

# UP sends \$10,000 to PSH for equipment, renovations

Unexpected money provides some welcome relief after one IIT computer stolen and another gutted

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Penn State Harrisburg's information and instructional services has recently received \$10,000 from University Park. The money will be used by IIT to renovate and permanently place frequently requested materials in a few classrooms.

The first task is to mount a television and VCR in rooms that don't yet have one. Televisions are probably the most requested items in the department.

The money comes as a result of many factors. The abnormally warm winter meant the university spent less on heating, salt and snow removal. Some of the money comes from

professors who are opting for an early retirement.

Whatever the case, University Park was generous. "I never used to get money," said Mike Kalbaugh of IIT, "but lately all I have to do is ask and I receive."

The income is a nice addition to instructional service's budget. At a university such as this, equipment is used hard and therefore is prone to malfunctions.

Terry Bosserman, who is in charge of fixing faulty equipment constantly has a room full of computers waiting to be fixed. Bosserman said it was about time University Park decided to allocate more money.

Some of that allocation is going toward the purchase of more portable computers. Earlier this semester, PSH purchased three brand new Dell computers. Moments after they were unloaded at Bosserman's office, one was stolen.

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Then, during midterms, a computer was left unattended after a class in the technology building.

The next morning it was discovered without the insides, leaving a cold plastic shell. The student or students who did this did not steal from the school, IIT employees said. Instead, they stole from their fellow students.

Indeed, life has been harder on some students since the computers were taken. Occa-

sionally students are unable to present projects such as Power Point shows because the remaining equipment is already in use.

IIT is doing its best to shuffle the computers to the needy classrooms.

As nice as the money is, it may take a while for students to see the results. The physical plant is running approximately three months behind schedule, in part because of the new roof. Three separate contractors worked on the project, and they failed to properly seal some of the seams. Now, the

roof leaks in various places.

The plant must take care of issues such as these first, but when students return next semester they will see some signs of the money. Students can expect to see maintenance working in any classroom at any given time putting the new-found money to work.

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## No smoking: cigarettes pushed off the porch

If you light up on campus, you'll probably need to do it somewhere else.

Smoking will no longer be permitted around campus entrances, according to a new policy announced by John Bruhn on March 31.

In a memo to the college community, the PSH provost and dean cited the concerns of several students, faculty and staff. They suggested smoking be prohibited in the area since cigarette smoke was entering the buildings when doors are opened. The apparent dan-

gers of secondhand smoke increased many people's worries.

The policy, due to take effect on Jun. 1, will move cigarette receptacles away from the main entrance and post no smoking signs.

The main entrance to the Olmsted Building was the focus of the outcry. Yet the new policy addresses all of the campus entrances since smoke can easily filter into the buildings.

The memo requires people to, "smoke only at a distance from building entrances."

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