

New Library Opens

Radio Station WPSH Is Wired and Ready to Go

By Matthew McKeown
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The efforts of WPSH's staff have finally paid off.

The campus radio station is wired and broadcasting on a regular basis for the first time in years.

WPSH staffers Brad Moist, Brad Grissinger, and Assistant Coordinator Jesse Gutierrez, are ready to take on the challenge of providing a variety of entertainment and public affairs programming to the Penn State Harrisburg listening audience.

"We're going to pick a day when we're going to be live and on that day we're going to have music and campus news," said station manager Brad Moist.

That day is scheduled to be Wednesday, and according to Moist, WPSH will broadcast live from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Included in the mix of live shows will be interviews with campus clubs and organizations as well as faculty and staff members.

Jesse Gutierrez, a fall 1999 communications graduate who has returned to work at the station part-time through the

Student Activities office, said the station wants to start out with a small amount of programming so he, Moist, and Grissinger don't overwhelm themselves.

Being overwhelmed with too much to do hasn't been a problem for the trio since joining WPSH in the fall of 1998.

At that time, the station wasn't even on the air. That's because, according to Gutierrez, "Nothing worked. There was no signal or anything."

Equipment had been purchased by the station to convert the station's signal from broadcasting on AM to FM prior to Gutierrez, Moist and Grissinger joining it.

That was in 1996 and most of the equipment that was obtained through a grant provided to the station from student affairs was in boxes and not hooked up.

The staff wasn't told the equipment to get WPSH up and

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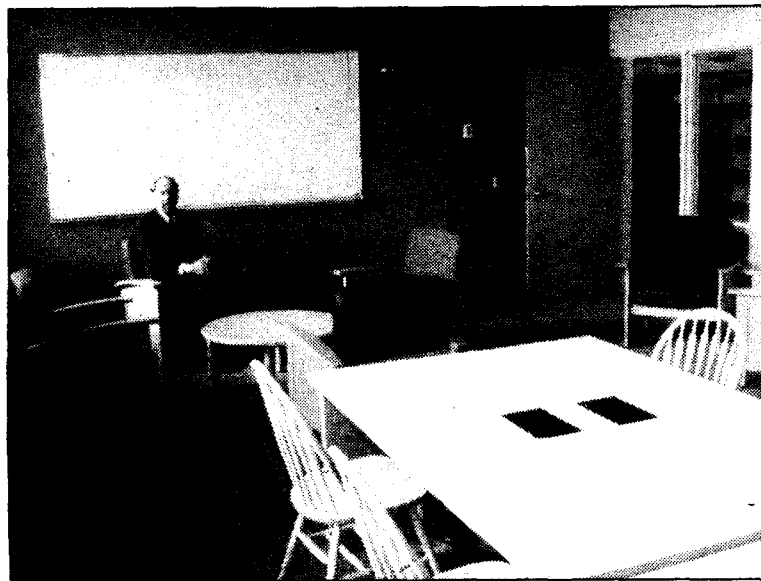


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Dr. Harold B. Shill, Director of the Capital College Libraries, takes a break in the faculty lounge on the second floor of the new library.

The Man Behind the Library Move

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Dr. Harold B. Shill, the director of libraries at the Capital College, had a vision to create a "library of the future."

And that vision has finally become a reality as Penn State Harrisburg's new \$17.33 million library opened its doors on Jan. 10.

Shill, 55, cites the building of the library as the main reason he accepted the position of head of the Division of Library and Information Services in 1991.

"I was ready for a new challenge," Shill explained. "I saw the opportunity to do a state-of-the-art library for the 21st century."

Since the 1997 merger of Penn State Harrisburg and Penn State Schuylkill, Shill has been the Director of Capital College Libraries for both campuses.

He admits that he has spent most of that tenure here. "I have not been able to go there [Penn State Schuylkill] as often as I'd like to due to the library project."

Shill said, he has worked an

average of 80 to 90 hours a week to meet the demands of the construction of the new library.

But working hard is not new for Shill. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North

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Books were crated up and trucked over to the new library over Christmas break.

The Dream Becomes a Reality

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The Library of the Future is now the Library of the Present.

Bright lights, spacious work areas, squeaky-clean shelves and magnificent windows greet visitors. Lights shining through those windows peer around the CUB at night, changing the nighttime campus skyline.

The collective campus reaction is, "Wow!" Other than elation, the reaction of the team who made it happen is, "Whew!"

Lt. Col. Chuck Breslin, a PSH graduate student in Public Administration, as well as a graduate student of the Army War College, summed it up during his opening day visit to the new library.

"It's first class," Breslin reports.

This first class library is the result of more than two decades of effort by a long list of people. Many of the students crossing the threshold on opening day were not alive during the library's conception.

Many of the originators of the dream are gone. The supervisors from the moving company Meyer, Inc. and the temporary help who physically carried the books were involved for only a short time.

Gloria Clouser watched the dream evolve during her 25 years as circulation staff assistant.

Professor Irving Hand, A.I.C.P., Professor of State and Regional Planning Emeritus sat on the original task force that got the ball moving.

Library Director Dr. Harold

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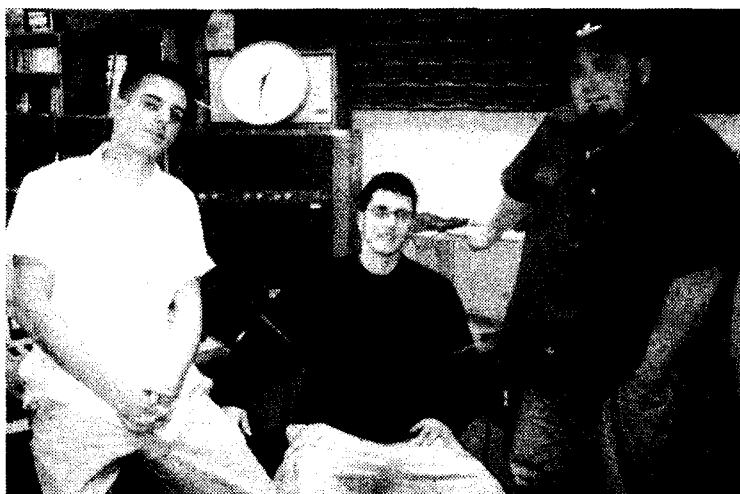


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WPSH staff members (left to right) Brad Grissinger, Brad Moist and Jesse Gutierrez.