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CUB, a break for students

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The Capital Union Building, otherwise known as the CUB, is home to the many ways a student can fend off the pounds from eating Stacks Market food. However, that is not everything the mystery building holds inside.

On the first floor, upon entrance (and showing Penn State identification), immediately the fitness center is seen. The fitness center is home to treadmills, exercise bikes, stair climbers, and free weights. The gymnasium is also located on the first floor and is the perfect size for basketball, indoor soccer, and more recently, dodgeball.

Go down the hallway to the right and racquetball rooms appear (be sure to wear the right shoes), men's and women's locker rooms, and a stairway to access the second floor. Come back to start and go down the hallway to the left. The recreation and athletics offices come into view, the place to find Bud Smitley and others who can assist with questions. Keep going down the hall, trust is key here, and eventually look to the left. A little hole of a room, a gaming room, does exist with darts, air hockey, and foosball. Didn't know that was there, eh?

Back to start. Time to go upstairs. Another long hallway comes to view immediately on the right.

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Commencement of the future

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Another school year officially came to an end on Saturday as over 500 students graduated with bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

Family, friends and other loved ones cheered from the stands as each graduate's name was announced and they crossed the stage at Giant Center in Hershey.

According to Penn State Capital College Provost and Dean Dr. Madlyn Hanes, who spoke at the ceremony, the college has come a long way since it graduated its first class of only 11 students. Today, the Capital College has awarded over 560,000 degrees to its graduates.

"It's great to see all your friends walk across the stage with you... and your family and friends there to support you," said Melanie Wagner, 22, who graduated with a bachelor of humanities in communications.

The ceremony's keynote speaker was William F. Christ, former executive vice president and chief operations officer at Hershey Foods Corporation. He is also a graduate of Penn State Harrisburg, having earned a master's of business administration from the college. Christ spoke about the importance and value of an education. "In the pursuit of objectives, there are many obstacles that will require your education," he said.

He also addressed the

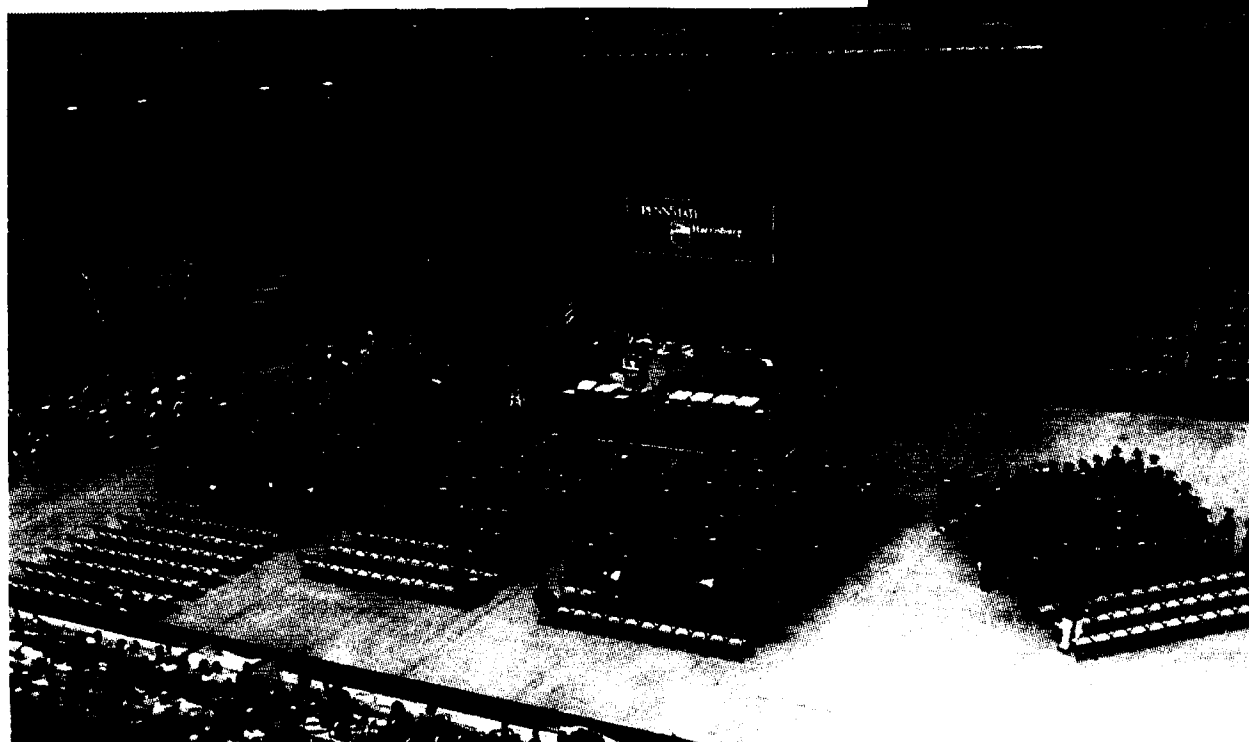
leadership roles that many of the graduates will assume in the future. According to Christ, the qualities needed to make a leader include responsibility, judgment, persistence, virtue, willingness to take risks, vision and commitment. In other words, he said, "Walk the talk."

