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The hassles of Behrend construction

by Megan Loncaric
staff writer

If you live on campus at Behrend, it is very hard to miss all of the construction that is going on next to Perry Hall. The end result of all this construction, which started late in May last year, is going to be a new five-level (mostly freshman) residence building named Senat Hall. This new building will house 150 students and raise the amount of students living on campus from 1,500 to 1,650.

As a student currently residing on campus, you may have found the west side of Perry off-limits. Now it takes more time to walk to classes in the Reed Building than last year, especially if you live in one of the upper residence halls like Almy, Ohio, the suites or any of the apartments.

Even though the "million-dollar staircase" is still open and operable, students living in these upper residence halls have to walk around to the other side of Perry just to make it down to the Reed Union Building.

"I am glad I don't live in the traditional dorms anymore, especially in Perry. Being woken up early from the noise would be a huge distraction when I am trying to sleep and when I am trying to keep up on my studies," said Patrick Cortopassi, a third-semester business management major who currently lives in Ohio Hall.

Perry Hall residents find the construction to be difficult to adjust to as well.

"I have to leave for classes earlier," said Philip Tullai, a current Perry Hall resident, "because I have to walk around

the construction instead of just going down the stairs."

Tullai, a second-semester computer engineering major, also said, "The construction usually wakes me up in the morning because of the noise. There is a lot of dust and dirt in the air, which sometimes comes in the windows. The view out the window is bad because Behrend is such a cool place, then you see the construction."

Another Perry Hall resident doesn't like the fact that the steps in front of Perry are closed.

"I can't walk directly to the Reed Union Building, I have to walk all the way around and then go down the hill. The hill isn't bad now, but come winter it will become even more difficult to walk down because of the massive amounts of snow," said Sean Mihlo, a first-semester DUS student who also lives in Perry Hall.

"I don't know what time they start construction in the mornings," added Mihlo, "but I can definitely hear them when I get up for my 8a.m class."

Other students find that a trip down the hill in front of Perry often ends with someone falling.

"I hate it when I fall down the hill," said Christina Hakel, a third-semester communications major who lives in Ohio Hall.

The new building, which will have 16 single rooms, 24 double suites and offices for Housing and Food Services, is set to be completed before the start of the 2004-05 school year-unfortunately, not in time for the hassles of the construction to end.

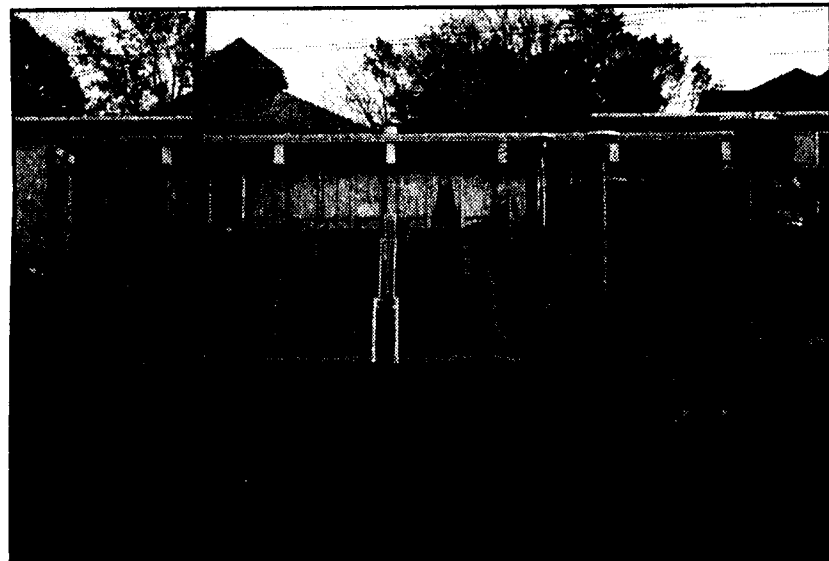


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What once was a place to hang out on sunny days is no more. The steps to Perry Hall have been replaced with trailers and construction.

Through the Looking Glass

by Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

GEE, I WONDER WHERE HE IS

A man went to a car dealership in Ardmore, Pa., and took a \$729,000 red Ferrari F50 out for a test drive. He has not returned.

