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editor's comments

Welcome back, Penn State Harrisburg.

Let me begin my introducing myself – Hi. My name is Diana. I'm a sophomore and I'm the new Editor in Chief. I love a good challenge. But don't bother challenging my capability of being Editor. You'll lose.

Now that that's done, tell me about yourself. Really? Cool. Wow. Oh, OK. Huh.

What does an Editor in Chief do, you ask? I go to meetings and I hold meetings. Sometimes they're with my Executive Board. Sometimes they're with my staff of writers and photographers. Other times they're with campus administrators and the like.

I work with a publisher and I work with advertisers. I manage a budget large enough to pay my tuition bill. I assign and manage story and photo assignments. I edit articles, layout the paper and oversee the paper's development. I recruit, train, hire, promote, demote and fire staff. I set rules, deadlines and expectations. I work to make my staff the best writers and photographers they can be because that ultimately makes this the

best paper it can be.

I do all that and still get to class on time. Barely.

Here in The Capital Times office, hopes of hitting the ground running were a tad idealistic.

Leftover summer tasks were slowly completed in the first weeks of the school year. Organizing meetings with approximately 30 busy schedules proved more challenging than thought. Just days into the new school year, one of our primary computers crashed and died. Software and server problems are pending help. The student our lead story was to be about is missing in a land far, far away. Meanwhile, students wishing to join the newspaper seem to whisk in and out of the office, advertisers need to be contacted, and unread press releases continue to be e-mailed in rapid fire.

If these first few weeks are any indication of what lies ahead in the next 10 or so issues, it's a good thing I can deal with pressure and stay levelheaded when things go wrong.

Like my assistant editor (also last year's Editor in Chief) said, I'm "trying to bring this paper to a whole new level of professionalism."

I'll spare you my list of achievements, but I do

have high expectations from others as well as myself. If you think I'm working in The Capital Times office from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for my resume, you're two-thirds wrong.

Before graduating from high school, my assistant principal said he looked forward to seeing me be Editor someday. I told him I had no aspirations whatsoever to do so because I loved old-fashioned gumshoe reporting. He then said I would become Editor because that's the type of person I am: If I believe I can do something better, I will.

Then like any high school kid, I rolled my eyes when I left his office.

A year later, look who's wrong: not him.

I do believe I can help make this paper better and with the help of my amazing team of editors, writers and photographers, I will.

Well then, Penn State Harrisburg, that is me and this is our first issue for the 2008-2009 school year. It's a small step, but a step nonetheless in a new direction.

-Diana

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