

Opinion/Editorial

New Look and Goals For Capital Times, Staff

Jeff Warren and I are happy to welcome you back to an exciting year. We were sad to say good-bye to those of our staff who left last year. We had a great team, and we all worked hard to make *The Capital Times* truly reflect the student voice.

For those of you who are new to the Capital College, we'd like you to know that *The Capital Times* not only reports on campus news and events, but offers a wonderful opportunity for you to become involved in campus life by working on the paper. *The Capital Times* welcomes and encourages staff membership by all majors, so that we can insure that a wide variety of viewpoints are represented in each issue.

Journalism students can enhance their resumes by establishing a portfolio of published articles. Business students can gain practical experience by working on the business of selling, advertising, marketing, distribution and billing for the paper. Each staff member is given the opportunity to tailor his or her degree of involvement on the paper.

Some people write one story per issue. Others submit articles periodically throughout the semester, or help with the typing or layout. As a staff member, you will have the opportunity to learn firsthand all aspects of the newspaper business.

The Capital Times has a number of changes planned for the 1997-98 academic year. First, as you've already noticed, we've changed from broadsheet to tabloid format. We hope that this change will make the paper easier to read and take along with you. We have also moved to an all-digital layout and design for the paper, increasing the sharpness of both our pictures and text.

The distribution of *The Capital Times* will be expanded to include the Downtown and Eastgate Centers. Although not physically located on the main Harrisburg campus, these centers are home to many Harrisburg area students, and we hope that by expanding our distribution, we will encourage participation by these students.

This year, we also welcome Christine Downs to *The Capital Times*. A business major transferring from Harrisburg Area Community College, Downs has agreed to assume the position of business manager. She hopes to recruit other business/marketing majors to help her run the "business" side of the paper.

Finally, *The Capital Times* will soon be available on the web. Our webmaster has already designed an informational page, and we hope to have the entire paper available through our web site by January.

As you can see, we've got a busy year ahead of us. We hope you'll join us. If you have any questions or comments, or if you'd like to submit a letter or article, please send it to our e-mail address at captimes@hotmail.com.

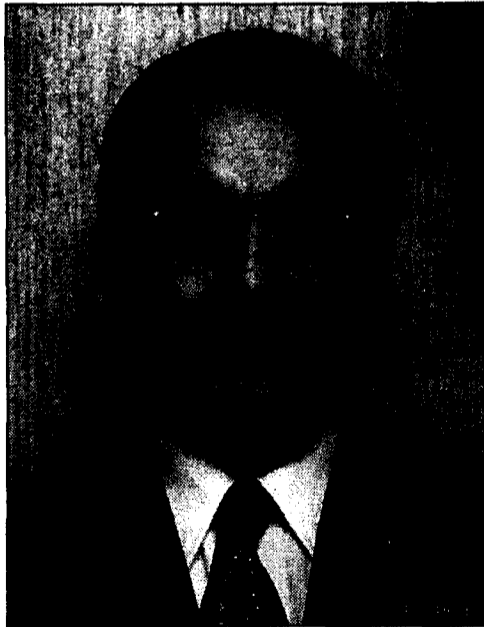
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Welcome Back From John G. Bruhn, Provost and Dean

Welcome to the 1997-1998 academic year! There was a big change that occurred on July 19, 1997. Penn State Schuylkill campus merged with Penn State Harrisburg. Together we make up a "new" Capital College, which is now a four-year baccalaureate and graduate degree-granting college. This offers us the opportunity to offer undergraduate and graduate courses at both locations.

Faculty, staff and administrators at both locations are here to help students to learn. Learning occurs best when the physical and social environments are comfortable, when resources such as library materials, instructional technology and equipment are as current as financially feasible, and the people students interact with care about them. We care whether you are learning; we care whether you are connected to student government and participate in college clubs and organizations; we care whether you are properly advised about degree programs and career opportunities; we care whether you need advice, counseling and support during difficult times; we care whether you are satisfied at our College. Why? Your success and satisfaction determine our reputation, our budget and our personal pride.

While no one can promise someone a problem-free ride through life or college, our



Provost and Dean, Dr. John G. Bruhn

being here is to help you achieve your educational goals. We do care about students because you are our most important product!

John G. Bruhn, Provost and Dean



Reader Forum

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Opinions need not be limited to campus issues or student opinions.

Foreign policy got you down? E-mail us and tell us what you think.

Signed "snail-mail" can be sent to the address below or send email to captimes@hotmail.com.

Be sure to provide a telephone number where you can be reached for editing purposes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Sincerely,
The Capital Times Staff**



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