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the final phase. "The sum of the three-phased renovation modernized the biology labs and have made more efficient use of space which has allowed for the addition of equipment rooms, a radiation room, a tissue culture room, an aquaria room, a faculty office, and a faculty research lab," Eckroat added. Also, an introductory biology lab was modernized with the assistance of a \$50,000 grant from the University Facilities Improvement Committee, according to Burke. As in other buildings, Nick classrooms were also air-conditioned and new lighting and ceilings were installed.

In the Witkowski Building (located between the Prischak and the Fassenmyer Buildings in the Engineering Complex), classroom W110 was converted into a computer lab. Mr. Kenneth Bauer, senior systems analyst, stated that the machines outfitting the new lab came from the lab located in Nick 156, which has since been taken over by the Management Information Systems (MIS) program. "New tables and chairs were purchased, new air conditioning was installed, and additional data lines were added" to the new Witkowski lab, Bauer added.

In the Hammermill Building, lab H139 was converted into a cooperative learning computer lab.



Collaborative Learning Lab in Hammermill 139.

PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

The other main additions to existing buildings students may have noticed are the new elevators in the Reed Building and in the Stairtower (located behind Perry Hall leading up to the residential area of the campus). The elevator in Reed is up and running for all to use - in fact, a person was temporarily trapped in this elevator during one of the brief brown-outs just

before noon on Wednesday, August 30. The elevator that runs up the side of the Stairtower should be in operation by late September, according to Ream.

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who introduced Karena. Karena talked to the crowd about how happy she was to be working on her father's campaign, and how her father would make a great president. She highlighted the great economic boon of the last eight years, and Gore's plans for the budget surplus and how to save Social Security.

Ralph Nader

With all of the Democratic and Republican mud throwing surrounding the upcoming Presidential elections, we tend to forget that there are other candidates running in that same election.

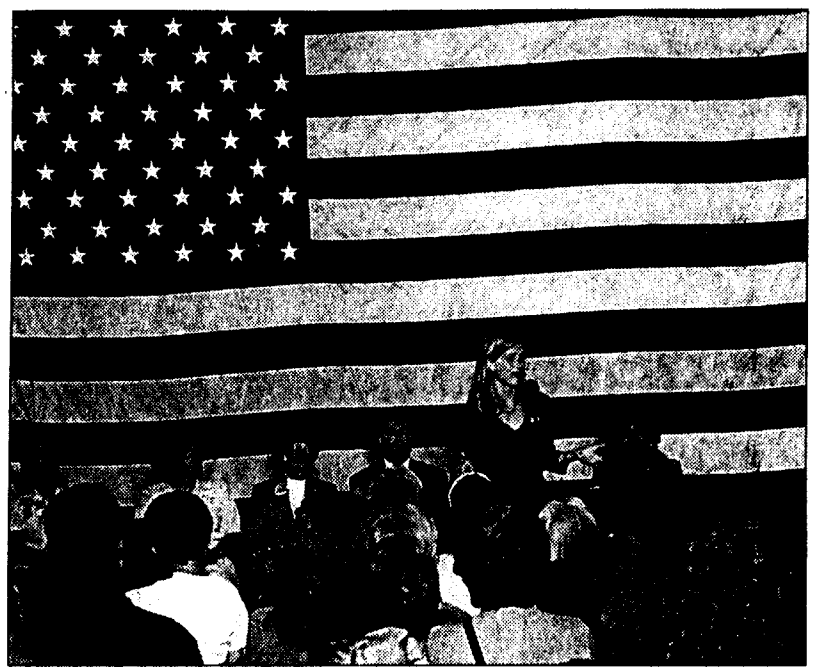
This year's highest polling third-party candidate is Ralph Nader. Nader, the Green Party's presidential candidate, was a guest speaker at the Avalon Hotel in Erie, on Tuesday.

He talked about the fact that Bill Clinton and Al Gore have been promising to put a ban on replacement persons being brought in to fill the spots of union workers who are on strike. The Democrats have been promising this for eight years now, and still nothing has been accomplished.

He went on to say that this, to him, makes the Democrats worse than the Republicans. He talked a lot about the ever-growing similarities between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. He feels that both parties are controlled too much by big business and are too soft on white-collar crime.

He spoke of the Occupational Safety and Health issues; which are at the core of the Green Party's Platform. These issues have not been addressed by either Al Gore or George W. Bush. Nader says that "these are dirty words to Big Business." He stated that to the Republicans and Democrats, "politics is about who pays."

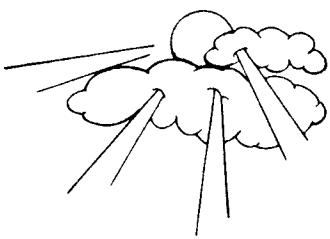
He went into the recent dilemma over raising the minimum wage. Democrats wish to raise the minimum wage by one dollar over the next two years, the Republicans wish to make the adjustment over the next three years. He said that "the only difference between Democrats and Republicans is \$0.17." At one point he actually referred to the two parties as "look-a-likes" and "tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum."



Karena Gore speaks at East High School last week. PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

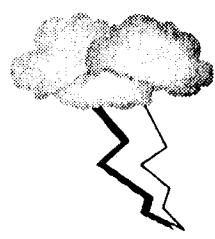
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SATURDAY



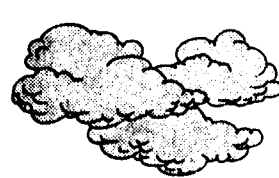
Partly Sunny
High: 81
Low: 66

SUNDAY



Mostly Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms.
High: 84
Low: 66

MONDAY



Cloudy
High: 80
Low: 64

HOW MUCH DID YOU SPEND ON BOOKS THIS SEMESTER? WHERE DID YOU BUY YOUR BOOKS FROM?



About \$400 from the rip-off store.

Michael Reynolds, MET, 03



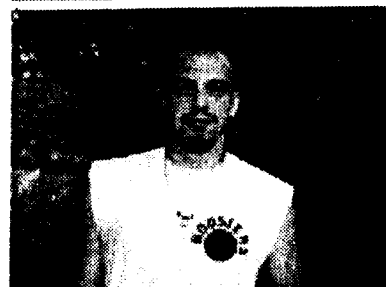
\$407.03 - bookstore. I didn't go online, because I'm too lazy.

Angela Holeczyk, MET, 07



About \$300. Barnes and Noble was chosen because it was too lazy. Mom was paying for it, so screw it.

Jennifer Tesson, MSBD, 07



Around \$400. I bought them from the bookstore. I got robbed at the bookstore.

Jeff Clark, MET, 10



I purchased all of my books from the bookstore...Are you ready...\$728.

Kim Moses, MET, 08



At first I spent \$380. Then my roommate had a couple of the books I need, so I returned them and it came down to \$250.

Robert Henderson, MET, 03

Police And Safety

REPORT:

8/21/00	09:36	Complainant reported the attempted theft of a VCR player from Reed 114 over the weekend.
8/21/00	15:25	Complainant reported being harassed by non-student friend of a student
8/21/00	19:06	Report of student having a seizure in front of the Reed Building. Found to be between Reed and Perry Hall. Upon our arrival, individual was normal and refused ambulance transport by Brookside.
8/21/00	22:34	On the hill in front of Ohio, resident ran over a boulder in front of Ohio Hall and put a hole in the gas tank. The owner had AAA, which he called and the vehicle was towed off campus.
8/24/00	19:45	Complainant reported that someone had hit and run the driver side of their van.
8/25/00	00:10	A student reported hearing a rumor that another student had been secretly videotaping others.

