

**FREE COFFEE**  
See coupon for free McDonald's McCafe coffee in  
CAMPUS LIFE, page 11.

**BURN AFTER READING**  
Read the review for George Clooney's and Brad Pitt's latest flick in ENTERTAINMENT, page 13.

**PENN STATE FOOTBALL**  
Check out the new section in SPORTS, page 16.

# The Capital Times

VOLUME 48 No. 3

THE STUDENT VOICE OF PENN STATE HARRISBURG

OCT. 8, 2008

## Adjunct professors add to education offered at PSH

By **JAMES SPEED**  
STAFF WRITER  
JKS5161@PSU.EDU

An adjunct professor is a part-time professor appointed for a specific purpose. Adjuncts are hired on a semester-by-semester basis and are paid per credit hour, where as full time professors are on contract and paid a salary.

Adjunct professors play a large role at PSH, especially with an increasing student population in the undergraduate program. In 2003, undergrad enrollment was 1,746 students; this semester there are over 2,400 undergraduate students. In these same years the number of adjunct professors has jumped from 90 to 122. Out of the 57 professors in the School of Humanities, 24 of them are adjuncts. Thirty-four percent of courses are taught by adjunct professors.

Who are adjunct professors and how do they contribute to your experience at PSH? There are basically two different types of adjuncts, those who are looking for part-time employment, and those who want to get a foot in the door of a teaching career.

Many adjunct professors are retired from the public school system and often are brought in for their knowledge in a specific area. Professor Deitz, who retired from the public school system with over 33 years, is now a music performance professor here at PSH. His experience in music performance helps bring a dimension to campus that would otherwise not exist.

If you had a question about Pennsylvania law, where would you go to find the answer? How about Judge Lewis, an adjunct professor who teaches

Please see **PROFESSORS** on page 4

## We are ... in Playboy

### PSH students react to October issue's Big Ten feature



Photo courtesy of **PLAYBOY**

Penn State student Sophia Adams poses in a Penn State themed bedroom for Playboy magazine's "Girls of the Big 10" pictorial.

By **JENNA DENOYELLES**  
STAFF WRITER  
JHD5035@PSU.EDU

Playboy photographers tackled 11 Midwestern Conference schools last Fall and auditioned hundreds of women for the magazine's annual tribute to the country's sexiest student bodies.

The October issue features 48 women from the Big Ten schools, including six from Penn State. The issue hit newsstands last month, and Sept. 12 digitally on Playboy's Web site. The 10 pages feature nude pictures of the girls from the Big Ten schools.

Students of Penn State Harrisburg had mixed reactions about Penn State women posing in the "Girls of the Big 10."

Communications major Steve Swetz, 34, of Harrisburg, said, "Penn State is an institution of learning. To have the girls representing the school as sexual objects kind of demeans the broader scope of what Penn State is all about."

Rebekka Spiller, 19, from Elizabethtown, had a similar reaction to Swetz's. Spiller thought the 10-page spread makes the women seem unintelligent and shallow.

"Women should be seen as executives excelling in the

workforce," she said, "not basically just strippers selling sex and putting themselves out there for men to drool over. I think that's disgusting. They shouldn't be objectified."

Will Freeman, 23, Policy studies major from Linglestown, responded differently.

He thought if the women want to pose for Playboy, they are adults and capable of making their own choices.

Freeman said, "It's a consensual agreement between the girls and Playboy. It's their choice."

Tobe Ofoha, 21, Communications major from Harrisburg, also thought the women can make their own decisions and suffer the consequences in the future.

"You have free choice and free will in America they have the right to exercise that. They have the right to do Playboy if they want to but I can't say whether I'm objected to it or not," he said.

There are no articles in the feature, just brief introductions to the women who are posing.

In a Playboy news release, the Penn State girls in the "Girls of the Big 10" nude pictorial are Sophia Adams on page 103 posing

Please see **BIG TEN** on page 15

## New necessities creating debt for students

By **JOSELINE CARBONARE**  
STAFF WRITER  
JMC730@PSU.EDU

Our college generation is struggling under the burden of student loans, an overwhelming load that separates it from every previous generation. Students around the country are in more debt now than ever before. With tuition increasing in both public

and private universities, more and more students are depending on student loans to help finance their college education. Although loans make it possible for students to afford college, unmanageable debt is affecting college students across the nation.

According to National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, a public service website which is dedicated to educating

students about loans; an average graduating senior leaves with more than \$19,237 worth in debt. NPSAS Website goes on to say that at least 25 percent of undergraduates borrow more than \$24,936 and 10 percent borrow more than \$35,213. Graduate and professional students borrow even more, with the additional debt for a graduate degree ranging from \$27,000 to \$114,000.

Credit card debt among college students has become a student debt issue. Credit card companies are aggressively marketing to college students. According to a recent survey almost a quarter of students used credit cards to pay tuition. More than half used credit cards to pay for books.

Please see **DEBT** on page 5

## INDEX:

NEWS .....	4-5	CAMPUS LIFE .....	8-12	SPORTS .....	15-20	COMICS .....	22
OPINION .....	6-7	ENTERTAINMENT .....	13-14	POLICE, CALENDAR .....	21	GAMES .....	23