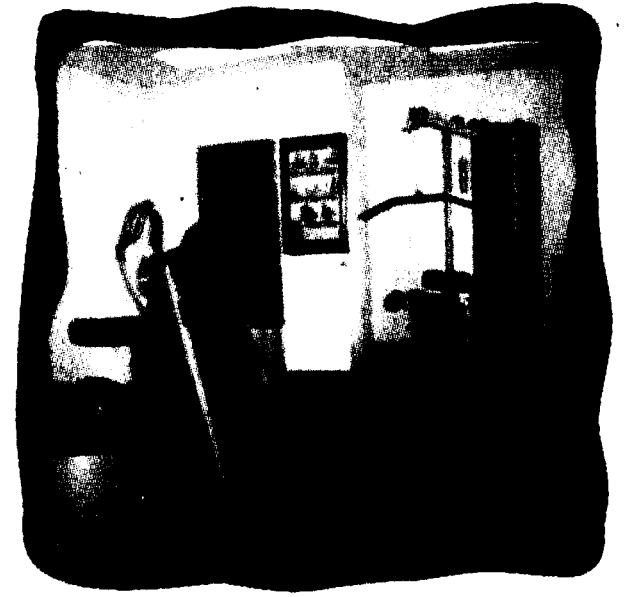
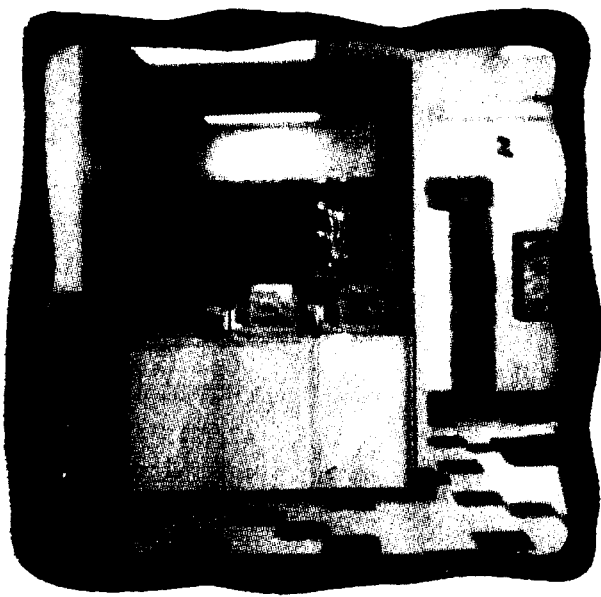


CAMPUS NEWS

OF THE University Gate Community Center



DATE: Thursday, February 12th
TIME: 11:00 AM To 4:00 PM

Come see the Community Center featuring the "NEW" Rental Office, Laundromat and Fitness Center. Also, check out the new home of Hungry Howie's (now open).

Located directly across the intersection from the Penn State Behrend College.

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February 9-13:

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Penn State Behrend's Janet Neff Sample Center for Civility will be on the lookout for good deeds this week. Faculty and staff will be handing out Bruno's coupons for any act of kindness witnessed on campus.

Monday

High: 39°F
Low: 24°F
Partly Sunny.

Tuesday

High: 42°F
Low: 30°F
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Wednesday

High: 46°F
Low: 33°F
A chance of rain.
Mostly cloudy.

Thursday

High: 41°F
Low: 32°F
Cloudy with a chance of rain.

Interesting weather fact:

According to NOAA, the largest 24 hour temperature drop in the U.S. was 100° in Browning, MT. The temperature fell from 44° to -56° on January 24-25, 1916.

Weather forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Mat Alto.

Dramatic changes to Reed, Dobbins

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the parking lot, so the new facilities will be visible from outside the building.

The next major revision coming to campus is the renovation of Dobbins Hall. According to Penn State Behrend Housing and Food Services, conception for the project started in 2002. In 2005, the project was put on hold due to budget concerns, but was resurrected in 2007.

