

# A winter extravaganza on Mars

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The snow may have stopped Penn State Harrisburg students from attending classes, but it didn't freeze their creative juices.

Various snow sculptures were created in Meade Heights to entertain its residents, but they weren't ordinary snowmen.

"It all started with a snowball," said Mark Hemak of 927A Flickenger Street, one of the creators of a 6-foot-6-inch monster head.

He and the sculpture's other artists, Dave Campbell, Russ Long, John Morgan, Tom Wandzilak and Scott Constantini spent two and a half hours decorating the head with tin foil earrings, apple eyes and broom hair.

"We used spray paint and food coloring to get the lips red," Long said.

Farther down the street at 936A Mars Drive, John Hamilton and Andy NiNunzio

had the same idea, but only after a snowball fight with their neighbors John Hudy, Mike Tielli, Jeff Gunting and Doug Rohde.

Although incomplete, the sculpture was definitely female, which must have sparked their neighbor's creativity. They titled their sculpture, "Lady in a Bathtub."

The only female sculptors on Mars Drive were Allison Bettinger, Amber Morningstar and Amy Dellinger. They created "Jones Family" in a mere 45 minutes. Mrs. Jones' undergarments were donated by Bettinger.

Finally, a beer-drinking muscleman, approximately 7-feet tall, found its home at 823B Nelson Drive.

"It was everybody's idea," said Casey Gatchel, one of its sculptors. Adding to its creation were Gatchel's roommates Mark Mellon, Paul Caldwell and Ian Crooks.

The young at heart took advantage of the measurable snowfall, and they all proudly displayed their talents and ingenuity, even though their works only lasted for the day.



Photo by Candy Franks

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL -- Dave Campbell, Russ Long, John Morgan and Tom Wandzilak combine fresh snow and imagination after the February 16 snowstorm.

## Budget cuts slice into student activities

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The PSH budget cuts that have been looming on the horizon since August are now closer. The proposed \$404,594 in cuts for the 1993-94 academic year could mean students will pay for parking and course schedules. It could also mean an end to intercollegiate sports and changes in some campus services.

The cuts signal the beginning of a three-year plan devised by Penn State Harrisburg administrators and the Strategic Planning Committee. PSH was asked by the university to create a plan to reduce the permanent budget by 10 percent.

The plan must be approved by the University Futures Committee and then submitted to University Park for final

approval.

A decision should be made by July 1, said Penn State Harrisburg Provost and Dean Ruth Leventhal.

"If the plan were implemented today, the parking fee for full-time students would be \$40 per semester," said James South, associate provost for administrative operations.

Full-time faculty and staff would pay \$120 per year, part-time students and part-time staff would pay for parking on a graduated scale, and students and staff using public transportation would not be charged, South added.

A 50 cent charge for printed course schedules has also been proposed, said Ernest Dishner, Penn State Harrisburg associate provost.

Students will be able to access

schedules electronically on computers, either in the lab or from home, he said.

Because the intercollegiate sports program only served a small number of people, that is likely to be eliminated, Leventhal said.

Instead, the focus will be on intramural and recreational sports, she added.

While the cuts directly affect students, the first year's plan will have little impact on the academic area, Dishner said.

"Our core business is providing education," South said.

Most of the cuts will come from non-academic support, such as, curtailing summer hours of the health services office, reducing student activities funding and cutting building maintenance services.

The maintenance staff will have to develop new strategies.

"They can't empty the trash cans as often or cut the grass as often," Leventhal said.

A decreasing budget means that equipment cannot be upgraded and the faculty will have to better utilize available resources, said William Mahar, head of the humanities division and a member of the planning committee.

Reallocation money can be requested to support strong and growing areas on campus.

The committee's plan includes over \$328,000 in reallocation money, some of which will be used to hire faculty and staff for engineering and technology, the school of science, and to improve instructional services.

"We're all nervous about the future, but we remain optimistic," Mahar said.

### Reductions : \$404,594

#### A. Academic Programs.

- Elimination of one and a half vacant faculty positions.

#### B. Maintenance and Operations.

- Reinstitution of a parking fee.
- Reduced cleaning of facilities, less frequent painting, longer response time to work order requests, etc.
- Recover full costs of fleet operations.

#### C. Student Services.

- Intercollegiate athletic programs resources will be refocused on strengthening intramural, recreational and club sponsored activities.
- Vacant recreation specialist position will be eliminated.
- Reduction in hours of health services office.
- Part-time job developer position in career services office will be eliminated.
- Unfilled administrative specialist position in student affairs office will be eliminated.
- Discontinue general distribution of "master schedule" through use of electronically accessible information.
- Eliminate fixed Term I student affairs assistant position.

- Reduction of student activities funds.

- Eliminate full-time clerical position in student assistance center; continue with part-time clerk.

#### D. Academic Support.

- Vacant staff positions in provost's and development offices will not be filled; funds will be used for other positions within the college.
- Consolidate lecture series and other programs within special events to reduce costs.
- Eliminate one vacant staff assistant position and one fixed Term I position in continuing education.

### Reallocations: \$328,155

#### A. School of Science, Engineering and Classroom and Technology.

- Add three new faculty positions and approximately one-half salary of an administrative assistant (other half to be realized through external funding).

#### B. Undergraduate Education and Classroom Instruction.

- Increase resources to library, instructional services, and computer and information systems.

- New faculty position in teacher education.

- New position in student services to support adult and non-traditional students.

#### C. Graduate Research and Instruction.

- New cross-disciplinary faculty position in adult education and training and development.
- New cross-disciplinary faculty position in health care and public administration.

#### Other Initiatives:

- A. Proposals for several changes in degree programs will be considered.
- B. The division of public affairs will be considered for change to a school of public affairs.
- C. Quality indicators will be identified and bench marking begun in assessment of our continuous quality improvement programs.
- D. Strengthen regional cooperation in teaching, research and service.

Source: Penn State Harrisburg provost's office

## Minority health issues addressed at campus forum

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Minority health issues was the topic of discussion at an open forum in the Black Cultural Arts Center (BCAC) on Feb. 9.

The event, sponsored by the Black Student Union, featured guest speaker Maria Rodriguez, from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, who spoke about the rapid spread of AIDS among African Americans and Latinos.

PSH students sat in silence while Rodriguez read of stunningly high statistics of AIDS reported deaths throughout the cities in Pennsylvania.

"We are going to see the number of AIDS infected cases increasing on college campuses due to unprotected sex," Rodriguez said. "These diseases can be stopped through knowledge."

Rodriguez also spoke about the exceedingly high number of tuberculosis cases among minorities. She said that the lack of preventative medicine due to high health care costs contributed significantly to the problem.

Free literature on AIDS is available in the BCAC.