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Overworked students

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"I don't get a lot of sleep. I go to bed late and wake up early," said Anthony Matter, 24, junior Public Policy major. Matter doesn't just work to take care of his family, he works like many other Penn State Harrisburg students to pay for his education.

Matter, who takes 15 credits, also has a wife and a three year old son. He works a 40-hour week at a factory that manufactures screen door. Even though Matter says his job has never threatened his education, he does admit to skipping family functions because of schoolwork.

While Matter works to support his family, Charmaine Edmonds, 20, Public Policy major, works mainly to pay for her education. Edmonds, an out of state student, explained the difference between in and out of state tuition. "Tuition is much higher for me and I don't qualify for a lot of the state grants, so my only choice is to work," Edmonds said. PSH tuition for in-state students is \$5,074, while the tuition for out of state students is \$7,773.

Edmonds, an assistant manager at California Tortilla Mexican Restaurant and Bar, lives in Middletown but travels to Washington D.C. on a regular basis. She works Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which amounts to 20-25 hours a week. "It's pretty hard to do any studying after cleaning, cooking, and doing anything else you can imagine that needs to be done at the restaurant," she said.

"It's hard and I just try to manage my time the best way I can," Edmonds said. Edmonds, the opposite from Matter, believes her job sometimes interferes with her education. "Sometimes I have a tremendous amount of school work, and I don't feel like traveling to Washington D.C. to work," she says. Washington D.C. is almost a two hour and 15 minute drive. However, Edmonds said if she wanted to continue attending PSH, she has no choice but to continue traveling to Washington D.C. to work. Edmonds smiled and said, "after all I've always wanted to be a Nittany lion."

Steve O'Holla, 21, senior Communications major, works at Giant in Middletown. If you don't see O'holla in class or participating in one of the four extra curricular activities he's in, you will most likely catch him at work.

O'Holla, who is a front-end manager at the Giant store, works 35-40 hours a week. He is also the president of Circle K, chief of staff for the Student Government Association, and assistant copy editor for The Capital Times. He said, "I have to work. I pay for my own education, and my own personal expenses."

O'holla said he doesn't have time to cook because of his busy school schedule and his time consuming job. "Whenever a free meal is provided I take advantage of it." He studies late at night and in between classes and says he believes his education is not suffering. O'Holla said, "I attend all my

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WPSH prepares to launch

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It's been over three years and not a sound has been heard from the WPSH radio station at Penn State Harrisburg, but all that is about to change. WPSH hopes to be broadcasting over the Internet within the semester according to station manager Zachary Bailey.

The lights are on and there is now sign of life within the radio station. Hope is alive and for many students this means the sound of music they've been waiting for is on the way.

For Bailey, it has been difficult to get to this point. Last year Bailey inherited a half installed radio station and has been trying to build something out of it for the past two semesters.

Much research went into determining a plan of attack for the radio station to launch. Bailey traveled two hours to University Park on several occasions to see how their radio station operates.

Bailey plans to set up his radio station from the UP model. He also researched FCC regulations and usage fees that apply to Web-casting.

"Just finding a solution finally feels good," says Bailey.

Building selves, organizing CDs, cleaning house and purchasing software and equipment keeps the members

moving in the right direction. As they set up the station for the launch each is finding new ways of making the radio station better.

While there is no definite launch date yet they are all looking forward to the day when they can sit in the round window, 'On Air' sign lit, talking into the

and the widespread Internet access on campus, Web-casting was the ticket to start-up and will ultimately be the most effective and keeps pace with new listening trends.

"How many people walk around with a radio playing anymore," asked Bailey.

Within a few weeks of the beginning

listen to the radio."

"We are really excited to get up and running," says Prageeth Kalansuriya, WPSH assistant manager. "A lot of the freshmen are expressing interest not only in being a DJ but in learning about the radio station as well," he says.

In previous semesters the club was plagued with pessimism and some members were very vocal about their discontent for the situation according to Kalansuriya. Those members have since left the club according to Kalansuriya.

"There was a lot of negativity in the club to begin with," says Kalansuriya.

With a budget of \$26,320 this year, Bailey was in for a fight for funding from Student Government Association and Student Activity Fee committee. He was given \$21,520 from SAF earlier this semester and is currently waiting to receive money from SGA. The remainder of \$4,800 may be awarded in the next few weeks.

