

**December 13, 2002**

9:00 a.m. Criminal Mischief. Report of vehicle being broken into/vandalized. Nothing missing.

December 14, 2002

2:00 a.m. Suspicious incident. Received cell voicemail from anonymous male who stated that a student from Hong Kong was staying with him and student was involved in accident. Unable to locate.

December 15, 2002

3:25 a.m. Noise complaint. Received four different calls within three minutes about a loud party at apartment in 1000 Olmsted Drive. Verbal warning given/Party shutdown.

December 17, 2002

7:35 a.m. Noise complaint: complaint of radio noise heard from first floor apt in >3000 building. PSO notified Residence life regarding noise policy for >finals week. Residence life to visit room.

December 18, 2002

3:47 p.m. Fraud/Theft of Services. Former student reported that after terminating cable service at his on campus residence another individual activated cable using his information. Investigation continuing.

December 22, 2002

4:58 p.m. Traffic stop. Verbal warning issue to student driving around village.

December 25, 2002

3:30 p.m. Health/Safety. Verbal warning given to people sledding.

January 6, 2003

12:30 a.m. Suspicious vehicle. Observed three people sitting in vehicle. Student and friends just finished sledding.

9:42 a.m. Theft. Staff reported theft of 5 128MB memory SIMMs from computers in room W305.

January 7, 2003

12:02 p.m. Noise complaint. Report of car alarm sounding. Unable to locate.

3:56 p.m. Suspicious incident. Staff reported receiving Nigerian scam via fax.

January 9, 2003

2:52 p.m. Suspicious activity. Report of large trucks in Meade Heights. Company moving furniture out of houses- housing authorized.

January 10, 2003

8:00 a.m. Suspicious incident. M & O reported unknown persons may have been in apartments without permission over the past 2-3 months. No damage or forced entry.

4:40 p.m. Suspicious call. Referred possible mentally disturbed caller to West Manchester PD.

9:31 p.m. Suspicious vehicle. Vehicle pulled into heat plant parking lot. Operator driving under suspension.

January 11, 2003

10:26 p.m. Health and Safety. CA advised PSO about dead bird. M & O removed bird.



Almost everyone looks upon the New Year and contemplates, "What am I going to do better this year?" From the Capital Times' view point, the answer might be to retain readers' interests from week to week with an enticing, entertaining column.

Other college papers have taken the MTV road to entertainment by discussing sexual, cultural, and other controversial topics. With that in mind, I wanted to institute a free thinking forum for all readers and students with controversial ideas which have no ear to listen.

The concept is simple yet sophisticated in its purpose; to provide a forum for controversial subject material while exercising the reader's reasoning capabilities on a bi-weekly basis on a variety of divisive issues. Every issue of the *Capital Times* will contain a new topic for readers to interpret and collect their thoughts. It's encouraged for the reader, at their discretion, to email an interpretation of the issue, agree, conflict or shed new light on the advocate's thoughts. All entries emailed will be carefully reviewed and many will be the substance of the subsequent bi-weekly column.

Here are a few rules that will enable the column order and civility:

All email entries must contain your PSU Id or name and major. Entries without proper identification will be reviewed but the Capital Times will not publish unclaimed material in the column.

Racial and ethnic profiling is highly unsought and will not be considered publishable material.

Submissions can not reference previous column material greater than or equal to a month; only material from the last issue of the Capital Times.

*The Devil's Advocate reserves the right to add rules as deemed necessary to maintain a highly educational and controversial forum.

To those who are excited by conflict and reason this will be a playground and I'm looking forward to all submissions.

This week's issue from the advocate:

Penn State Tuition is justified and if not low, compared to other State Schools. Today's world is a world based around technology and leaders in the industry are those who have been amerced by it while being educated at college. Let's not limit technological gains in the MIS, Computer Science, and Information Technology fields but yet recognize the use of technology innovations in Education, Engineering and Humanity domains.

In the constant effort to keep up with technology, Penn State has adjusted its tuition accordingly and modestly, while providing students throughout all degrees with the tools necessary to become industry leaders. Technology is only one aspect that justifies a tuition increase but we rarely hear about salaries associated with a superior teaching staff in respective fields. Should we not also reward and encourage our teachers to expand their expertise?

These are not the feelings of Penn State but are contradictory thoughts of The Devil's Advocate. If you feel threatened by a tuition increase or just plain alienated please email and submit your own feelings to captimes@psu.edu

"In the constant effort to keep up with technology, Penn State has adjusted its tuition accordingly and modestly, while providing students throughout all degrees with the tools necessary to become industry leaders." A 13.5 percent tuition increase is a lot of things, but modest? Please! I understand that technology is an essential tool for advancement in today's world, but we are still college students who count every dollar. If tuition continues to rise as much as it did this past year, fewer students might enroll and therefore the whole idea is not cost-effective in the long run. The goal should be to gain more students, not chase them away. Until money starts growing on trees, a tuition increase is only going to have adverse side effects and many angry people. Sxe160

"Penn State tuition is too low compared to other state schools'? What hole have you been living in the past couple years?"

"Let's take Penn State Harrisburg's tuition for example. The current tuition rate for a full time student per semester is \$4004.00. For upper division students tack on another 200 dollars and for out of state students double that. Where is all of the tuition money going?"

"Penn State Harrisburg just recently added on-campus housing and a library in 2000. Each is väery nice and was a worthy addition to the campus. I wouldn't be complaining about the tuition being too high if PSUH put more money back into the campus itself. For one, there is one main classroom building for most of the students, can't they consider building more advanced classroom buildings on campus (there is more than enough room). Also, there are no inter-collegiate athletic teams to participate in, yet there is a soccer field, baseball field and a basketball court in the CUB. While we're talking about the CUB, has anyone seen the weight room lately? It's like traveling back in time to the 1970's with all the equipment in there. Let's put this high tuition to good use or just lower it people! If you look at other state schools around the country, you will find that they are much lower than Penn State's. PSU already has the highest tuition rate out of all the Big Ten schools (www.post-gazette.com/regionstate/20010717pennstate0717p2.asp). Other schools also have much lower tuition rates. Take for example the University of Texas at Austin (www.utexas.edu). Their 2002-2003 tuition for in state students is \$5340.00 for the entire year. That's about 3000 dollars less than Penn State."

"There are reasons for the constant tuition hikes, such as cut funding from the state, but the fees are still outrageous and something needs to be done to improve upon them, or the money needs reinvested back into the campus to benefit the students." Jason