

Reed Gets Facelift

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The Reed Union Building will undergo renovations to help better accommodate the growing student body.

At this point, the program statement of the plans has been sent to University Park. This is the first step in a process that may take up to two years.

The Reed Union Building is the center of campus life and provides the services and needs of students' daily lives.

Primary needs for the Reed Building include the need for more lounge space, meeting rooms, and better programming

space that will accommodate more people than the Reed Lecture Hall. There is also a need for more staff and student organization offices.

Other needs include a possible exhibit or gallery space for artistic displays, and a need for an elevator for the handicapped.

Students' reactions to the planned renovations have been mixed.

Stephaine Krepp, a first semester freshman, liked the idea of having more mailboxes. "I really don't enjoy the idea of sharing a mailbox with another person that I don't even know."

"I don't think it's necessary to have to spend more money,

especially since they just built a new library complex," said Ryan Peck, a first semester DUS major.

Bree Grove, a first semester nursing major, agreed with Peck's statement. "Even though it seems like a good idea, it will probably tie up the building from the students and will cause a lot of problems for awhile."

Amber Palmer, a fifth semester biology major, was upset with the possibility of losing the study lounge. "Many students use the lounge between classes and it's open later than the library so the students can have an alternative to studying in their rooms."



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NO VACANCY: Only months ago, this used to be a bustling scene. The space once occupied by the library, is now being partially used. The SGA Treasurers' Office is located where the Librarian's Office used to be.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness

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The National Collegiate Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week is October 19-22. This week will also be the first Penn State-Behrend "Week of Sobriety." These two events give the students a chance to show their support for drug and alcohol awareness.

There have been events scheduled to coincide with this theme. There is a pledge available for students to sign. It states that they will abstain from the use of alcohol for the duration of the "Week of Sobriety." There are also free "I Choose Sobriety" buttons which can be obtained at the Health and Wellness Center. ODK, Omicron Delta Kappa, donated the funds that were used to buy the buttons.

Patty Pasky McMahon, who is a chief coordinator of the week's activities, said, "The students of previous years usually enjoy the carnival."

This year's carnival is scheduled for Monday, October 18, and it will be held in the Wintergarden from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Eric Beer will be present at the carnival and will be giving out free samples of non-alcoholic beer.

Some of the highlights of the carnival include games of skill, free food and non-alcoholic beverages, and a mocktail competition.

The mocktail competition offers people the opportunity to create the best non-alcoholic drink. Prizes will be given to those who have the best drinks.

At 8 p.m. Monday night, there will be a demonstration of the physical effects that alcohol has on coordination. This will

be held at Packard Hall in the Apartment Community Center.

Mike Gorski of the Hamot Wellness Center will be giving free tests of fitness levels and body fat composition. This will occur from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, in the Perry Hall Lobby.

There are two events planned for Thursday, October 21. The first will be from noon-1p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. Jane Comi from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine will be giving the speech "Mixed Signals. When Does No Mean No? The Alcohol/Date Rape Connection."

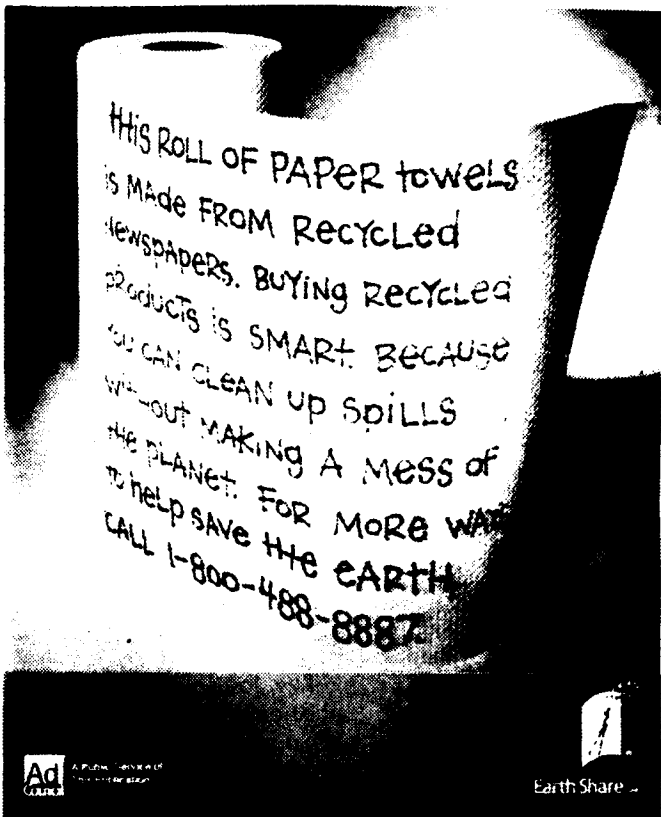
Then at 8 p.m. Thursday night in Niagara Lobby, John Graham of the Hamot Wellness Center will have a presentation on nutrition and exercise.

McMahon feels that the response to the very first "Week of Sobriety" has been very positive. She said, "I think that it will be a role model for other colleges to try next year."

As for the people at Behrend, she said, "I hope they realize we are here to give information. We always like to improve, and we want to meet the needs of students. It is important to have a good time, but if they drink, they should do so responsibly."

When asked what she felt of the program, Joy P. Master, a first semester freshman, said, "I think the idea is good, and I plan on attending some of the events that will be going on during that week."

Iris Spinler, a third semester sophomore, stated, "It's a good idea because it shows that although many college students like to party, they can take a week to stop drinking to show their support for a good cause."



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