

# PSH NEWS

## College offers health tests

Health screenings will be offered at Penn State Harrisburg on April 9 from 11-3 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

The program will include cholesterol and glucose testing, pulmonary function studies, health risk appraisals, blood pressure screenings and mini-lectures.

According to Marylou Martz, coordinator of Health Services, all programs will be free, except for a \$5 fee for cholesterol testing.

One of the big attractions will be the Medi-fitness Physioanalyzer, Martz said.

"With the use of this equipment, the person will receive a computer analysis telling them the percentage of body fat and water versus body mass," Martz explained. "This tells the person the amount of weight they should lose or gain to obtain their ideal body weight," she added.

Health America personnel, with the aid of computers, will be administering health risk appraisals and advising participants of their susceptibility to heart and health problems.

The program is in conjunction with Community General Osteopathic Hospital of Harrisburg.

Pre-registration for the screenings is recommended. To schedule an appointment, call 948-6015.

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such as installing hard drives on some units, would be needed to provide standardization."

"Standardization is the key to achieving high penetration of software and hardware on a campus-wide level," the proposal says. "All faculty and students should have access to machines and a set of software applications, such as word processing, database, spreadsheet, statistical and graphical packages."

The plan has passed from the faculty council committee to the administration, then to the provost's staff, and is now before the administrative council, a group consisting of all of the division heads.

The five division heads are trying to work the proposal into their strategic plan. "It has been met with a lot of

enthusiasm," Churchill said.

"If it gets into the college's strategic plan, the funds would be released for the program. We're not talking about that much money.

"Finding the balance between expense and accessibility is important. We don't want to spend so much money that we have to lock up the equipment. The equipment must be accessible, he said."

Interactivity between faculty and students would be improved through classroom hookups, allowing access to the Penn State University network and mainframe. Most of the cables required for the installation have been run, and selected classrooms have computer cable hookup boxes already in place.

"Right now, we have access, through Instructional Services, to only two computers for classroom demonstrations," Churchill said. "Those

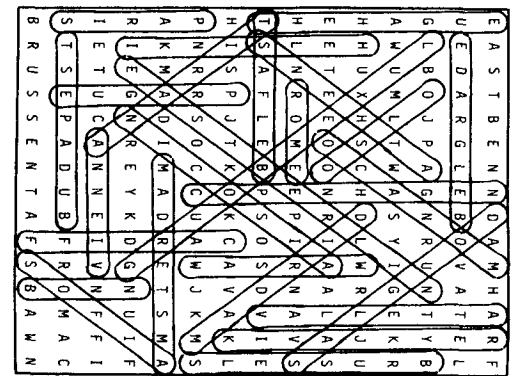
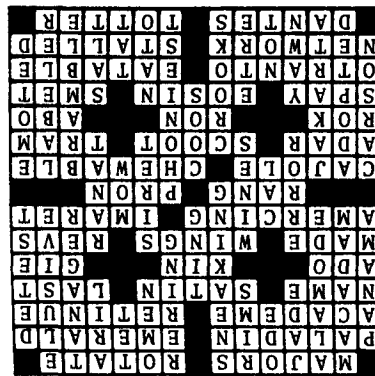
machines have only limited applications available and no hard drives, making them difficult to utilize."

Because the computer is viewed as a necessary teaching and learning tool, each full-time faculty member should be issued a machine to allow complete access to the Campus-wide Academic Computer Services network, the proposal says.

Initial lump sum funding is being sought to allow the plan to be implemented all at once. This would eliminate the problems associated with long term implementation, where waste and incompatibility could occur, according to the proposal.

"I'm on a committee right now to hire the director of the computer center, a new position," Churchill said. "When that person comes on board, my guess is that we'll begin to work on expanding computer services."

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