

Campus Question & Answer

We have a radio station?

**Yes,
we do have a radio station. It
broadcasts at 88.9 FM.
However . . .**

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I am sure this thought has passed through the minds of numerous students on this campus when the topic of WPSH comes up. I figured that I would clear this up for the students of Penn State Harrisburg. Yes, we do have a radio station. It broadcasts at 88.9 FM. However, the only locations where the station can be heard are the Olmsted building and the Capital Union building.

I spoke with Donald Holtzman, the senior director of student affairs and enrollment services, and questioned him about the station and its lack of broadcasting area. WPSH is not an FCC identified and regulated station.

Therefore, the station can only have a limited broadcast area. For a station to be FCC-regulated, they must employ a full-time engineer and a full-time program director. Currently, Penn State Harrisburg does not feel it would be cost effective to pay these salaries due to the lack of interest in the radio station.

For approximately the past two years, WPSH has been broadcasting through an FM-radiating system that allows listeners to pick up the station on the FM band although distance is restricted. The FM radiating system uses transmitters located

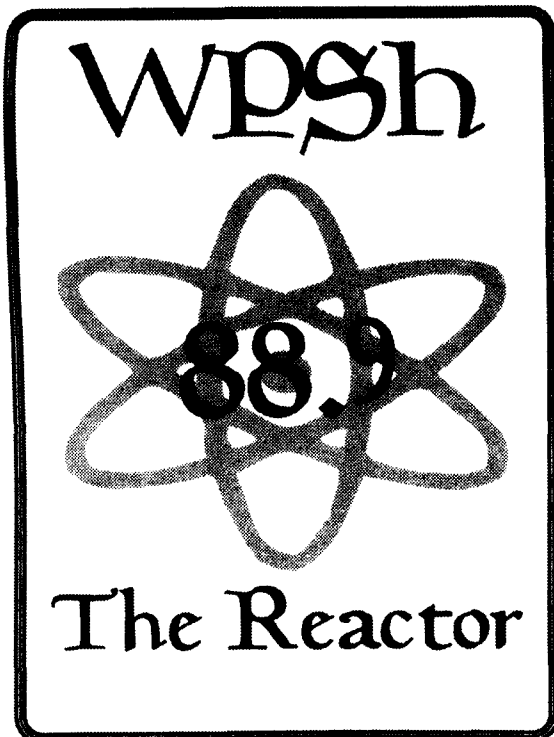
in the CUB and the Olmsted building to broadcast the station. The station cannot be heard in the Meade Heights residences because the only way to get the station out there would be to run it through cable television, which would require students

to buy special *splitters*. PSH believes that most students would not be willing to buy these splitters so they do not even bother to carry the signal to Meade Heights.

With the help of Station Manager Jesse Gutierrez, Dr. Holtzman hopes to increase student interest in the station.

Within the next year, WPSH will be relocated to the newly renovated east wing of the first floor of the Olmsted building.

This area will be home to a food court, SGA offices, *The Capital Times* office, the Student Activities office and WPSH. The new station will have a glass booth so students can actually see the DJ while he or she is on the air. This new presence will hopefully spark some interest in the student body. The new student housing being constructed will be equipped so students can listen to WPSH on their radios, no cable needed.



PSH hosts Math Counts Competition

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On Saturday, Feb. 3, the CUB at Penn State Harrisburg was once again home to the Math Counts Competition. This competition involved 200 seventh and eighth graders from all over the area.

Winners of the competition received a partial scholarship to Penn State Main Campus, but the organization is trying to get the scholarship to apply at Penn State's branch campuses as well.

Math Counts is a nationwide program aimed at achieving excellence in math through competition and coaching. Schools start training students for the competition in the fall, which is then followed by an in-school qualifying test. The next phase is the regional test, which is the portion that was conducted recently at PSH.

The Harrisburg chapter of the

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers coordinates this program. The organization receives materials and supplies from local volunteers and sponsors. Math faculty and other volunteers grade the event. Many thanks go to Dr. Richards, who was once again a very active participant in this year's event.

Mechanicsburg Middle School defeated nine other attending schools and advanced to the state level. The top four students from Pennsylvania will also compete in Washington, D.C. for national honors. The top four individual winners in the area were Joe Gershenson, David Renshaw, Paul Blascovich and Jeffrey Renshaw.

Congratulations to all the winners in this competition and best of luck to them at the state competition.

Keynote speaker urges unity

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Following their charge by the leaders, the more than 130 student delegates began addressing the issues brought to their assigned committee. Delegates receive country and committee assignments prior to the annual gathering.

Manheim Central High School student Mary Auker represented China on the Security Council. The research she undertook before coming to PSH prompted her to propose that peacekeeping troops be sent to the troubled region of Sierra Leone.

Auker followed her older sister's lead in choosing to attend the Model United Nations. She plans to work toward becoming an actual U.N. ambassador.

Other committees tackled disarmament, humanitarianism and political issues. Briefings throughout Friday included updates on international drug trafficking by Lt. Col. Steve Pelley and Lt. Col. John Peabody of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle. Pelley and Peabody presented a no-nonsense overview of the real world of illegal drug sales.

Daniel Hyder, PSH student and International Affairs Association member, chaired the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee. Several of the 56

delegates assigned to his committee arrived with working papers, which Hyder called the "raw materials for a resolution."

Hyder said the delegates aim to "go into the final General Assembly with a resolution." The process of preparing a resolution for acceptance by the individual committee and, ideally, the General Assembly, requires well-honed negotiation and coalition building skills. "It's about problem solving," Hyder said.

The elaborate procedures required for successfully bringing a resolution to acceptance is moderated by the chair and rapporteur assigned to each committee.

Some of the delegates knew the procedures well, Hyder said. Hyder thinks the committee process gives the students an opportunity to "develop articulation on issues and interpersonal skills."

After two days of debating, resolving and voting, the final General Assembly closed the 29th annual Model United Nations.

The organizers cleaned up while the delegates gathered their papers and headed toward the door.

Hyder feels one key to the success of this type of event is careful preparation.

"You can't prepare too much," he said. "The event depends on a staff who are highly motivated."