**D. Harrisburg State Hospital**

For an archaeologist and a “ghost excavator”, it’s a small world that separates the living from the dead. Today, at work (a space where I have been actively present for more than four years), during the afternoon break I walked outside my building on the former state hospital grounds and into the crew of “Ghost Lab” who were filming a segment here on the hauntings.

I guess they read the blog entry at *www.associatedcontent.com* which rated the former hospital site as the “top five most haunted of Pennsylvania”. The blog entry continues:

**“Noises, screams, shadows, apparitions, and footsteps have all been heard and seen within this place. The basement** (which-?)**, morgue, and the tunnels underneath the basement are the areas of heightened supernatural interest. Poltergeist activity runs rampant on the property”.**

Walking over to pay my respects, as a fellow investigator, I met some of the production team that I worked with on two episodes of **Paranormal State.** We exchanged pleasantries, but life is short, and the search for “life” among the dead (even for an archaeologist) sometimes take a circular route to discovery and the recovery of remains! Not that day, however: they politely refused any professional assistance from me! A bit of irony here, since **Ghost Lab** appears on the **Discovery Channel**, and they didn’t “discover” how valuable an asset I could have been… perhaps?

For all that has happened at the “city on the hill”, a site of pain, suffering, emotional trauma, and frequent death, I don’t feel much past presence here. Daily, I walk past the morgue, located away from the other buildings in an isolated spot, surrounded by trees and vegetative growth. I sense no “ghosts” there, though it is reported that a ghostly entity does walk nearby.

In my building, the former “hospital” site of the State Hospital, I have experienced some sense of ghostly activity. At times, my left shoelace (just the left one) becomes unlaced. Also, while listening to my MP3 player/recorder, I have noticed, several times, the volume increases on its own. This could only happen if the toggle control is moved. When that happens, a blue light illuminates the dial (indicative of a change in volume). I have seen the dial light and heard the volume increase simultaneously without touching the MP3 myself! I haven’t noticed when this happens (during the playing of the same or different songs), an obvious oversight on my part!

As for the **Ghost Lab** investigation, what they did encounter, and shown on TV, occurred in the morgue. They recorded, however, the name of a “living”, not dead, individual! Even “paranormal TV”, one geared for entertainment not research, cannot control “who” has the final say…!