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TENSIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND NEIGHBORS LEAD TO NEW LEGISLATION

THE RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS IN ERIE AND EDINBORO IS PUTTING A STRAIN ON THE CITY

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The Erie area is struggling to accommodate the explosion of college students living off-campus this year. The relationships between students and other residents in the neighborhoods of Erie and Edinboro are becoming more and more strained. However, the two governments are each handling these new issues very differently.

James Thompson, the water and housing authority of the Erie City Council, says that student-neighbor relations are becoming an issue in the Edinboro and Erie areas. He lists loud parties, underage drinking, and parking as the main issues for neighbors. Thompson says that this is unfortunate, because not all students are disruptive.

"So many students are good students," he says. Thompson says that the city is looking for a proactive way to eliminate this conflict. "We want to solve the problem, rather than watch it continue," says Thompson. "We want to find an

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Debate Watch 2008

The third and final presidential debate fills Bruno's cafe with students learning about the election



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Students from the speech classes of Penn State Behrend pack Bruno's to maximum capacity on Wednesday night to watch the final presidential debate.

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STUDENT LOANS AFFECTED BY CREDIT CRASH

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Behrend students are having difficulty applying for alternative loans as the national financial crisis constricts student loan lenders.

More than 70 student loan companies have either left the market or tightened their credit requirements this year. Key Bank, Wachovia, and Bank of America are only a few. CampusDoor, a student loan company owned by Lehman Brothers, a global financial-services firm, ceased operation on the eve of its owner's well-publicized collapse. "This affects college students more than they realize," says Dr. Christopher Cook, a political science professor at Behrend.

Nathan Pol is one such student. A third semester transfer student from Duquesne University, Pol went through CampusDoor last year. "I've gotten to the point where I don't have the credit to apply for more loans," says Pol, who found that CampusDoor denied his application last August. Pol has found his financial options for this year dwindling. He has tried other loan companies such as Citibank, but was denied due to the lack of a co-signer. He is surviving off of a three-part deferment plan. He buses tables at the Erie Yacht Club and is looking for a second job to help meet his upcoming financial deadlines.

Other students have found their loans taking much longer to come to Behrend than expected, traveling far past Penn State registration dead-

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Pa. candidates meet potential student voters



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Representative Phil English(R-PA) and Pennsylvania State Senator Jane Earl(R-49) come face-to-face in McGarvey Commons for a political meet and greet.

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Eerie Horror Fest hosts film makers, fans, and actors

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Downtown Erie had no lack of zombies, vampires and former B-movie actors this weekend as the Warner Theater hosted the fifth annual Eerie Horror Fest. It's only fitting that the event was hosted at a new, more grandiose location, as it was the biggest the festival has ever been.

The Horror Fest always features an array of frightening, funny and unique films and this year was no different. One such film, "Cheerbleeders," told the story of Penny, the least popular girl in school, and her best friend Devon, a fellow outcast.

When Penny discovers a mysterious goo that gets dumped on Devon, he becomes irresistible to all the girls in school. At first, Penny and Devon use new power to get back at all the people who mistreated them, but Devon's power soon gets to his head, leading to promiscuity and lines such as, "Devon, Jamie drank all my wine. I think she needs a spanking!" In the end, it's up to Penny to stop Devon, before he brings the whole school down with him.

Edward Furlong of *American History X* and *Terminator* appeared in a film this year, called *Dark Reel*. *Dark Reel* utilized a morbid mix of comedy and horror to tell the story of a Hollywood scandal that had repercussions in the present.

There were a number of foreign films at the festival this year, two of which won awards.

Eskalofrio (*Shiver* in English), got the best actor award at the fest, due to Junio Valverde's portrayal of Santi, a young vampire living in the city with his mom, who run into trouble when they relocate.

Death's Requiem, an Australian film, won best cinematography. The film told of a comic book artist given four months to live due to complications from leukemia, who eventually has to face the character he draws: Death himself.

The scares started Thursday, Oct. 9 when the first exhibitors set up their tables and films began screening. There was no lack of things to do between films at the festival, as tables were set up for organizations promoting everything from breweries, artists, t-shirt companies and tattoo parlors.

"I'm all about any kind of monster stuff," said Eerie Eric, a tattoo artist at Erie's Midtown Tattoo. "The majority of my stuff is monsters, and spooky stuff like that. Plus, Erie is my hometown. The festival is a perfect fit for us. We're here to try to make a name for a new shop."

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Winds N/NE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%.
Saturday: Partly Cloudy. High 54F.
Chance of rain 10%
Sunday: Partly cloudy. High 60F.
Chance of rain 10 %.

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