

# PAST: A look back in time

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had its first graduating class, marking a change in stature of the campus with which this school found its individual meaning, its soul, and became an entity unto itself. No longer were we a poor relationship of main campus, for we had won the right to award the Bachelor's degree. It was the first such Penn State degree not awarded at University Park."

XGI's first blood drive was also covered, as well as the first ever "Rites of Spring," a week-long spring festival that current SGA President Michael Edwards plans on bringing back this semester.

The SGA update earned a place on the front page of every issue in 1972, while the chess puzzle of the edition would run alongside ads for XGI's Kegger Party and discounts on records in local record shops.

The newspaper saw problems with student apathy in 1973, hosting events such as a Charlie Chan film festival and screening it to 10 people. The C.C. Reader began having a recipe every issue. The paper was also there when the campus closed due to the accident at Three Mile Island, when tuition rose (again), and when XGI was still allowed to sponsor their keggers.

When John Lennon was murdered in 1980, a "dedication" was written in the paper, alongside a letter complaining about all the noise from the constant construction above the library.

In 1985, after the name changes to *The Capital Times* (and using

the spelling "capital" as opposed to "capitol"), advertisements for sports writers were prominent, proving that no matter what the decade, the paper has trouble finding staff.

When the United States went to war in the Persian Gulf, *The Capital Times* covered it, as well as when it ended. When Vartan donated \$2.7 million to the campus in 1991, he earned his place in newspaper history and also explained to future students why the Vartan Plaza is so named.

It was there through the rise in tuition (again!), the Rose Bowl of 1995, and the removal of intercollegiate sports at Penn State Harrisburg.

Spring of 2000 saw the inauguration of the new library. Spring of 2004 saw SGA featured in the news prominently, as it once did before, with the heated election of Edwards. Fall 2005 continued that story with the news of his impeachment. The bookstore was questioned as to why its prices were so high, and the Middletown parking tax was highly debated. Fall 2005 also featured another monster issue; accessibility for students with disabilities, or actually, the lack thereof.

As *The Capital Times* heads into its 70th year of publication, one can only wonder what stories it will feature on its front page. One thing is certain, whether it is happening the world over or on any corner of this campus, you will read about it in *The Capital Times*.

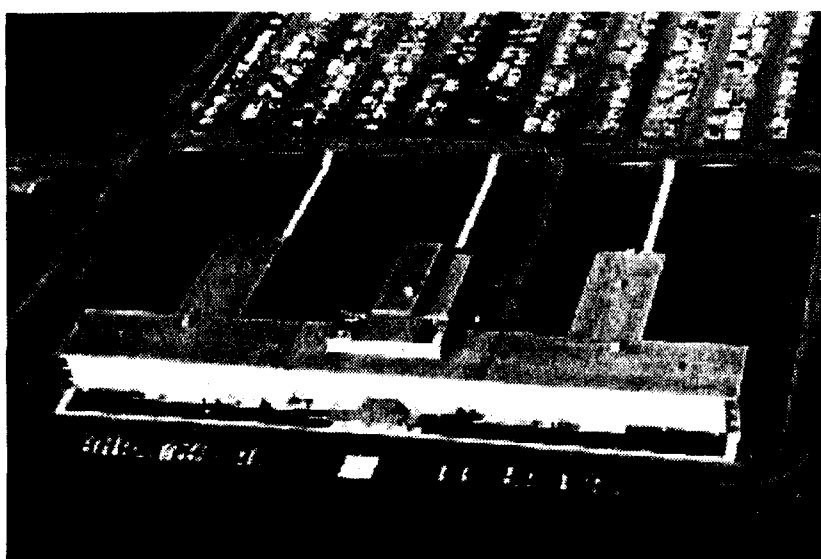


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The Olmsted building as it appeared in 1969 just a few years after the Olmsted Airforce Base was converted into what we now know as the Capital Campus.

# Police Services brings in new officers

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In the Nov. 28 issue, the student body was finally introduced to some of the most important people who work on our campus, the staff of the Police Services Department. Since that time, three new staff members have joined their team.

There are now six full-time officers working at this campus. There are also between four and six part-time officers on staff as well. Chief of Police Kevin J. Stoehr oversees the department.

According to our universities website, these officers are responsible for "the enforcement of all traffic laws (motor vehicle code), Commonwealth criminal codes, and upholding University policies and regulations."

Officer Bill Gelgot recently returned to Penn State Harrisburg after transferring to Penn State Schuylkill where he held the position of Police Supervisor. Gelgot returned to Penn State Harrisburg when the same position became available here.

Before working for Penn State, Gelgot worked for the State Youth Detention Center in Dauphin County as a counselor and juvenile probations officer.

When asked about what he likes about working for a University as a cop as opposed to elsewhere Gelgot commented, "I like the collegiate environment. It's different than a municipal department."

The only thing he doesn't like? "I live in Lebanon and have to drive an hour every day," Gelgot said.

Gelgot is a Penn State Alumni who graduated from Penn State Harrisburg with an undergraduate degree in accounting. He also earned a graduate degree in Health Education with concentrations

in chemical addictions and drug and alcohol counseling.

Recently, Gelgot has been working on a graduate certificate in Public Sector Human Resource Management, which will possibly lead him towards achieving a PhD.

Gelgot said he would like to finish his doctorate, "but I don't want to overlook my family." He intends on waiting to finish his doctoral degree when his children are older.

Gelgot and his wife have three young children, one 11-year-old boy, and two girls, ages six and seven. His favorite thing to do with his family is go on vacation.

Gelgot not only works here at Penn State but also works some weekends for the Pine Grove Burrow Police Department as a patrolman. Besides both of his jobs, Gelgot also works with the Health Education program as well as Campus Housing by giving lectures and presentations on Drug and Alcohol education.