"The software was our biggest item on the budget," says Bailey. "It was \$10,705 alone."

Neither group is fully responsible for funding and that leaves some ambiguity as to where the money will come from says Assistant Professor Catherine Rios, WPSH faculty advisor. The main point to keep in mind is start up costs are a one time expense and it will be just maintenance in following years. "This big of a budget requires a big commitment," says Rios.



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Zachary Bailey tests out sound equipment in the WPSH radio station as they near possible launching of the station within the semester. Radio club members are working to get the station ready.

microphone.

Considering many failed attempts at launching the radio station in previous semesters, Bailey and his club members have decided that Web-casting is the best option for WPSH.

The demographics of the campus, money, and advancements in technology were the main factors of the decision. Due to the large population of commuters

of last fall semester the white board attached to their office door was covered with names and emails of interested students. This year was no different and as the radio club progresses it's membership is growing.

"There is a really positive attitude within the group now," says Bailey. "We have a lot of interest from students to join or just

PSH regulates smoking

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The taste of fall drifts across the front steps of the forty-five-year old Olmsted Building. Conversation laced in cigarette smoke ravages the crisp air. The wind rallies.

Since 1964 when the first Surgeon General's report announced that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, society's acceptance and knowledge about health risks has shifted greatly. The days of permitting smoking anywhere, without thought of health risk, are gone. Cigarette smoking, the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, causes 440,000 deaths each year - more deaths than HIV, drugs, alcohol, car accidents, suicides, and murders combined. Research shows nonsmokers suffer many of the diseases of active smokers when breathing secondhand smoke, which contains 4,000 chemicals and over 60 carcinogens.

Responsible for an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 62,000 deaths from heart disease each year, exposure to secondhand smoke has increasingly become an issue of public health. After decades of wrangling, change continues to push smokers and nonsmokers on college campuses.

Rodney Horton, former SGA president at Penn State Harrisburg, formed a group called GATES (Give All Travelers Equal Space). The smoking and nonsmoking members of GATES collected signatures on campus for a new smoking area and met with Chancellor Madlyn Hanes and Donald Holtzman, Senior Director of Student Life and Enrollment Services. A new smoking area at Penn State Harrisburg is now being planned.

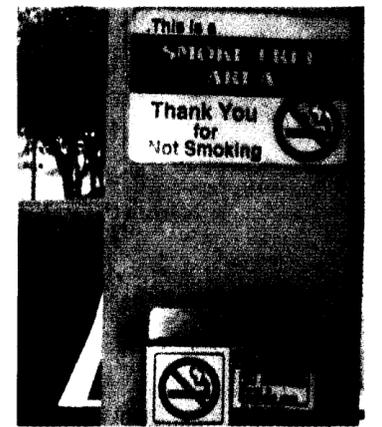
"We're recommending structures behind buildings outside and making the inner quad smoke-free," said Holtzman. "We want to get everybody together to see the particulars - SGA; Ed Dankanich, director of business services; Kevin Stoehr, chief of police. Hopefully this

semester we will have it in place. It won't take long once we decide what we're doing," said Holtzman.

Holtzman hopes everyone will take part in the enforcement. Penn State University has a university-wide policy prohibiting smoking in front of building entrances or anything that exchanges air for heating and cooling purposes. In 2004, Linda LaSalle, Coordinator of Education Services at Penn State University Park, polled Penn State students who smoked. In clarifying their attitudes toward smoking, she found that all students knew of the associated health risks with smoking and secondhand smoke. Ninety-three percent agreed that secondary smoke is harmful to health, but only 28 percent knew of the Penn State policy banning smoking near buildings.

"Reasonable distance is not defined," said LaSalle. "People don't know

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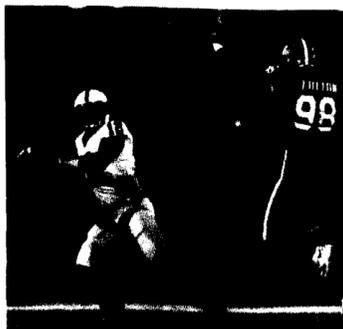
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