveling exhibitions including: *Elvis + Marilyn: 2X Immortal* which will visit 11 museums in the United States before traveling to

Japan

The artist received his BFA degree from Brighton University in England, and his MFA in printmaking from Tyler School of Art, Temple University.

Combinations of cartoon icons intermingled with racial and sexual overtones is, according to the artist, his subject matter. The colored work is printed directly onto painted canvas.

His canvases are then pinned to the walls as opposed to framing, transforming the work from object of possession to work as a message.

Lawrence stated, "I often rely on the same images as we experience while watching television. . . . My work is a visual feast, candy coated and sickly sweet."

His reception is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 6.

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Matkowski, echoing the sentiments of Dr. Mazis who cited this diversity as one of the key features of the Program.

Mazis believes the faculty also enjoy the interaction with students and teachers from other disciplines and, as such, the professors are offered an active learning experience of their own.

The Honors Program Board consists of one professor from each of the divisions and a student representative.

Current Board members are: Mazis; Dr. Melvin Blumberg, Business; Dr. Robert Colman, Behavior Science; Dr. Toni Dupont-Morales, Public Affairs; Dr. Margaret Jaster, Humanities; and Dr. Andrew Lau, S.E.T. The student representative is chosen by the students and currently are not named.

The Board meets every two weeks to discuss curriculum issues, review Course of Study Plans and interview new student candidates.

While the students enrolled in the Honors Program cover the spectrum of ages ("From eighteen year olds to one grandmother," says the program director with a proud smile), majors and backgrounds, Mazis noted two absences on the list.

"Business students are missing," he reports. In addition Matkowski is the only male student in the program.

When asked if this solitary status bothered him, Matkowski stated, "I might be more comfortable if there were more men." But he did not feel this adversely affected his experience in the program.

Like all other eligible students, Matkowski received a brochure within his admissions packet and this sparked his interest. He recommends the program to anyone interested in furthering their education as the course provides practical knowledge applicable to everyday situations while encouraging more

involvement from the students.

Many students may be wary of the work load involved in the Honors Program but Mazis pointed out that the focus is more on oral presentations and participation than on exams. While students are required to provide a Course of Study Plan, the review is flexible and critiques are made on a case by case basis according to Mazis.

Students are also asked to turn in a thesis during their senior year. Preparation for this includes a design course offered to guide students through the thesis writing process. Mazis concedes that this may "take more work, but it is more rewarding."

While Mazis believes the enhanced educational experience should be reward enough, he did mention another "added bonus" for Honors Program students. Currently, they each receive a stipend of \$250 per semester which is funded by

University Park. This amount may fluctuate depending on funds and enrollment numbers.

Mazis added that students are required to demonstrate school and community service as part of the program and he feels this constitutes a reinvestment in the campus community.

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring semester during which time Rita Shell and Dr. Stephanie Field will be presenting a seminar entitled "Multidimensionality of Poverty."

The senior seminar to be offered next semester will be offered by Alison Hirsch - "Witchcraft in History, Society & Culture." Mazis believes that a trip to Salem, Ma is planned for this class.

According to program secretary, Nancy Hollis, enrollment is limited to 20 students in the Introductory Seminar and 15 in the Advanced Seminar so students should apply early. **See Honors pg. 6**

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