

Expo advises community on fire safety aspects

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Students who sometimes find themselves using a fire extinguisher while attempting to cook dinner in their apartments might be interested in attending the third annual Student Fire Safety Expo.

The expo will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Alpha Fire Co., 400 W. Beaver Ave.

"It's a great opportunity to get hands-on experience of fire safety," said Shawn Kauffman, assistant fire chief and fire

inspector and life safety education coordinator for Centre Region Code Administration, the agency sponsoring the event.

He is helping to organize the expo for off-campus students and other members of the community.

The expo will feature a fire demonstration trailer, where people can walk through and experience a burned-out bedroom. They will see the actual effect of fire and its aftermath, Kauffman said.

To show the benefits of sprinklers, there will be a demonstration of them. "This year we also have our new Cen-

Fire safety expo

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tre Region fire safety house, which is a smoke room, so we do demonstrations of crawling through," he said.

Staff from local public safety agencies will be available to provide information.

The program was originally designed for fraternity safety and was an Interfraternity Council requirement for new members, Kauffman said. Because of the large number of people in a single location, fraternity houses are at a greater risk than houses and apartments, he said. Also, the construction differences, more wood instead of concrete, add to the risk, he explained.

Firefighter Scott Fry said there is a high risk in apartment buildings, too.

"Our vast majority of fires are people learning how to cook," he said. Steve Triebold, truck captain, is the

fire protection engineer in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety for Penn State. Fire protection has to be practiced year round, he said. The expo is intended to highlight it during Fire Prevention Week.

Fry said he hopes the expo is attended widely by the university community.

"The importance of fire safety can't be stressed enough, he said.

Kauffman is also hoping for a good turnout.

"The more people we can get to come out, the more we can reduce the risk of fire in the community," he said.

Students attract jobs with Internet program

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Penn State launched e-portfolios (www.portfolio.psu.edu) this fall to help students document their experiences.

Students can attract potential employers by posting academic information, skills and activities using the personal Web space provided by Penn State.

"It's been going really well, considering it's something brand new," Glenn Johnson, project manager, said.

The goal of the project is to have students create portrayals of their student careers.

"We want students to display what they've gained as a result of their Penn State education," David DiBiase, director of e-Education Institute, the group that initiated the project.

The portfolio should show more than just college courses, but the college experience as a whole, Johnson said.

The project's Web site encourages the use of Web space to display coursework, clips from extra-curricular activities and reflective pieces regarding those experiences.

However, surveys taken last December indicated that only 37 percent of students activate their Penn State Web space, and of that figure only 8 percent use it to display academic content, DiBiase said.

This low average might be due in part to only 7 percent of faculty expecting students to use the space.

"Faculty is a little slower to embrace this new technology," DiBiase said.

John Harwood, senior director of the Center for Education Technology Services, said that faculty and students

	EMS & Non-EMS Activated	
	EMS	Non-EMS
Activated	63	37
Academic Products	47	8
Portfolios	9	2
Resume	19	5
Isolated Projects/Work	25	7
Other	11	9
Personal	12	7
Entertainment	2	5
Links	9	10
PhotoGallery	9	5
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need to be made aware of the technology.

"There is tremendous enthusiasm among people who work with student affairs," he said.