Officer Jeff Cope is another new employee of the Police Services Department. Before coming to Penn State Harrisburg, Cope worked for the Lower Swatara Township Police

Department until his retirement on Jan. 2 with ten years of service.

Cope is also a Penn State Alumni. He received his undergraduate degree from Penn State Harrisburg in Public Administration in 1973.

Cope enjoys being a police officer because he finds the job rewarding and likes helping others. He doesn't like "when people don't know you, they assume the worst because of the uniform," Cope said.

Outside of work, Cope enjoys the outdoors and pursues activities such as hiking and camping with his family.

He and his wife have one son, a senior at Middletown High School who will be attending Penn State Harrisburg next fall. His son will be pursuing a Criminal Justice degree, and may some day become a law enforcement officer.

Having his son following his footsteps is a "good feeling," claimed Cope.

Officer Arlon Schools is the third new full-time employee to join the Police Services team. Schools is not currently working at Penn State Harrisburg. He will begin patrolling

the Harrisburg campus when he leaves Penn State Schuylkill later this month.

Officer Schools began his 15 year Penn State career working at Hershey Medical Center as a security guard.

In 1997, he accepted a position as a Police Services Officer at the Harrisburg campus before transferring to Schuylkill. In Oct. of last year he decided to come back to Penn State Harrisburg.

Schools graduated from the Reading Police Academy in 1994. He also earned an Associates Degree in Police Administration and has many other training certificates in law enforcement.

He worked part-time as both a patrol officer and a criminal investigator at Cleona Borough Police Department from 1994 until 1998.

Currently, Schools works as a part-time Patrol Officer at Orwigsburg Borrow Police Department.

To reach University police in a non-emergency situation, dial 948-6232.



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Police Services is located in the Swatara Building. The officers are on campus patrolling 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are here to ensure student safety and campus security.



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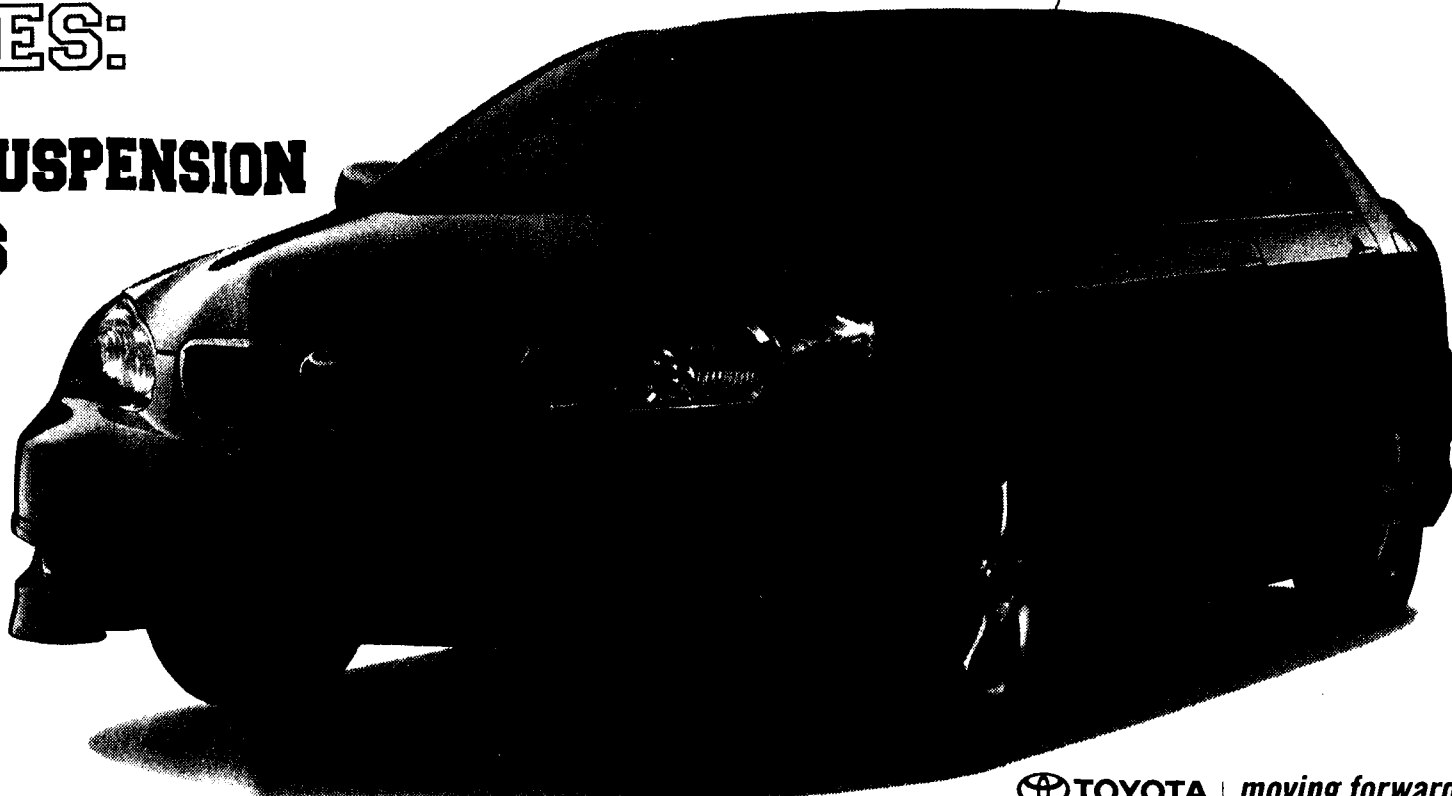
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