Christ has been a leader himself for many years. During his 32-year career at the Hershey Foods Corporation, he held a variety of positions, including budget director, manager of corporate

at Penn State Harrisburg.

During the ceremony, 2004-2005 Student Government Association President Rodney Horton presented Penn State Harrisburg with the senior class gift. The senior class voted and decided to give the school a lion shrine that will incorporate a fountain.

Among the other speakers at the ceremony was Christopher Barrett, president of the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society and 1984 graduate. "Always



The Penn State Harrisburg graduates rise on Saturday as they prepare to receive their degrees.

financial analysis and budgets, and director of corporate development.

In addition, he has taught classes in the business program

follow your dreams. Your dreams will stretch with you for the rest of your life," he said. After speaking, he announced that each graduate would receive a free one-year

membership to the Penn State University alumni association. According to Dean Hanes, the ceremony followed the style of the first English university in the Middle Ages, over 1,000

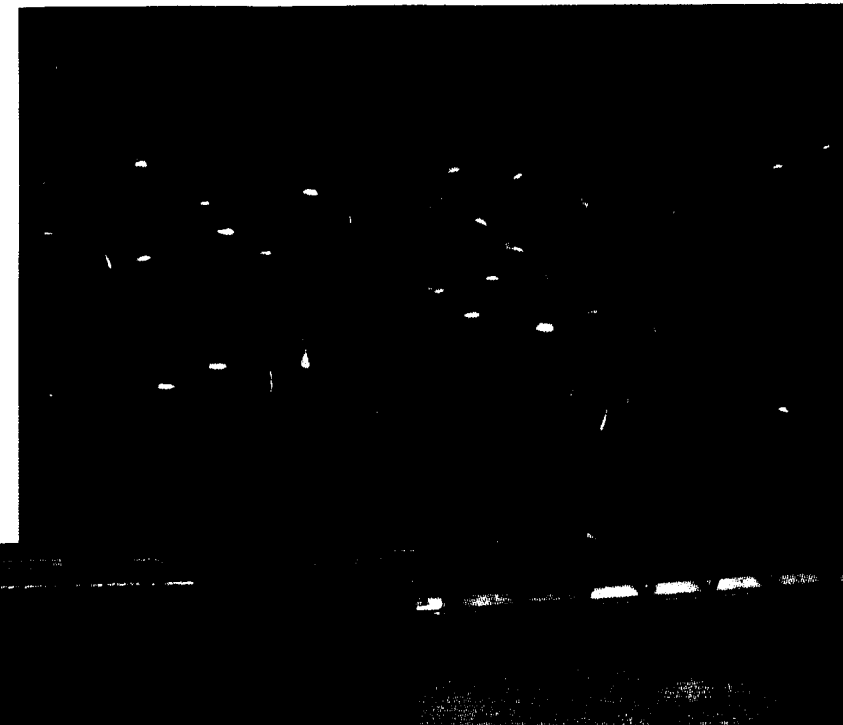


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Students looked up into the stands for their family and friends before the ceremony began.

years ago. Notes included in the ceremony's program explained that the robes worn by graduates and faculty have their roots in medieval times. Educational institutions at that time were traditionally run by monks, so students wore monastic robes. In 1754, when King George I began King's College, the robes first appeared in the United States. Finally, in 1895, a commission of educators standardized the robes for commencement.

As the ceremony ended, Dean Hanes left the graduates with one last message. "Let this day mark the beginning of a lifelong commitment to education."

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Swatara building holds wealth of services

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Within reasonable walking distance of every building on campus, including the dorms, The Swatara Building is a place students will frequent throughout their time at PSH.

The Swatara Building, which is open from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is rich with resources. Within the Swatara Building are many offices that provide essential student services. Some of the services found in the Swatara Building are Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, the Bursar's office, the PSH Police, and the Registrar.

The Swatara Building's main entrance, which is wheelchair accessible, faces Olmsted Drive, although there are many entrances to the building. Upon coming into the main entrance, one will notice on the left a very busy woman talking on a phone headset, all while typing away at the computer and directing student and faculty traffic to appropriate destinations. This multi-tasking staff assistant is Rose Long.

Long, 65, is an essential part of the Swatara Building. She has a vast resource of knowledge concerning anything a student could possibly ask and can dispense it to anyone at a moments notice. If one makes a call to the Swatara Building at 948-6250, it will most likely be her who will be fielding and directing the call to the appropriate service

location.

