

Almy violated

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Construction crews were greeted with an unwelcome attempt at interior decorating--with their own paint--at Behrend's newest addition earlier this month.

According to Police and Safety reports, Almy Hall fell victim to graffiti artists sometime between 5 p.m., Friday, April 18 and 7 a.m. the following day.

Vandals allegedly entered the unfinished residence hall by breaking the lock on a construction entrance door.

Once inside, the vandals used reddish orange and yellow spray paints left by construction crews, said Trooper Bill Loftus of the Pennsylvania State Police, who photographed the scene. Graffiti was found in the corridors of several floors and in the stairwells.

Bill Donahue, manager of Police and Safety Services, said that he could not offer any specifics on what the graffiti included because of the on-going investigation.

According to Donahue, the graffiti found in Almy Hall may be unique to "taggers" and useful in the investigation. Taggers use graffiti as a trademark, creating a painted trail.

Police and Safety Services have included Erie City Police and Pennsylvania State Police in the investigation in attempts to find similar graffiti.

"With Erie we have some similarities but nothing that's concrete," said Donahue. "We are still working with the State Police."

A motive has yet to be determined but Donahue said there may be a variety of motives. The

vandals may have had too much to drink, had a grudge against the college or saw spray painting Almy Hall as a challenge.

"It hasn't been determined to be gang related," said Loftus. "We really have no clue. It was probably boredom."

"It's hard to say," said Donahue. "There was no graffiti elsewhere. It looks like it was directly aimed at the new construction."

There was no other damage to the building. None of the tools or equipment that had been left in the building were taken either.

"The place was locked up and they didn't take anything," said Loftus.

As of press time, Police and Safety Services had no distinct leads and requests any information concerning that night.



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The crime scene: Nearly complete Almy Hall was the victim of unsolicited interior decorating last month. A full recovery is expected.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS



FEST A SUCCESS: Students gathered in the quad last Friday for a night of music and cut-throat competition at the *Battle of the Bands '97*. Pennsylvania and student bands battled for cash prizes. Behrend's own *STONE* won first prize.

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Bucks for athletics

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Show me the money!
Behrend College is a little richer having received a \$2 million

endowment for its athletic program.

The gift, from Edward P. "Ted" Junker III, former vice chairman of PNC Bank Corp., and his wife, Barbara Frederick Junker, was made

official at an April 20 press conference.

The gift was announced in conjunction with Penn State's upcoming capital campaign, which

aims to raise private funds for scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty endowments and a variety of academic programs.

"We think there's no single

engine that drives economic development more than higher education," said Junker. "Athletics is part of a well-rounded campus life, and we chose this opportunity to enhance the program now and for the future."

The unprecedented gift stems from the Junkers' history of Penn State involvement.

The husband and wife team hold lifetime memberships in the Penn State Alumni Association and are members of the Mount Nittany Society. In 1987, the Junkers endowed the Edward P. and Barbara F. Junker Scholarship at Behrend.

"We deeply appreciate the generous spirit with which Ted and Barbara have supported Penn State-Behrend over the years," said Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean. "This remarkable gift sets a new standard for the college, and we are truly grateful for their support."

The Junkers are Penn State alumni and participated in athletics at the college level while attending University Park. Mrs. Junker said she and her husband believe athletics help develop character, discipline and self-esteem.

"We feel these characteristics are what make people successful in other endeavors as well," she said.

The Junkers also said that athletics benefit not only the participants but also the spectators who enjoy a quality athletic program.

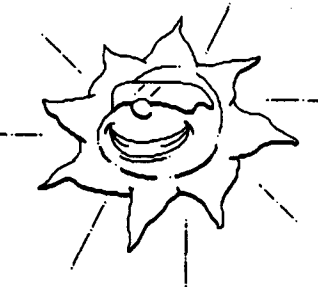
Rosalyn Fornari, interim Athletic Director, was unavailable for comment.



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Generous athletic supporters: Ted and Barbara Junker endowed \$2 million to Behrend's athletic program. The gift was announced in conjunction with the college's capital campaign.

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