

Dorms continued

new projects were University funded, such as Bruno's and Almy Hall. The next big issue for housing is Niagara Hall and Lawrence Hall. Since Niagara Hall is older it will see changes first. However, it costs around half a million dollars to replace everything. The apartments will be seeing changes as well. New furniture is expected to be in the apartments, as well. The new furniture will be added incrementally. For example, if a dresser is put in, a desk can be put in as well. If a bed is put in, then a chair can be expected. Dobbins will be the last to be addressed.

However, in 5 years students will see a new hall, Ohio Hall. Ohio Hall will bring in an additional 235 pieces of new furniture. The entire project will cost approximately ten million dollars. Housing also plans to bring in some architects for a feasibility study. "The architects will come and see how they can remodel Perry entirely and see if they can make it like a suite, even connect it to Dobbins with an escalator," stated Mulfingher. It is even possible that the architects will see if they will be able to link Perry to Reed, redo the front lawn of Perry (making the land level) and even see if wings can be added. If all of these proposals are implemented, there can be furniture moved to the other halls.

"We are reactionary. When we look ahead 5 years, will Dobbins be big enough?" asked Mulfingher. Housing is trying to make the dorms better, but it takes time and money. Mulfingher pointed out the main reason to make improvements, "Housing drives enrollment, if you can't live here, then you won't want to come here."



Police and Safety Manager Bill Donahue

photo by Jason Blak

Car damage raises security issues

by Melissa Roberts
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Do you have an extra \$140 in your pocket? Not many of us do. However, before spring break, student Matt Guzzi, had to shell out \$140 dollars for damages to his car while it was parked in the back parking lot behind Almy.

The mirror on his car had been broken off one night while the car was parked. This occurred shortly before spring break. Guzzi stated, "(I) know of over 6 people who have had damage to their vehicles while parked in the back lot." Everyone knows someone whose car has been hit while

parked, scratched by people walking to and from their own cars or just out and out vandalized. Most of these damages are not reported to Police and Safety, but the ones that are reported are in enough of abundance to demand Police and Safety to look at this problem.

Guzzi reported his damage to Police and Safety, and they told him that they would like to put video cameras in the parking lots to help the damage and vandalism problem. However, these cameras and the equipment could not be purchased because of the extensive cost of the equipment and the budget for Police and Safety,

which is already used for other areas of security on campus. Police and Safety Manager Bill Donahue said he would like to see cameras put in the parking lot, "but the funding would have to be found somewhere else on campus."

John Ream, Director of Operations, also said that there was no money in the budget for such cameras and the only way to purchase the cameras would be to "increase parking fees." The parking fee, which already seems large at \$58 a semester, would have to be increased to an unknown amount.

Students react to Edinboro shooting

by Jon Tatalovic
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In Edinboro on Friday, students from James W. Parker Middle School gathered at Nick's Place for a school dance and a chance to have a good time. Then, with no warning, the sounds of gunfire tore through the crowd. In the wake of the chaos, John Gillette, a twenty-seven year veteran teacher was shot in the head and killed. The fourteen year old eighth grade student who opened fire is Andrew Wurst, a student at the school.

Wurst, who was armed with a .25 caliber pistol, was convinced shortly after the shooting to surrender his weapon by the restaurant owner and his shotgun. Police then arrested Wurst, and he is currently being charged with criminal homicide, reckless endangerment, aggravated assault, and drug charges. He is be-

ing held in the Erie County jail as an adult with no bail. In support of Gillette's wife and three children, over four thousand people attended the funeral.

like this happen because parents don't teach the difference between right and wrong."

Chuck Goss, 04 MET, said, "I don't think the kid would have got-

have pent-up aggression and they don't have a vent for it." When asked about the topic, Meredith Lynch, 02 Education, said, "It scares me because it has happened a lot in the last year, and little kids have the means to get guns so easy." Nicole Ortman, 02 Education, said, "It's tragic that he had enough anger in him to do something like that."

