

## PSH: What College Could Have Been

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kept his fingers in campus activities by remaining president of the Photo Club, and teaching classes whenever needed.

His emeritus rank, meaning he retains his office, phone number, mailbox, and fax number even after retirement, keeps him in touch with the campus.

He remembers times when the campus was much different and shakes his head in disbelief at how much better the campus could look today if only a few things went differently.

It was only a year and a half into his teaching service when Trunk decided to start a soccer team. The organization grew well and the Capital Campus played other branch campuses.

"The competition was great. The students really enjoyed playing the other campuses and it was something for students to do outside of class," Trunk said.

He did this until six years ago when the campus decided to drop its varsity sports program.

Bud Smitley, Recreation/Athletics Coordinator at Penn State Harrisburg, believes there were numerous reasons for the stoppage of varsity sports.

"Our budget was very limited. We were devoting 85 percent of the budget to 15 percent of the students. Penn State Harrisburg is not a typical college campus. The average age of undergraduates attending is 28 years old. Therefore, participation in varsity sports wasn't very high," Smitley said.

Smitley also stated that the money saved by dropping varsity sports went into fitness and aerobic areas in the Capital Union Building.

"The fitness programs were more appropriate for the students attending this campus. Participation in the CUB is much better now and I believe it was a good idea to drop the varsity sports program," he said.

Trunk really wanted a film-making club, but in 1972 the Photo Club needed a new president and he decided to take that job over. The club took off. There were approximately 10 to 20 members each semester.

Originally, the dark room was in what is now the third floor women's bathroom of the Olmsted Building. The third floor was rarely used and so the Photo Club chose to make it their

home.

From there, they were bumped to the Swatara Building, then to a building that stood across from the Swatara Building.

The maintenance department built a photo lab in the building just for the Photo Club.

"We loved that building. The lab was beautiful. We had a new boiler put in, new restrooms, new carpets, and fresh paint. It really did look like a new lab," Trunk commented.

According to Trunk, Dr. James D. South, provost, had the building torn down a few years ago due to "deterioration." Trunk argues to this day that he was wrong.

As a result, the Photo Club moved into the Olmsted Building and was forced to use the Humanities Department's equipment. All of the Photo Club's equipment is still locked up in storage and not being used.

"It's such a waste to leave all of that great equipment in storage. We are really praying for a new dark room," Trunk said.

When PSH officials decided to do work on the CUB, there were a few key decisions to be made. Ed Trunk was right in the middle of these decisions.

The options being considered were: swimming pool, martial arts center, racquetball courts, or a bowling alley.

Trunk agreed to drop the ideas of a martial arts center and a bowling alley but pleaded for the

construction of a swimming pool.

The racquetball courts went up but the swimming pool fell by the wayside. According to Trunk, officials thought it would force their plan over budget. After the operation was complete, they realized that the swimming pool would have, in fact, kept them under budget.

"A swimming pool would have really added a big attraction to this campus. It would've drawn more students here. The talk of a new swimming pool is that they are going to make it community-oriented, but I don't think that's fair. There just isn't enough time or thought devoted to the student body on this campus. Build the pool for them, not the community," stated Trunk.

Trunk also believes that the campus professors need to become closer to their students.

"Research takes faculty away from the students. They're the ones that matter, devote that time to them," Trunk said.

He truly believes that teachers today aren't encouraged enough to advise. "Unless advising is a motive for their future, there's no reason for them to do it," Trunk said.

Sometimes the best way to get a glimpse of a college campus' history is to see it through the eyes of a professor who spent his life with his finger on the pulse of it.

## Smoking Debate Continues

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Stoehr agreed that when it is a nice day smoking is not usually a problem. People will move away from the doors. Stoehr also stated, "At this point I don't think there are really any plans to do anything different as far as another area being built for smokers."

Various suggestions were discussed including the possibility of more ventilation in the entranceway, perhaps with the use of fans to compromise between smokers and non-smokers. Most people who smoke in front of the Olmsted Building are upset over the no-smoking policy because it is the only place that has a covering over it.

SGA President Roderick Lee said, "I talked to a lot of the smokers in front of the Olmsted Building and they suggested that

the space by the mailboxes be partitioned off or lined off in order for them to smoke there."

Stoehr replied, "I think the thought was to just eliminate smoking from that whole area all together. What would be better, I suppose, would be to have someone study that. If we were willing to make an accommodation, we would have to look into these things. When the no-smoking policy took effect, if it was raining, people would smoke in the rain, or they wouldn't smoke at all."

Dr. Wayne Lammie, Associate Provost for Administration and Executive Officer for the Schuylkill campus, confirmed that no enforcement of the smoking policy has been put in place.

He said, "If students and SGA are concerned about the issue, we will definitely look into it."

## CAMPUS POLICE REPORT

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### September 3, 1999

12:03 p.m. Criminal mischief. On August 19 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., unknown individual(s) are suspected of causing damage to a 1991 Acura Legend that was parked at the rear of the Olmsted Building. The damage was done to the driver's side door handle, bumper, and fender.

11:02 p.m. Traffic stop on University Avenue. A traffic citation was issued for a speed-related moving violation.

### September 7, 1999

9:00 a.m. Institutional vandalism at the Olmsted Building. A plastic box that housed school pamphlets was damaged.

11:40 a.m. Traffic stop on College Avenue. A citation was issued for a speed-related traffic violation.

12:08 p.m. Traffic stop on College Avenue. A citation was issued for a speed-related traffic violation.

10:08 p.m. Traffic stop on Penn State Way and College Avenue. A citation was issued for a stop sign violation.

### September 8, 1999

1:55 a.m. General assistance on Jones Street. Repossession of vehicle in Meade Heights.

6:13 p.m. Traffic stop on College Avenue. A traffic citation was issued for a speed-related moving violation.

6:16 p.m. Traffic stop at College Avenue and O Street. A traffic citation was issued for a speed-related moving violation.

9:17 p.m. Traffic stop at Penn State Way and College Avenue. A traffic citation was issued for a stop sign violation and a written warning was issued for an equipment violation.

### September 9, 1999

7:39 p.m. Traffic stop at Olmsted Drive and O Street. A written warning was issued for not having current registration card or a current insurance card.

7:41 p.m. Parking complaint at the soccer field. A report was filed that a vehicle was parked on the grass in the ball field. A warning was given and the vehicle was moved.

### September 11, 1999

2:15 p.m. Traffic stop on University Drive. A citation was issued for a speed-related moving violation.

### September 13, 1999

5:03 p.m. Suspicious person in the Swatara parking lot. A request was made to check a white male that was drinking from a bottle in a bag.

5:29 p.m. Community relations. Participated in an interview conducted by PSP Liquor Control regarding PSH alcohol/drinking on campus policies.

7:41 p.m. Motorist assistance. A jumpstart was provided for a vehicle at the Olmsted Building parking lot.

### September 14, 1999

12 noon. Motorist assistance on Nelson Drive. A jumpstart was provided for a vehicle.

12:30 p.m. Campus community relations. Chief Stoehr attended the Student Government Association meeting to discuss various safety issues.

2:30 p.m. Traffic stop on College Avenue. A citation was issued for a speed-related moving violation.

10:59 p.m. Motorist assistance in Upper parking lot. A jumpstart was provided for a vehicle.

### September 15, 1999

10:25 a.m. Motorist assistance in Swatara parking lot. Gained entry for student who locked their keys in their car.

10:49 p.m. Fire call on Kirtland Avenue. Leaves on tree set on fire due to arcing of wires. Lower Swatara Fire Department and M & O staff responded to the scene. M & O turned off the power and made necessary repairs to the power lines.