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR LOVE

A 34-year-old teacher in Helgeland, Norway, took full advantage of the fact that the teenage girls in his classes had crushes on him. He had sexual relations with at least five of them. He would have gotten away with it had he not taken pictures of one of the encounters and had the film developed at a photo lab. He was arrested when a technician turned him in. He said he was in love with the girls.

THAT'S ONE FINE-LOOKING GOVERNOR

A mural on a hotel in Helena, Mont., features a nude woman dancing in a brothel, a depiction of the rough-and-tumble days when gold miners populated the place. But the nude dancer is wearing glasses and has short hair with bangs, and, some say, looks exactly like the state's governor, Judy Martz. The artist says it isn't so, but among those who see a resemblance is the governor herself, and she doesn't like it much.

I THINK WE'VE CRACKED THE STOLEN SIGN CASE

A University of Nebraska student in possession of 13 stolen street signs agreed to be interviewed and photographed for an article about it in the school newspaper. Police have closed in.

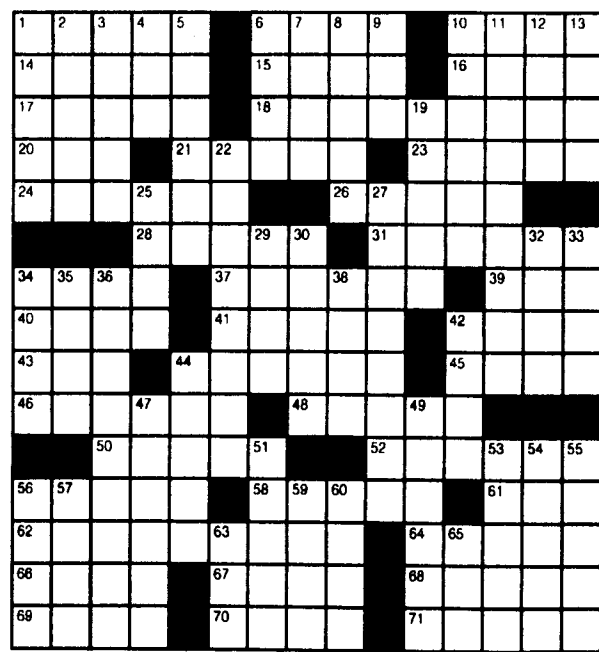
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- 16 Something to cram for
- 17 Table constellation
- 18 Peak viewing period
- 20 Academic URL ending
- 21 Congressional cable channel
- 23 Duty free
- 24 Greek poet
- 26 Aspects
- 28 Toronto team, casually
- 31 Cherry red
- 34 Pisa's river
- 37 Matched
- 39 Ares or Apollo
- 40 Knot part
- 41 Popular snack cake
- 42 Cozy
- 43 Unruly crowd
- 44 Northernmost state capital
- 45 Wight or Dogs
- 46 Scared
- 48 Move turvively
- 50 Apprehension
- 52 Reverberated
- 56 Copying
- 58 Favorite hangout
- 61 Final letter
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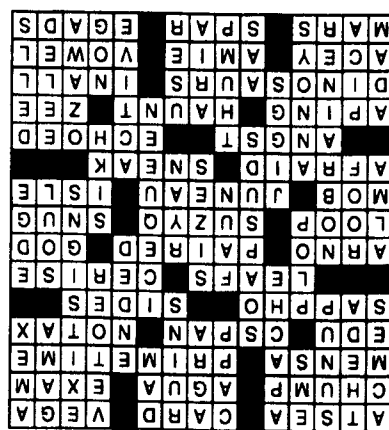
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- 29 Half-goat man
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- 32 James Brown's genre
- 33 Rim
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- 35 Mansard, e.g.
- 36 Piece of cake
- 38 Pitcher Nolan
- 42 Monotheistic Hindu
- 44 Maggie's hubby in comics



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- 53 Conductor Seiji
- 54 Sought morays
- 55 Little valleys
- 56 Motherless child?
- 57 12-point type
- 59 Opera song
- 60 Consumer
- 63 Small batteries
- 65 Egg drink