

# University gets new smoke stack

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University students will soon be able to breathe more freely. Well, not really.

The state is pumping \$6.4 million into the renovation of the campus power plant to bring the facility into compliance with clean air laws.

The construction of the new smoke stack behind the plant, located at the corner of South Burrows Street and West College Avenue, is the first phase

in that renovation, said John Miller, director of physical plant development.

The quality and quantity of emissions from the existing facility are in violation of state and federal clean air regulations, Miller said.

John Slade, Williamsport District supervisor of the state Department of Environmental Resources, said two emissions regulations were applicable in the case of the University power plant: opacity — how thick the smoke is — and particulate emissions.

The emissions vary because the University's boilers can burn coal, oil and natural gas, but at times the plant's emissions were well above the acceptable levels, Slade said.

The state DER has exempted the University from fines for the emissions violations until the project is completed, he said, but explained that fines for violations can be as high as \$10,000 for the initial discovery and \$2,500 for each day of violation after that.

## Rock-a-thon begins today

If you see some people doing Laugh-in star Edith Ann impersonations by rocking on 12-foot rocking chairs downtown during the next few days, don't worry — they are raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The ninth annual Cystic Fibrosis Rock-a-thon, sponsored by Beta Theta Pi fraternity with the help of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta

Gamma sororities, begins at noon today and will last until 10 Saturday night — a total of 58 straight hours, Chairman Sam Johnson said.

The goal for this year is \$6,100, which will be raised through donations and also by 800 letters sent to alumni and State College businesses.

—by Patricia Hungerford

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