Things like this leave a lasting impression on people and a community. Hopefully, tragedies like this can be a learning experience for society and can prevent future situations.

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Morgan Saeler,
04 History

Lately, instances such as this have been taking place all around the country. Jonesboro, Arkansas; West Paducah, Kentucky; and Pearl, Mississippi have all seen similar situations.

Morgan Saeler, 04 History, said, "You see things like this happening across the country, but this just hit too close to home." When asked why he thought things like this happen he replied, "I think that things

ten the idea unless he saw it on television. I think he should be tried as an adult, and get the death penalty." Joel Michalak, 02 DUS, said, "Society will blame it on music and drugs like every other crime, but really it's our society who is at fault."

Jamie Daly, 02 Pre Law, said, "It's a shame that it happened, but it's a reflection of what's going on. Parents try to control kids, and kids

Engineering school developing computer science minor

by Mark Greenbank
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Would you like to pick up another minor before you graduate? Beginning this fall the School of Engineering will be adding on a new Computer Engineering Minor for Electrical Engineering students.

The Engineering Department is looking to develop a new computer engineering program, and this minor represents the first step. To help create this new program, the department has been searching for new faculty members which will begin teaching this Fall. Early this semester a notice was put out that the Engineering School would be interviewing to fill the positions for a tenure track in computer engineering, a one-year electrical engineering appointment to fill a sabbatical vacancy, and an anticipated tenure track position in electrical engineering.

To qualify for the tenure track in

computer engineering, the school was looking primarily for individuals with a Ph.D. in electrical or computer engineering, teaching experience, and industrial experience. A commitment to undergraduate teaching, an ability to teach courses and a desire to develop a research program here were the main factors that the school was looking to fill. Penn State Behrend

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looked for candidates that possessed a strong computer engineering background in computer architecture, digital design, HDL, VLSI, or software systems.

To fill the sabbatical vacancy, applicants needed to possess a background in one or more of a number of

areas. Computers, controls, communications, electromagnetics, microelectronics, power electronics/systems, and signal/image processing were what the department was searching for.

To fill the anticipated tenure track in electrical engineering, preference was given to individuals with a Ph.D. in electrical engineering, teaching experience, and industrial experience. The applicants also needed to have a commitment to undergraduate teaching, the ability to teach a wide range of courses, and again the desire to develop a research program at Penn State-Behrend. A strong electrical engineering background in communications, controls, electromagnetics, power systems or signal image processing was preferred.

These new additions to the faculty will help develop the new computer science program and could mark the beginning of a series of changes to the School of Engineering.

Question of the Week

What are your plans for this summer?

"Try to find somewhere else to go to school."
-Todd Pound, 02, Accounting

"I plan to go home and work a lot."
-Jason Chadwick, 04, Psychology

"Find a job."
-Mike Nicolella, 08, EE

"I'm going to Europe for a month."
-Kelly Burda, 06, Accounting

"I don't have any plans yet."
-Stacy Krepp, 02, DUS

"I'll probably go to the beach."
-Michael Thompson, 06, MEBD



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The back parking lot, where car damage has been reported.

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Dr. Archie Loss to speak at commencement

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On May 16, the class of 1998 will be receiving their diplomas in a ceremony held on the Reed lawn.

Archie Loss, professor of American studies and English, will give the commencement address.

In the event of rain, commencement will be held in two ceremonies in Erie Hall. The first, for the School of Science and the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology at noon, and the second

for the School of Business and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at 2:30.

The opening and closing remarks will be made by Julie Cain and Lara Herrmann, respectively. The College Marshal will be Dr. Juan Fernandez, professor of Spanish, and the assistant marshals will be: Dr. James Kurre, associate professor of economics; Dr. Mary Chisholm, associate professor of chemistry; and Dr. Jeffrey Pinto,

associate professor of management.

The student marshals will be: School of Business, Michelle Barnett; School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Jesse McCanna; School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dennis Merski and; School of Science, Sandra Mishic.

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in the Reed Building and on the Reed Lawn to honor the graduates, guests, faculty, and staff.