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LANCASTER NEW ERA

Editorial “**Arming F&M’s campus police**” concludes:

“F&M should join Millersville University, which has had armed sworn officers since 1987, and take the necessary step that helps keep the campus safe.”

WATCHDOG: F & M is situated in the City of Lancaster, in close proximity to the Manheim Township . Unlike Millersville University, it is not in a small town largely surrounded with a rural population. The difference is that formidable police response, perhaps three or four patrol cars, can arrive on five minutes summons.

Then we ask whether Dan Porterfield, in his two years as president of F & M, has been able to reform the

‘cowboy’ campus police force that acted more like thugs than police officers under the lamentable president John Fry from 2002 to 2010.

The publisher and editor of a local news weekly, Ron Harper and Chris Hart-Nibrigg, who were moving a newspaper distribution box from the right-of-way in front of Fry’s residence to the other side of Marietta Pike, were wrongly accused of trespassing and brutally attacked by F & M security. Harper was mugged!

We certainly would want to be convinced that the F & M security force had been totally revamped, re-trained and better led before permitting them even to own a BB gun.

LANCASTER SUNDAY NEWS

Editorial “**Pleas for fairness in library dispute**” relates:

“Ms. [Joyce] Sands, Lancaster Public Library’s deputy director, complained to the Library System board last month that the downtown library

doesn’t have enough bandwidth for its computers and doesn’t get prompt help from IT staffers at the system, which runs the countywide library network.

“We can’t be certain who’s at fault in

this latest contretemps. After the meeting, system officials suggested the downtown library's public users suck up too much bandwidth. But other member libraries in the system are having similar difficulties with computers."

WATCHDOG: It is hard to believe that anyone from the

Library System could be so obtuse and so ignorant as to suggest that the

"downtown library's public users suck up too much bandwidth."

What do they think the purpose of the System and the downtown library is if it isn't to provide service for its clients?

Two wags of the tail to the **Sunday News** article.

LETTER: Obama vs. other presidents

Perhaps readers would like to know, of all prior presidents, whom, in NewsLanc's opinion, has caused more divisiveness than Mr. Obama?

EDITOR: *The most obvious is George W. Bush. Moving back in time, Richard Nixon.*

We perceive President Obama as the victim of an extreme right wing movement as well as latent racism, although the two are not necessarily

always combined.

How else can we explain the visceral hatred we encounter in otherwise rational individuals including friends and family?

We detested "W" but we never felt hatred for him. Our opposition was reasoned, not emotional. History proved us correct. History will prove the Obama haters wrong.

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