

News from IT – 3/31/04



Campus Security Updates Closer to Completion – Over the last few weeks, IT and Facilities brought phase 1 of campus security upgrades closer to completion with the activation of Emergency Blue-Light phones on Cardiac Hill and in the South Hall Mall. This brings the number of Blue-Light phones on campus to 15. Thirteen emergency phone and two security camera installations were completed in the fall prior to the start of bad weather. This spring, a sixteenth phone will be installed in the grassy area between Alumni and Elliot Halls, and an additional security camera will be installed to monitor the South Hall Mall.

New Phone Directory Now Available – An online version of the “printed” telephone directory is now available on the web. You can find the link under “Search and Directories” from the main web page by selecting “Faculty and Staff Directory”, or directly through the *My.Mansfield* intranet site. Entry into *My.Mansfield* requires the use of your Email ID and password.

In addition to the new phone directory, faculty and staff may verify and update their personal information at any time by following the “*Update your campus or home address*” link. By using this new service, staff can insure the most up-to-date information is reflected in the online directory.

Hard copies of the telephone directory can be printed for personal use by selecting the section that is of interest: .pdf files are broken down into the following sections:

- [Calling Guide \(5 pages\)](#)
- [Administrative Telephone Alphabetical Listing \(approx. 43 pages\)](#)
- [Departmental Listings with Cross Reference \(approx. 20 pages\)](#)

SPSS License Increased to 35 Seats – Faculty and staff ran into a problem this semester when they bumped up against the licensing limit for SPSS seats, or simultaneous users. The restriction on our SPSS license had been 20 seats. With thanks to Student Technology Fee funding, an additional 15 seats have been purchased, bringing the total number of simultaneous users to 35.

IT requests your assistance in insuring product availability by shutting down your SPSS session when not actively in-use.

In these tight budget times, it is especially important to equitably share scarce and expensive software resources. Other statistical products available to the campus include Minitab and SAS. Call the HELP desk if you would like advice in determining which statistical package is best suited for a particular project or class.

Blackboard 6.0 Finally On the Way – Jan Bottorf, the web courseware administrator for the SSHE system, has advised that the Educational Resource Group will upgrade to Blackboard 6.0 over the summer. The target installation date is mid-August. Many of you have waited a long time for this news. Expect additional updates from the ERG and Tamela Bastion as we receive additional information and a solid conversion date.

Class Cancellations On the Web – Class cancellation information is now available on the University website. From the main page, click on “Quick Links” or “Current Students” to be directed to the “Class Cancellations” page. Cancellations will also continue to be listed on the Campus Announcement Network (CAN) for the foreseeable future.