

# Film majors upset with relocation

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A small subculture of Penn State has been whisked off campus, though most students outside of the film and video major probably haven't even noticed the change.

Starting this semester, several staples of the film and video program have been moved from the basement in Carnegie Building to Penn State Innovation Park — a 15-minute ride from campus by car or bus. The move is a significant development for film/video students who had grown accustomed to Carnegie.

The facilities moved include the audio and visual equipment room, the Final Cut Pro editing facility and COMM 242 (Basic Video/Filmmaking) classes.

Andrew Tedeschi (sophomore-film and video) takes the bus to his COMM 242 class, but said he sometimes has to commute out to Innovation Park more than just two times a week for class.

"You have to go [to the equipment room] in person to make a reservation," Tedeschi said. "They don't allow call-ins ... I missed the bus twice already and had to take a cab home because otherwise I would have had to wait an hour and a half for the next bus."

Pat Parsons, associate dean for undergraduate education for the College of Communications, said the need for the move arose out of enrollment pressures.

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tions in the past 10 years," Parsons said. "Thanks to funding, we've added faculty, so we need additional space."

To create that space, Carnegie's basement will be renovated this summer and will include 10 faculty offices, two conference labs, two computer labs, and a room with editing software available to upperclassmen.

Many students, like Kara Place (senior-film and video) feel that something has been lost that the renovation will not address.

Carnegie basement used to be abuzz with activity and conversation on weekdays, she explained, inspiring her to dub the atmosphere "Carnegie High."

"Between class, we would all hang out in the hallway, and it was just like high school because you knew everybody," she said. "We weren't always friends outside the classroom, but it was just good to see them everyday and talk to them. It made Penn State seem smaller."

Brian Morrison (senior-film and video) said he feels an educational loss has accompanied the cultural one.



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Tom Pellegrini (sophomore-film and video) rides the P bus to Innovation Park for COMM 242 (Basic Video/Filmmaking) class.

"I got to know seniors, juniors, as a sophomore," said Morrison, who used to work in the Carnegie equipment room. "There was a lot of idea-sharing that went on. I learned to avoid certain [filmmaking] mistakes from those conversations."

Most of the Penn State instructors who teach film and video courses at Innovation Park spoke approvingly of the new facilities, citing the more spacious equipment storage lab, the bigger and more convenient editing facility, and other benefits.

Donnie Rhoades, who ran the Carnegie equipment room and continues to run it from its new location at Innovation Park, said he feels the transition has been mostly a smooth one.

"Carnegie used to be a zoo," Rhoades said, referring to long lines for people wishing to take out equipment. "Now students have to plan out more when they're going to shoot ... people don't want to go [to Innovation Park] anymore than they have to."

Parsons said he's uncertain whether the move will affect future enrollment,

but he said he feels the distance to Innovation Park is a "small issue compared to other things [students] think about."

Place said her younger sister will be enrolling as a film and video major at University Park next year.

"At first I was really excited, because she was going to be in film, which is a small major, where she'll get to know everyone. ... I used to stop by Carnegie even when I didn't have a class just to say hi to everyone," Place recalled fondly. "But now, it just isn't the same."

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