"Our best case scenario would be having the facility completed and fully operational in the fall of 2010," said R. Randall Geering, Director of Housing and Food Services at Penn State Behrend. "We will probably start construction sometime next school year and have it finished in the summer of 2010. Hopefully it will be ready the following school year."

The project, which has a projected cost of about \$7.5 million, hopes to add an elevator to the facility, as the steps to Dobbins have proven problematic for some.

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"The steps to Dobbins are horrible," says Geering. "In the original design we had, the steps were

going to be eliminated completely. We had to pull back on that, but we are still planning on an elevator."

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~ Dr. Ken Miller

Current plans will require students to take two elevators to enter the cafeteria, the first of which will be on Aquarius drive which will transport up the first hill. At this point, students will have to walk to another elevator that will take them to the entrance of Dobbins.

When the renovations are finished, the food stations inside Dobbins will be completely changed. According to Geering, there will be a new wok, a new salad bar with a toss station, a char broiler, a pasta area, and a home-style cooking area.

The downstairs area of Dobbins is also changing. A hallway will be put in place with a conference room, training rooms, and offices.

Geering claims the project would have been completed sooner, if it weren't for the economy. "We picked the project back in December of 2007 and planned

on going out to bid in November 2008," he said. "Right around August is when the bottom fell out of the economy. When we got our estimate back, we were a million and a half dollars over-budget. All of a sudden we had to redesign once again."

Now, financing is no longer an issue, according to Geering. "It looks like we're ready to go out to bid with this project, hopefully we'll know something within the next month or two," he said. "If we can get what we want, it will look pretty nice."

In the near future, the University hopes to construct the Bob and Sally Metzger Welooome Center.

"A few years ago, we approached a donor about helping us move admissions and financial aid to the upstairs of Reed," says Miller. "They envisioned a building as a welcome center for students coming into the University, and also a place for those who have left to come back

to. That's where the Welcome Center came from."

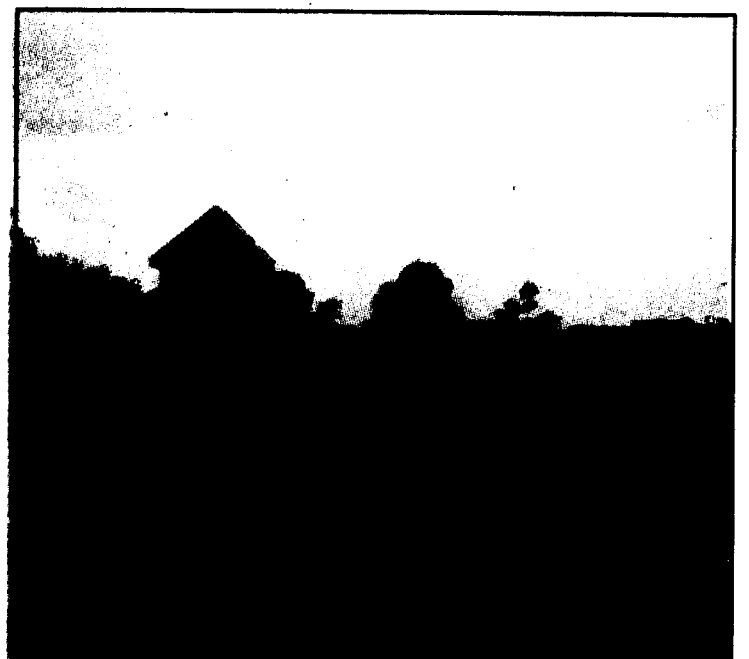
The project is currently out for bid, with construction tentatively beginning this summer.

Future construction projects are currently in the planning stages, including a new fitness center and a new residence hall.

"The fitness center is still in the planning stages," Miller said. "My own feeling is that I would love to see a fitness facility added to the Reed Union Building."

According to Miller, the University is taking students' concerns into serious consideration, partly due to the recent student facility fee survey which elicited 1,200 responses from the student body.

"We're going through the numbers of the facility fee survey and are doing a data analysis on it," says Miller. "Once this is done, we'll post the results online and do an open forum about them. This will help guide the priorities for the committee."



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Major changes are slated for Dobbins in 2010.