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## A Crafty Affair

The weather cooperated once again for the second annual Community Arts and Crafts Fall Festival. The Festival ran from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. Police counts totaled between eight and nine thousand visitors to the Harrisburg campus, an increase of more than twelve percent over last year's turnout.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Olmsted Recreation Board, which sponsors children's and youth activities in Middletown, Royalton and Lower Swatara Township. The event was started last year in an effort to help the College become a more community-based school.

Along with approximately 150 vendors, several Capital College clubs participated in the Festival. Nursing students again provided free blood pressure screening, and School of Science, Engineering and Technology faculty and students were on hand at the Science and Tech building providing information on engineering programs and careers.

James Malm, special events coordinator for the Capital College, said, "We were honored by both community and College support for the event, and we feel that this event has continued to be successful because of this support."

Planning for next year's Festival has already begun, although the location is sketchy because of the possibility of the long awaited construction of the new library, Malm guarantees that the Festival will remain on campus.

Story by Deborah Sivia Mallek  
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Top, a vendor offers more personalized wares for the Penn State crowd. Above, a group of children from take a break from the fair with an icy treat.

## Getting to the Root of Campus Parking Fees

By Richard Deitz  
For the Capital Times

Have you ever wondered why you have to pay to register your vehicle here at the Capital Campus? If so, you are not alone.

"Why should they charge you anything? I think it should be included with tuition," says Chris Bush, communications

Jesse Gutierrez, communications, added that, "...we pay enough in tuition and parking should be included."

Dr. Jerry South, Assistant Provost is charged with the responsibility for the funds obtained from the vehicle registration here at Capital Campus.

"First, you must keep one thing in mind," said South, "Individuals are not just paying to park; they are paying to register their vehicle on campus." This allows campus police to identify which vehicles are

authorized to be on campus and which are not. South added that this is essential in providing security for the students, faculty, and staff.

Why not just include vehicle registration as part of tuition? South explained that "We the campus) were presented with an opportunity to obtain more federal funding..." South went on to explain that in order to obtain these funds, the campus' operating funds had to be reduced by 10%. A budget reduction study was begun in 1993 to decide how best to achieve this goal. According to South, this was an important matter because after a reduction in the budget is made, you can ask for replacement funds. However, the replacement funds must be used for something other than what was reduced.

*Part one in a two part series. In part two, Deitz will examine the use of semester parking fees.*

## PSH Students Attend Model UN.

By Matt Parido  
For The Capital Times

On November 20, students from Penn State Harrisburg will be attending the annual inter-collegiate Model United Nations conference held by the University of Pennsylvania.

Members of the International Affairs Association will be representing the country of Morocco while at the conference. The delegation is lead by Garry Hutchison (President of the International Affairs Association). The members of the delegation are Matt Parido, Tim Bradley, Barry Wenrich, Michele

Myers and Shelly Steger. "Intercollegiate Model United Nations conferences give students the opportunity to interact with other university students concerning world events and international affairs" Garry Hutchison stated. The conference runs from November 20th through the 23rd.

Penn State Harrisburg's International Affairs Association will be hosting its 26th annual Model United Nations conference for High School students from February 19th through February 21st 1998. The conference will held at the Capital Campus.

## Widoff, Staff, Keep Student Activities Office On Track

By Stephanie L. Kardoehly  
For The Capital Times

Lost something lately? You might find it at the Office of Student Activities (OSA). Headed by coordinator Janet Widoff the OSA handles everything from lost and found to helping student groups bring in guest speakers and ordering food trays for special events. The OSA facilitates the needs of student groups when organizing

group events.

Sitting at a table outside her office on the second floor of the Olmsted building Widoff explains, "The OSA is responsible for clubs and organizations on campus. We provide them with resources for successful programs."

When asked what she does in a typical day Widoff laughs saying, "There is no typical day. We are involved in many different things. We brainstorm ideas with students,

plan workshops, and host speakers or entertainers."

Widoff reflects that one of the most rewarding aspects of her job is watching as student plans become reality. "It's exciting to work with a groups: to write a grant to bring in an outside speaker and watch how students work through [the process], from forming the idea and strategizing, to hosting the person. It's great to see students greet a person they have

worked to bring to campus."

Widoff describes the OSA's mission saying, "We work with students to create experiences that complement their academic experience." In bringing speak speakers to campus, students have an opportunity to learn firsthand from leaders in many different fields. Speakers give students the opportunity to see these people informally and ask questions." says Widoff.

Assisting Widoff are two staff assistants, Nancy Leister and Lois Cochran.

Leister describes the office saying, "We answer a lot of questions. We work closely with clubs and the Student Government Association (SGA) with accounting work." Leister offers workshops in the spring and fall to familiarize new

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