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What do they do with your tuition?

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We pay our tuition, and it seems to go into obscurity. In reality, though, it hasn't.

Each day it is divvied up for multiple purposes. Teacher, faculty and staff salaries are paid, things get repaired, and students get entertaining programs and state-of-the-art technology at their fingertips.

Because tuition has increased substantially in each of the last two school years, the *Lion's Eye* set out to find out where the money goes. Here's what we learned:

First, 83 percent of tuition revenue comes to the

campus budget and the budget goes toward salaries of the faculty and staff, fixed costs, and unrestricted monies.

"The 83 percent is used just here on campus," said campus CEO Dr. Ed Tomeszko.

Some 80 percent of that 83 percent goes toward salaries. Another 13 percent of it is restricted money called fixed cost, meaning it can only be used for certain things, according to Tomeszko. It covers the student activity and technology fees and utilities like heating, air conditioning and lights; 7 percent of the 83 percent is unrestricted money used for student programs and faculty development.

"There is less and less unrestricted money available

because of the budget," said Tomeszko. "Normally, this 83 percent portion is only 70 percent of tuition, but we are waiting for our state appropriation. The governor reduced the PSU budget 5 percent. This leaves us \$75,000 short."

Without a state appropriation, more money must come out of students' pockets. Jeff Wirth of PSU Delco's bursar's office estimated a \$9 million budget is in place for the 2003-2004 academic year. But, the campus has 320 fewer students this semester. And, Penn State didn't get its usual state appropriation of \$3,700 per full-time student and student tuition plus appropriations to pay

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Give us a brake

Pedestrians get help in making crossings

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Trying to cross the main entrance road to get onto campus can sometimes feel like a simulation of the great Atari classic, "Frogger."

Practically every time you place a foot into the street, a car comes barreling toward you. Apparently, the white diagonal lines in the street are not enough to let drivers know that there is a crosswalk, so Penn State Delco has taken the liberty of making sure drivers are aware of it by putting up "Pedestrian Crossing" signs, visible for all to see.

"The pedestrian crossway is really dangerous," said student Angela Marion. "Pedestrians have the right of way, but some people forget that. It's crazy trying to get the cars on both sides to stop, See **A 13-MPH:** Page 3



Photo by Chrissy Greenan

A female student can continue her conversation on the cell phone and make her way to class as a driver comes to a stop at the marked crossing of the entrance road near the Main Building.



Dr. John Terrell ...
 Students vote him Delco's
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