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Students, employees and alumni exercising in the Green Room at the campus fitness center may be contributing to keeping the building's lights on.

Five years ago, officials installed equipment to harness the energy produced during workouts. A box-like converter attached to the front of each piece of exercise equipment sends the energy to an inverter, which returns the energy back into the building's power supply.

Assistant director Suzann Hensley said the room contains the largest environmentally friendly system in the United States, with seven ellipticals, four recumbent bikes, four upright bikes and treadmills. The equipment and essential parts cost about \$80,000, she said.

The room is equipped with recumbent bikes, upright bikes and ellipticals that produce energy when in use. The treadmills are energy efficient, but they do not contribute to the power generation, Hensley said.

Funds collected through the student sustainability fee help fund the equipment and room construction, Delayne

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Treadmill room matches

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