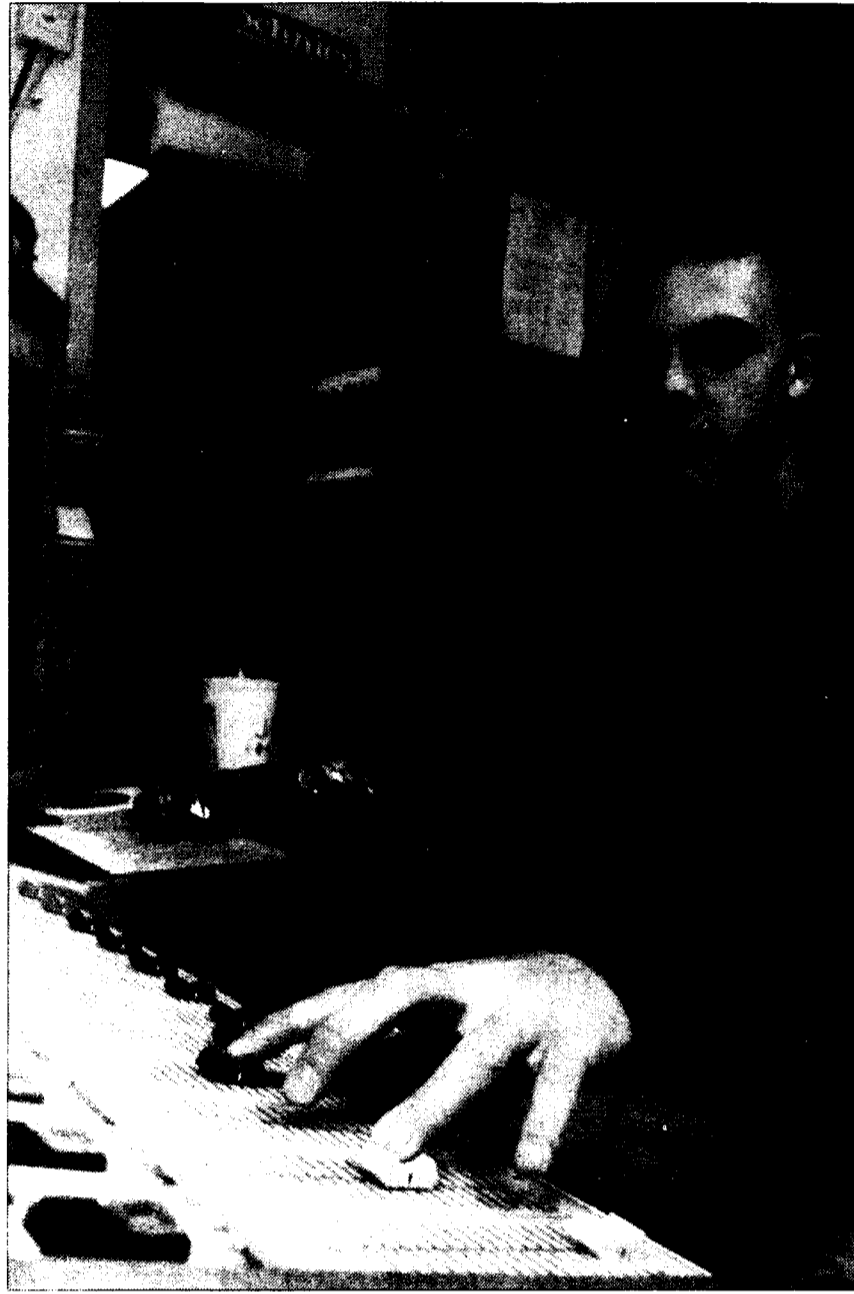
The project might be included in some first-year seminar classes.

"In an ideal world, I'd like all undergraduates to be aware of the project and a significant amount to make use of it," Harwood said.

The e-Education Institute conducted several seminars last fall to begin organizing the project.

The institute is a group of faculty, staff and students from the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences (EMS) who work to improve education through network computing.

Last spring, the group published "Using e-Portfolios at Penn State to Enhance Student Learning" which discusses potential benefits of the e-Portfolio to students, faculty and institutions. It also notes the associated costs, obstacles and risks.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Former Einhorn lover gives trial testimony

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One of Ira Einhorn's former girlfriends testified that he smashed her over the head with a bottle and nearly strangled her after she told him they were through.

The testimony came yesterday in the final day of the prosecution's case against Einhorn, who is charged with bludgeoning his girlfriend, Holly Maddux, in September 1977 because she wanted to break up with him. Her mummified corpse was found in a steamer trunk in his closet 18 months after he said she went to the store and never returned.

Judith Sabot was a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania when she met the former hippie guru in 1965.

They fell in love and had an intense four-month relationship, which she then sought to end.

"My feelings had started to change. I was feeling very silenced; I found Ira to be more domineering and manipulative," she testified, citing his efforts to have her sever ties with her family because he said "families were outmoded" and she was "doomed to a boring and ordinary life" if she did not.

He tried for months to win her back, and she met him for coffee at a friend's apartment in March 1966 to tell him she would never change her mind about a reunion, she testified. As she returned from a corner store with some cream for their coffee, Einhorn attacked her, Sabot said.

Einhorn, 62, likely will take the stand tomorrow and testify that the CIA killed Maddux and framed him for the murder because of his research into "psychic warfare."

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