

Editor's Comments...



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Hello everyone! How are you doing? Hopefully well. I'm going to skip the formalities of asking you about your summer, how are your classes, how expensive are your textbooks, and just get right into it.

First of all, I am completely excited to be writing these comments to you. I have been with the staff of The Capital Times since fall 2004, where I started as a copy editor, became an assistant editor, and have now become the editor of this newspaper. I have seen it take two different layouts, today I bring you the third in my time. I will take comments or complaints about it because I truly appreciate feedback.

While I'm still on the subject, this newspaper is here to serve you. We want to make sure that your voice is being heard, so feel free to stop by, drop an e-mail, mail a letter, or call the office with any story ideas, comments, complaints,

whatever you feel you need to say. Obviously I cannot change the food options in the cafeteria, so please be reasonable with your requests, but whatever we can bring to light, we will. In fact, you can Facebook me your suggestions as well.

So what's in store for The Capital Times this semester? Let's start with the brand spanking new section, Club News. Club News will feature all the activities that student organizations hold in one convenient location. So now, you don't have to run all around the paper to find out how many pints of blood were given at the XGI blood drive, how many people attended the Lion Ambassadors' Boobies Ball, or what the Student Government Association has been doing for you. Just flip straight to 6 and 7 for all the news you need to know.

Speaking of the section, student organizations, this is a huge benefit for you. Make us aware of what you are up to and we'll cover it and get you in. Think of it as free publicity for your club because people will read your stories and want to join your club after seeing what you do. You are however, still able to advertise the ol' fashioned way. Which brings me to introducing the newest addition to the staff.

Mr. Matthew Carroll comes on board as the new business/advertising manager. It has been an entire year since we had someone taking care of our books and keeping track of advertising. He's always around the office and he and his team of assistants are always

willing to sell you space. Student organizations get a discount, so be sure to check that out. You can harass him in all the ways that you can harass the rest of the staff.

Look for more involvement from the newspaper in everything that goes on outside of our office. In the past, we tended to just put out a paper and pretty much let it at that. But that is something that is going to change. We are students as well, not just the moles in the corner. It's time we shed our vampiric ways and participate in the community. So look for staff members to be holding their eyes (the sun hurts them, you understand), but still be outside of the office.

Can you tell I am excited for a fantastic new year? Please approach Matthew Mahoney (Assistant Editor), Mr. Matthew (John) Carroll, or myself with anything you have to say, good or bad. (The Capital Times assumes no responsibility for the assistant editor's reactions to the potential bad.)

Our slogan used to be, "It's Your Voice. Use It." It's gotten a facelift to, "Got something to say? Scream it." Let us do the screaming for you. I wouldn't want you to be hoarse when you're cheering for State on Saturdays.

Have a great day.

Maruja Rosario

Okay people...



Photo by **KRISTEN POOLE**/Capital Times

Here we are, the start of a new semester. We have new and exciting faces, both as incoming freshmen and transfer students. We are seeing our old, familiar faces, some of whom will walk soon and some who are here for the long haul. And yet, not even three weeks into the fall, already we can assume that some people are just not good at following directions. The above is not a trash can. It is called a smoker's oasis, a place for smokers to place their cigarette butts after smoking so that they do not dirty the surrounding ground. To their credit, it looks like they are using it. However, the last time we checked, Gatorade bottles, SOLO cups, Zip-lock bags, and tampons (!) are not really a good choice for smoking to relieve stress. So please, put the trash where it belongs, in the trash can. Leave the oasis alone.

The Capital Times seeks to provide complete, correct information. Any necessary corrections, comments or critiques are wanted and welcome. Please stop by The Capital Times office (E-126), e-mail captimes@psu.edu, drop a suggestion in the box outside the office or call the office at 948-6440. Any corrections should be reported no later than a week after the paper is printed.

CORRECTIONS:
Being the first issue, The Capital Times has no corrections. Yay.

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Often students not only fail to notice the library but also try to avoid looking in its direction.

The traditional outlook on libraries is as a place to study, or do a little research, but never considered a site to unwind or even hang out. At the PSH library it might be a surprise to know of the many services and equipment it offers.

