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Bike: Police department seeks funding



Photo by Sean Vanderhoff

IUS police officer Ruben Borrego stands by his new police bike.

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Getting the money for the equipment has proved difficult.

"I hit some brick walls," Borrego said. "I just take them apart brick by brick."

Borrego said support from other police departments made the fledgling bike patrol program at IU Southeast possible.

"We're all one department is what it boils down to," Borrego said.

Borrego was able to borrow an old patrol bike from the Floyd County Police Department and was able to take the necessary training course, for free, by taking the class with another police department in Bloomington. But the loaned bike has some problems, so Borrego has started looking for funding to buy a new bike.

Police Chief Philip McBride said at first, he was reluctant to support the bike patrol program, especially at a time when finances were already stretched.

"These types of bicycles are pretty expensive to make an initial investment in," McBride said.

He said he is excited about the new program, but money is still too tight to buy a new patrol bike.

"It would be pushing us

to buy one of the better quality bikes," McBride said. "We just kind of have to watch our budgets like everybody else is right now."

Borrego approached SGA in hopes that it would pick up the tab for a new bike.

Some SGA Senators support the idea of raising the money to buy the department a fully-loaded bicycle, which, according to Borrego's proposal, would cost \$385.

His proposal includes some accessories, like a bike rack and helmet.

There is also the question of whether or not SGA's constitution allows for the financial support of university departments.

SGA Chief Justice Rob Vest said there are valid arguments with either position.

"One of the arguments put forward was that, since the police department is not a student organization, if that would be a conflict of interests, even though it would indirectly benefit the students" Vest said.

The judicial branch has tabled the issue to wait for a bill to come from the Senate.

Despite financial problems, both Borrego and McBride said they would like to see the bike patrol program grow.

Phones: Audiovisual equipment needs grow

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The equipment itself will be wired as part of the campus network.

When an instructor calls for assistance, a technician will be able to instantly take command of the malfunctioning equipment from a remote location and make a diagnosis.

Crestview Hall is the pilot building for the new project and has yet to be fully integrated on the network. Technicians will be working on the classrooms, one at a time, throughout the school year.

A majority of the work is done on Fridays and weekends, when no classes are held.

So far, 27 classrooms in both Crestview and the Jeffersonville Graduate Center have been completed.

Staten projects the building will be fully equipped by early summer of 2005.

The long-term plan is for every building on campus to receive the equipment.

"It's a slow, gradual process," Staten said. "We'll be fortunate to complete one building per year."

Staten had no estimates as to the final cost of adding the equipment. The funding for the project is being shared by the related departments and is being figured in as part of their respective budgets.

The need for the new classrooms was caused by a recent surge in the amount of AV equipment requested by both instructors and students.

"The demand for projectors has gone through the roof," Staten said, citing the increased use of the Internet as a classroom resource, the expanded capabilities of the Oncourse system and the popularity

of PowerPoint for presentations.

Staten said Media Services made roughly 3,500 classroom deliveries of AV equipment during the 2002-2003 school year.

The number increased to about 4,500 in 2003-2004, and shows no sign of diminishing.

A majority of the deliveries were made to Crestview Hall, making it the logical point to begin the upgrades.

"We're very excited to be able to upgrade the oldest building on campus," Staten said.

OneStart: New program has glitches

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delays that aren't encountered on a day-to-day basis. New technology has lead us all to believe that we should be able to click and view online screens within a few moments. However, as with all new programs, there are a few glitches to be worked out.

"I have heard students say they don't like the new program," Clark said. "But this has been great for the new students." Of all the computer areas on campus, the library area has the largest percentage of enrollments for new students. Most freshman don't know about the micro lab in CV112 or the computer lab in KV207. Clark said the Library location is a natural fit, since it is right next door to the Bur-sar's Office. She can also see many benefits to OneStart, a "one-stop" service center.

With OneStart, students can register for classes, pay

tuition, apply for financial aid, open an IUS e-mail account, and print a syllabus listing the books needed for each class. In previous years, each of these activities would have meant standing in line and moving from line to line — first the registration line, the financial aid line, the bur-sar's line, etc. "We have become an information hub," Clark said.

Does she enjoy her work? Yes. Although it can be frustrating, she loves helping confused freshmen and people who seem to get lost in the shuffle.

When a student has been sent from one end of the campus to the other, she enjoys helping them find their way through the registration process with a simple click of a mouse.

"Most people are OK with the time they have to wait to access the program. They know that late registration is a high traffic time," Clark said.

Judy Johnson, general

studies senior, agrees. She was having trouble printing a syllabus using the OnCourse program.

"Christine Clark was right there to help me," Johnson said. "She was just coming back from dinner; but, when she saw I needed help, she sat her food down and came right over."

Picking up her freshly printed syllabus, a smiling Johnson left the Library's computer area.

"That's what it's all about," Clark said. "We are here to help. Students should take advantage of our presence. We can help take the worry and stress out of their registration or computer class project. All they need to do is ask. We aim to please."

With that statement, Clark turned to another frustrated student.

"Let me see your mouse for a minute. Maybe I can help," she said softly, not wanting to disturb the quiet ambience of the softly lit Computer Center.



Photo by Alicia Johnson

Shamika Johnson were getting prepared to "Meet and Greet" students.

Zeta: Group promotes sisterhood, friendship

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than 100 volunteer hours, sponsor the local charities of the Haven House, Center for Women and Families and the Wayside Mission.

They also participate in the sorority's national charities.

"We have walked and sold beanie babies to raise money for the March of Dimes," Kim Leslie said.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1920 at Howard University.

In 1995, Nicole Ward, former student, and some other women went to the Campus Life department to start a chapter of the sorority at IU Southeast. The principles of the sorority are scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

"I joined about two years ago, when I was at U of L," Lakeesha Turner, business management junior, said. "After I found out what our principles were, they suited me and I felt the principles were me on point. The friendships and sisterhood are all relationships that will last a life-time,"

Poker games grow more popular

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There are also websites devoted to training an amateur how to play poker or providing a professional player with free cheating techniques such as Homepoker.com and PokerDevil.com.

Television, which has aided poker in its newfound popularity, has made way for shows devoted to the beloved card game. Poker tournaments, tours and series can be found on ESPN, the Travel Channel, and

FOX Sports.

The game of poker is taken very seriously by its most passionate followers.

The most talented card sharks can enter themselves into the World Series of Poker, often held in Las Vegas and seen on ESPN.

Poker has even been considered for entry into the 2008 Olympics to be held in Beijing.

The possibilities are endless, but the outcome is still unforeseeable.

The trend continues and the race to see who is the master of all poker players still remains to be discovered.