

# NEWS

## National and world news in brief

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**ROCCALUMERA, Italy:** A Catholic nun was arrested Monday after attempting to set fire to her priest's home and storming him with a machete when she caught him in a compromising position with another woman.

Sister Silvia Gomes De Sousa, 39, was the secret lover and housecleaner of the 70-year old Father Carmelo. She returned to his house to find him in bed with another, married, woman, and said that she "saw red."

Sister Sousa's first act of revenge was to set fire to Father Carmelo's home by setting candles and lit matches on his rugs and next to the walls. She then brandished a machete and threatened to kill him before being restrained by concerned bystanders.

"I just flipped when I came to the house and caught him in bed with another woman who is married," Sister Sousa told a court panel. "We had been together four years and I had even had two abortions because of him."

Sister Sousa has since been released on bail, and the whole event has turned into an Italian media frenzy.

**MONTREAL, Quebec:** Nobody understood what was happening Wednesday when a lone gunman walked into Dawson College and began shooting.

For reasons that are still undetermined, Kimveer Gill, 25, entered the Dawson College cafeteria and opened fire with a rifle on the entire room.

"He just started shooting up the place. I ran up to the third floor and I looked down and he was still shooting," Dawson student Derick Osei, 19, said. "He was hiding behind the vending machines, and he came out with a gun and started pointing and pointed at me. So I ran up the stairs. I saw a girl get shot in the leg."

After taking a shot in the arm after police started returning fire in a tense gunfight, Kimveer reportedly turned one of his weapons to his head and committed suicide.

Montreal police have been unable to discover any motive that would have caused Kimveer to choose Dawson college as his target. Kimveer did not attend the college at any time or have any friends, relatives, or acquaintances that did. Eyewitnesses described him as being absent of emotion, with a blank face and a calm demeanor as he methodically took aim and shot students seemingly at random.

"He's a deranged person, that's for sure," Quebec Provincial Police spokesman Lt. Frances Dore said. "We have absolutely no motive right now. He had a car, got out of his car, took some guns from the trunk and went inside, killing people."

While struggling for answers, authorities have uncovered other information that provided insights into his emotional state if not his motives. Entries on message boards under the name "fatality666," which has since been identified as belonging to Kimveer, depicted an increasingly depressed and troubled individual.

"I hate this world, I hate the people in it, I hate the way people live, I hate God, I hate the deceivers, I hate betrayers, I hate religious zealots, I hate everything ... I hate so much ... (I could write 1,000 more lines like these, but does it really matter, does anyone even care)," read an entry made in March.

The rampage left 19 students wounded and one dead, and police investigations into motive are continuing.



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## Many Behrend apartments receive an extreme makeover

By Nick Kraynak  
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"It would have been nice to get new furniture,"

says James Linco, an unlucky resident of apartment complex 900 in Behrend's on-campus housing who did not receive new furniture from the renovations that took place over the summer.

For Matt Sirco, resident of complex 400, his name was lucky enough to get pulled out of the hat. "The furniture is more comfortable than last year's, it's a big upgrade."

Out of nine complexes, only six have received new furniture, which leaves most residents enjoying what they've received and others asking why, feeling as though

they were overlooked on the necessary change.

Manager of Housing, James Bowen, sat down and discussed the process of renovating the complexes. Bowen gave light on the major disadvantage that most buildings had when deciding which ones were going to get the furniture and which ones weren't. Mr. Bowen discussed, "What we're trying to do is slowly renovate the apartments. This year we put brand new furniture in apartments 100 through 500.

"We took furniture from Beaver's campus, after they had torn down some of their buildings, and placed it in complex 600. So we have brand new

furniture in 100 through 500, better furniture in 600."

Then there was the issue of the remaining complexes and why they were not furnished."

Mr. Bowen explained, "It's a money issue because there are other things we have to do and things need repaired."

It was understandable the importance of money and the necessity to sustain a campus like Behrend.

"What we did with the remaining complexes was we evaluated their furniture and from the six buildings that were renovated, we took the best that we had and placed them in complexes 700 through 900."

"We got rid of a lot of stuff that was stained and so forth to make the rooms look a little better," was his comment reassuring that the other complexes weren't completely left out without getting anything.

There is the possibility that the remaining complexes without new furniture will get renovated

after the spring semester. During next summer, Housing plans to finish all complexes with new furniture and whatever else will be needed.

"Next year the process is to finish up 700, 800, and 900 with new furniture. We are also looking towards replacing the carpets along with the furniture, because they do take a beating," is what Bowen ended with and asserted that the remaining complexes will get their share of the deal.

"I guess it'll be a year and the furniture we do have is livable," James Linco said.

For now, most residents dealing with what they have now look forward to next year's plans and returning to school with something to brag about, rather than something to complain about.

We all know how much we students can complain about things, and there is one less thing for the students of Behrend's residential complexes.

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- James Bowen

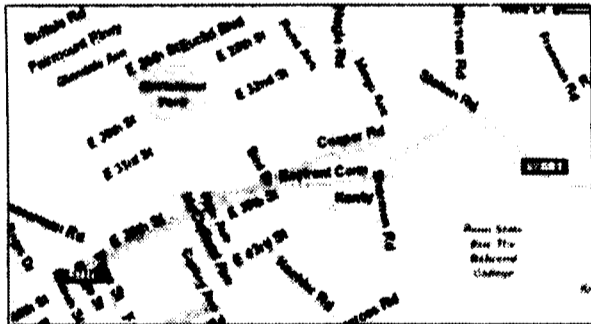
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From Erie Lot all the way to REDC Lot, parking situations have become confusing as students try and find their classes. From the price of parking permits to the location of commuter and resident parking, many problems have arisen since the construction of the REDC. Turnbull Lot is now resident parking, while Jordan Lot is now a commuter lot. A yearly pass for commuter parking costs \$250. Above, the Reed Lot is restricted to student parking until 5 p.m. and on weekends.

## Quotes on Civility

"If we are forced, at every hour, to watch or listen to horrible events, this constant stream of ghastly impressions will deprive even the most delicate among us of all respect for humanity."

— Cicero (Marcus Tullius), Roman orator, philosopher and statesman (106-43 B.C.)

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