Let's start with their Multimedia section, located on the first floor. It stores 1,378 VHS movies, 400 DVDs, 200 CDs, and a large collection of books on tape. The best part of this collection is that each is FREE to checkout. Say good-bye to Blockbuster... and their rental fees.

The library also has portable DVD players, laptops, digital cameras, and video cameras. So students don't even need to leave the building to enjoy a movie.

The first floor also has the reference and new release sections and New York Bestsellers books. There is also an area where computers are stationed. Books ranging from

A-G are located on the second floor, which also includes the periodical section and more computers.

The periodicals section is full of major newspapers, magazines, and journals. They even have posts and journals that are dated back to

Lounge, which is in room 202B. On the third floor there are books H-Z and even more computers.

One of the best parts of PSH Library is the reserve rooms which are located on each floor. Students often reserve these rooms if they are working in a group, need a quiet place to study, need a break from noise or distractions.

In the foyer of the library is a Cyber café which is open 24 hours, seven days a week. It is an excellent place to surf the web and eat a snack. Additionally, there is the Morrison Gallery which is PSUH art gallery and special events room.

Fay Youngmark, PSH Library circulation supervisor, said the best reason why

students should come in the library is that "the staff is approachable for you to come and ask any question about the campus, and if we don't know the answer we will find someone who does."

So come check out the library. With a friendly staff, three floors of books, and great entertainment options there's no reason not to!

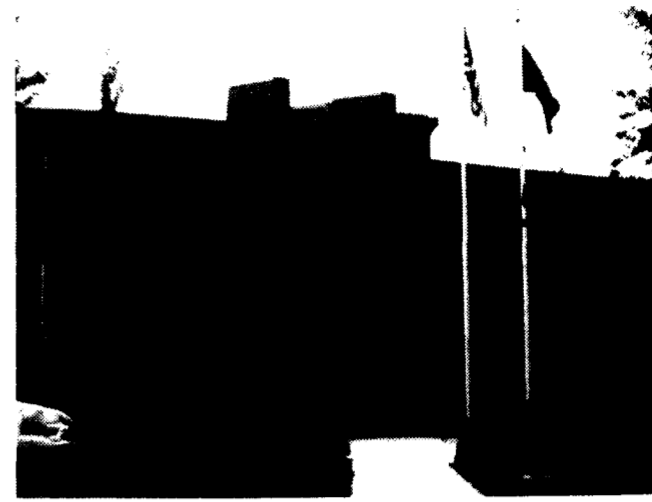


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The PSH library offers more than meets the eye, with 200 DVDs, student reserve rooms, and NY Times bestseller books.

POLICEREPORT

- 09/19/06: Suspicious vehicle: PSS observed a cargo van parked next to the north center exit of building. Person was making delivery for staples.
- 09/15/06: Escort service: Provided escort for chancellor to airport.
- 09/15/06: Escort service: Provided walking escort for staff member to vehicle.
- 09/15/06: Health and safety: Caller reported two persons standing in middle of roadway. PSO responded and spoke with two female students.
- 09/16/06: Fire alarm: Alarm activated by cooking. Alarm reset by resident life director.
- 09/17/06: Noise complaint: Report of loud crowd outside. PSO talked with several students eating. Unable to locate noise.
- 09/17/06: Disturbance: Report of white male ringing door bells. PSO checked area with negative results.
- 09/17/06: Disturbance: Report of white male of making excessive noise.
- 09/17/06: Underage drinking: Caller reported white male causing problems at building. PSO responded and cited Kelly M. Brenneman age 19 for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages.
- 09/12/06: Escort service: Provided escort for chancellor to airport.
- 09/12/06: Suspicious incident: Caller advised observing two individuals picking items up. Found person picking up weights/training for football
- 09/12/06: Health and safety: Staff member reported moisture problem in office
- 09/12/06: M&O complaint: Advised that first floor men's urinal was overflowing. M&O contacted.
- 09/12/06: Suspicious incident: Resident reported possible drug usage.
- 09/12/06: Request to locate: Parent concerned about son. PSO left message with roommate for caller's son to call home.
- 09/12/06: Noise complaint: Caller reported students making noise while playing football. PSO issued verbal warning.

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