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Pro Basketball On Horizon For Capital College

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With football season just arriving, cheers will soon be heard across campus, but this fall, those cheers won't all be for the Nittany Lions. Attention sports fans, professional basketball is coming to Penn State Capital College.

On August 27th, Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed announced that the Harrisburg Horizon, a new Eastern Basketball Association team will call the campus home for its Saturday night home stands.

Dick Anzolut, organizer of the Lady Keystone Open and other major local sporting events sees this opportunity to "round out the array of sports in the Harrisburg area," adding that the "great facilities at Penn State Harrisburg" are the place to do it.

"We welcome the new enterprise to the region and look forward to providing the facility as part of our partnership with the mayor and the region," said Dr. James D. South II, Associate Provost for Administrative Operations at Capital College. South added that he hopes the team's

new endeavor will help bring more people from surrounding communities onto the campus.

The team line-up is already falling into place with the selection of former local star Frank "Beau" Gantz as coach and Steel-High standout Michael Fortney. Gantz, who is currently living in Pottstown and serving as an elementary school principal, says he looks forward to the opportunity to reach out to local children through the team.

"We can say a lot about children, but it's very important that we help them, with that it's imperative that you reach out and embrace us (the team) because it's what we need," said Gantz.

Fortney echoed Gantz's mission saying that over the last few years he has seen a real need for realistic, community based role models.

"We may fail," he said, but it will be our best attempt."

As part of their community outreach mission, 36 students will be chosen by teachers from schools throughout the region to attend each home game. In addition, tickets for

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Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed sees the new Harrisburg Horizon as the missing link in professional sports for the city and region. From left are Head Coach Frank "Beau" Gantz, Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed, General Manager Cynthia Anzolut, Team President, Dick Anzolut and Team Leader Charlie Fortney.

Many Changes Mark Summer On Campus

Merger, New Look and Library Ready Campus For Years To Come

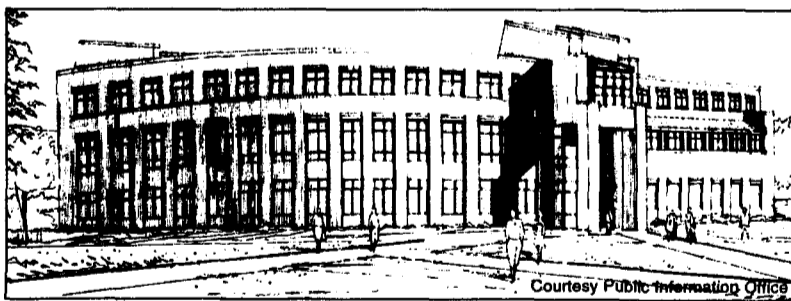
Over the next two years Penn State Harrisburg will undergo more changes than it has seen in over 20 years, including new student housing, a state-of-the-art library and a July 1 merger with the University's Schuylkill Campus.

Many of the changes have been on the drawing board for several years, but only recently got the final go-ahead from University President Graham Spanier. The state recently allocated \$200 million in long-awaited additional funding for the university system, \$40 million of which has been earmarked for construction projects throughout the university system. A significant percentage of those funds will be distributed to Capital College over a period of four years.

"The University will now be able to undertake a significant number of construction projects that will have a profound impact on the educational programs and quality of life at many Penn State campuses," said Spanier at a press conference in University Park on May 14.

Spanier adds that there is already \$360 million worth of approved projects on the drawing board.

Construction will begin as early as October 4th on an addition to the Science and Technology Building



Artist's rendering of what the new Heindel Library will look like.

on campus. The new wing, which will be funded solely by outside donations, will accommodate the environmental engineering program at the college. Dr. James D. South II, Associate Provost for Administrative Operations says the new facility will make Harrisburg campus a valuable part of the state's environmental engineering community, offering new, state-of-the-art technologies to Capital College students.

The most visible change to area residents will be the new campus library. Currently the 33,000 square-foot library is housed on the first floor of the Olmsted Building and a 19 year old temporary annex building hold 80 to 90 percent of the campus' collection. The new 3-story, 110,00 square foot library will be located at the center of the

Lower Swatara Township campus.

Capital College Heindel Library Director Dr. Harold Schill says the new library will be "a blending of the use of print and electronic sources," and a boon to high school students and high-level researchers alike.

The new facility, which will be the second largest library in the university system, will include seating for 735 persons, more than the national university library standard of 20 percent of a school's total student body. In addition, the new library will include computer work stations, allowing 92 percent of total seated users to power personal computers and dial into the Internet.

The library will also include an art gallery and what Schill calls an

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Police/Safety Services Takes New Director

The law has a new face on the Penn State Capital College, because effective June 1, Kevin J. Stoehr became the new director of Police and Safety Services.

Stoehr comes to the area from Mt. Lebanon, PA, a city slightly smaller than Harrisburg, with a police force of about 60 officers. There, Stoehr held the rank of Deputy Chief of Police, just one of the reasons he decided to take the position at Capital College.

"The timing was right, said Stoehr, adding that as a 20-year member of the department, he was eager to take a position making him first in command. Personally, he adds, with two daughters in middle school and a son entering high school, the time was right at home too.

Stoehr says that although he is still settling in to college life, he really doesn't expect it to be much different than community policing. "They have more in common than not," he says.

"Here (on campus) people want to be here and are here for a reason. Policing is policing," he says. In addition, he adds that unlike four-year campuses, "here you're not dealing with individuals who have their first chance to be away from

home. There is a certain level of maturity."

Stoehr says he has no specific plans for major changes to the way that the campus is overseen, but he does hope to generate a change in the way the police are viewed on campus. One of those changes is taking "a more proactive stance with the goal being to eliminate the opportunity and desire for a crime to occur." Stoehr plans to use foot patrols to help get police officers more involved with the campus community.

"We're fortunate here, it's a very safe campus, but it's not an island either," he says.

Because the campus is surrounded by several municipalities, Stoehr would like to see continued cooperation with other departments. He has already met with Highspire Police Chief, Timothy Roth and plans to meet with others in the weeks ahead. "Every department needs assistance some time," he said.



Kevin J. Stoehr