Straight down the hall from the expedient knowledge dispensed by Long is the Bursar's office. The Bursar's is where a student will go to take care of many monetary transactions having to do with PSH. The Bursar's Office can be reached directly at 948-6009. Staff Assistant Luann Sellard will likely be on the other end of the call.

Sellard, 40, handles most of the transactions in the Bursar's Office and is eager to assist students with any concerns. According to Sellard, all monetary transaction at PSH goes through the Bursar at some point or another, including the financial issues of the many clubs on campus as well as faculty transactions. "Ultimately, we OK all expenditures with any departments on campus," said Sellard. "We also field any budgeting concerns."

The most common use for the Bursar's Office is to pay tuition, although students can now independently utilize E-lion to pay tuition, as well as use it for other various tasks, which takes the burden off of Bursar staff assistants like Sellard.

Across from the Bursar's Office is PSH Police Services. PSH students are privileged to have their very own police force on campus to serve and protect them.

Beside the Police Services door are flyers and publications meant to educate students on many topics such as alcohol responsibility, responding to an attack, rape defense, and quitting

smoking. There is also an activity log on display. Students may investigate it at any time in order to view all of the police activity on campus.

According to Officer Jennifer Allshouse, Police Services do have jurisdiction over the entire PSH campus and have also been known to assist neighboring police departments.

Allshouse, who has been a police officer for 14 years, almost six of which are here at PSH, said that campus police offer many services to PSH students. One very common request that Police Services are more than happy to oblige is to provide escorts from campus buildings to an individual's car.

Many times they are responding to fire alarms, are asked to unlock vehicles for those who have left their keys inside, and unlock classrooms for other absent-minded students who may have left a book inside. Allshouse said there are also a lot of lost and found reports among faculty and students alike. These services are a testament to the fact that our campus police are here to do more than just break up parties and tell students to turn down their music.

To be a police officer at PSH, one must hold a Bachelor's Degree. The degree can be in any area, but many of the officers hold degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Our campus police are also not complacent in their training. They are required to go through rigorous annual refresher training

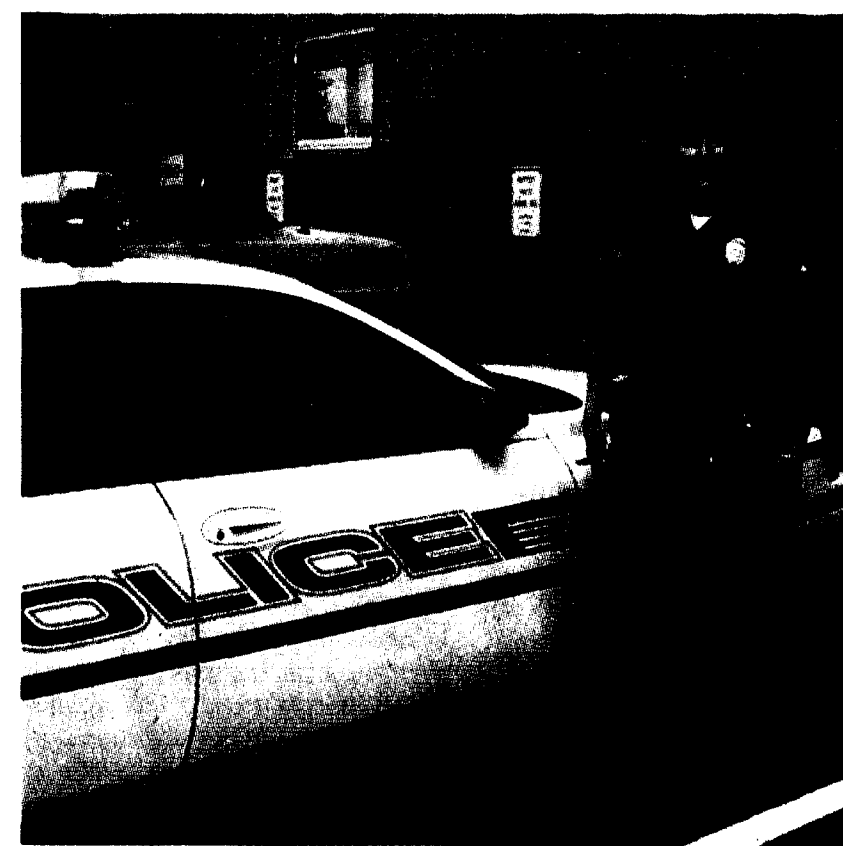


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Officer Jennifer Allshouse is one of the many police officers who protect and patrol the campus of Penn State Harrisburg.

the staff has dubbed "updates." The updates can cover many topics, such as traffic law and vehicle code and crimes code updates. If there are changes to any laws, it is during this training that our officers are educated on such changes and trained appropriately. On another day of the updates, officers might be trained in areas such as officer safety.

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