

Meeting the People in Your Neighborhood: Officer Ryan Morris

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It's 5:57 p.m. Traffic on the interstate was a pleasure, as always. You turn onto College Avenue and for once, there are no tractor trailers lumbering along in front of you.

"Three minutes to class? No problem," you think, and so you floor it.

You cannot believe your luck. "I thought I would be late, again, but waaahoo, the road is clear!" you gleefully cackle. With one last great song playing on the radio before a zillion commer-

cials hit the hour, you cruise along, and don't even notice a "presence" behind you.

"Hmmm, I don't remember a siren at this part of the song," you think, and when you look into your rear-view mirror, lights are flashing.

"Is there an emergency on campus? Hopefully, my professor isn't hurt. I would just hate to miss class," you compassionately think.

Pulling over to get out of the way, you are surprised when the security guy pulls right behind you. "What could he want?" you

may wonder.

He is Officer Ryan Morris, and what he wants is to award you with a citation for speeding.

Somehow you never noticed those 25 mph speed limit signs. "So much for three minutes," you mumble. You've just struck out on your slide into homeplate.

If you read the Police Report published in every *Capital Times* issue, most citations issued on campus are for speeding violations.

"It depends on how many miles over the speed limit you were," says Morris.

The fines and points are determined by PennDOT and are, on the average, \$140 and up, plus three points."

The Campus Police Department is located in the Swatara Building, and, as common for many business complexes, the idea may be out there that the officers here are merely "rent-a-cops," only serving as PSH's watchdogs over missing parking sticker hangtags.

"It's a misconception that exists that we're just security here on campus. We are police officers," says Morris. "We do

enforce laws but we also do a lot of helpful things like unlock car doors when someone's locked their keys in, or sometimes someone needs a ride."

Morris also has EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training, skills that have been put to the test.

Recently, he received the Red Cross Lifesaving Award. "I got to the scene of a call four or five minutes before the paramedics and did CPR on a woman in Steelton," he says.

He enjoys his career, saying "helping people brings a good feeling."

Morris is from Clifton, N.J., but he came to Pennsylvania when he attended Mercyhurst College in Erie.

He graduated in 1991 with a degree in criminal justice and forensic anthropology. From there he went to work for the Millersburg Police Department.

He moved to Hershey, and began working full-time at PSH a year ago. "I like the area. It is a nice environment in a learning setting," he says.

He also works for the Steelton Police Department part-time. Campus police also help area police departments, like Middletown and Lower Swatara.

When he is not on duty, he enjoys action-filled leisure time activities. "I like to scuba dive and ski, especially in Colorado and upstate New York," he says.

Helpful guy that he is, you probably would rather meet him socially, after work, as he frequently does with friends from campus, than from the window of your car.

A few minutes saved can cost you a lot. Slow down.

Student Activity Allocations

A committee made up primarily of students and co-chaired by the Student Government President and the Director of Student Affairs met recently to respond to proposals for spending the Penn State Harrisburg Student Activity Fee. In October, the committee reviewed 45 proposals seeking \$161,711 in spending.

The available funds from the 1999-2000 Activity Fee are projected to be just in excess of \$121,000. Below is the list of the most recent allocations on the Student Activity Fee. The next call for proposals will be early in the spring semester with a submittal deadline of Jan. 21, 2000. Specific questions about any of the programming may be directed to the contact person noted on the listing or to any member of the allocation committee.

Metamorphosis Theatre Group	1,500.00	-- -George Young
Fitness Trail to be constructed on campus	1,500.00	-- -Bud Smitley
Sending PSH champions to ACUI Region 4 Rec Tournaments	1,505.00	-- -Bud Smitley
Women and Violence Program Series	280.00	-- -Carol Nechemias
Student Trips to Central PA Highlights	1,900.00	-- -Donna Howard
Ted Ellis, Speaker	2,000.00	-- -Patricia Taylor
Fall Music & Craft Festival	3,000.00	-- -James Malm
A Different Kind of Voice	3,000.00	-- -Holly Jackson
ACUI Region 4 Conference	500.00	-- -Bud Smitley
Family Song	1,400.00	-- -Dorothy King
Earth Day Celebration	2,000.00	-- -James Malm
International/National Dignitaries	3,500.00	-- -Winston Richards
Library Opening Polaroids	1,000.00	-- -Nick Ackerman
Tuskegee Airmen	700.00	-- -Robert Scott
Lady Day at Emmerson's Bar & Grill	685.00	-- -Janet Widoff
Clothesline Project	150.00	-- -Angela Keene
International Speaker Series Program	15,000.00	-- -Robert Surrige
Upgrade of WPSH to FM Radiating Cable System	10,000.00	-- -Brad Moist
Mary Daly, Speaker	6,000.00	-- -Christopher Fegley
Great Blacks in Wax Museum	0.00	-- -Natashia Woods
ASPA 2000 Conference	8,200.00	-- -Janet Widorf
Patrice Gaines, Speaker	3,145.00	-- -Carol Nechemias
Name That Tune, Blizzard of Bucks	3,000.00	-- -Deanna Klinger
AGC Conference	2,000.00	-- -George Frank
Leadership-in-Residence	500.00	-- -Clemie Gilpin
Howard University Homecoming	600.00	-- -Natashia Woods
Dees Follow-up Forum	1,600.00	-- -Alex Ramos
Community Psych Program Series	200.00	-- -Frank Divonzo
Disability Awareness Month	1,300.00	-- -Donna Howard
Night of Bowling	200.00	-- -William Weaver
Cap Times	16,000.00	-- -SGA-Michelle Myers
Tarnhelm	5,000.00	-- -SGA-Michelle Myers
TOTAL	97,365.00	

Jennifer Allshouse New Campus Officer

Jennifer Allshouse was recently hired for the vacant position of Police Services Officer with Penn State Harrisburg.

In 1990, she graduated from the IUPa. Police Academy Training Course (Act 120).

Prior to accepting the position with the department, Allshouse served eight years with the Penn College of Technology Police Department in Williamsport and left there with the rank of sergeant.