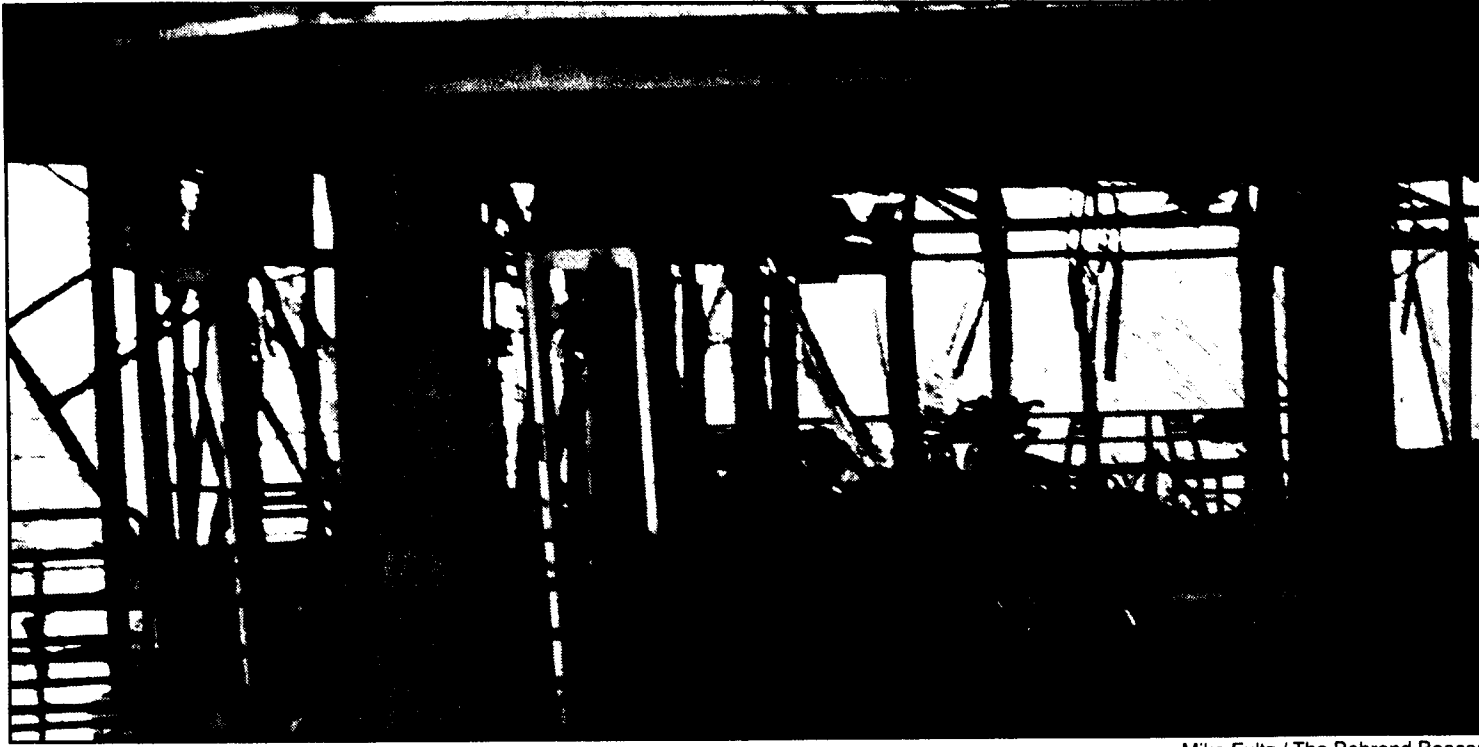


Rebuilding process at the Gazebo at Dobbins necessary



The west end of the building has been determined a loss, and it is not yet known whether the east end is salvageable.
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The rebuilding process of Dobbins Dining Hall is one that will take a considerable amount

of time and will involve a number of steps.

"The first thing that has to happen is that law enforcement has to determine a cause, or at least rule out an intentional

cause," said Director of Student Affairs Ken Miller.

The current investigation is in the hands of law enforcement; however once their investigation is through, the

building will be under the control of the University.

"In all likelihood they will rule out arson, and then the building gets turned back over to the University," said Miller.

"Penn State's insurance carrier conducts its own investigation, looks for the reason the fire started, how the fire started, that type of thing," Miller said.

After all of the investigations are completed, the cleanup process will begin for the Gazebo.

"The Gazebo area will be raised. It is unsafe, and at some point it will be demolished," said Miller.

The east side of Dobbins, which houses the kitchen area, will be usable again.

"We need to determine the extent of the water and smoke damage," said Miller.

"That will determine whether we can use the kitchen anytime this semester. As soon as that happens, the better."

It will take some time before foodservice directors even know what to do with the building, or if it's even possible to salvage the kitchen.

Bill Gonda, Director of Marketing Communication at Behrend, said he would doubt that a lot would be done to the building over spring break.

Whether or not the kitchen can be used is a major issue concerning the provision of food.

"If we can use the kitchen, food can be prepared and then served in a different location," said Miller.

"If not, we have to both prepare and serve food from a different location. This creates a different set of logistical problems," Miller said.

For the time being, McGarvey Commons will serve as a dining hall for Behrend students.

"At this point, we're able to continue to provide service for students for the next few days out of McGarvey Commons," said Ken Miller.

This week H&FS will evaluate what it takes to serve food in McGarvey.

After this week, they will decide whether to move or remain where they are.

"That decision will be made as we see how well food service out of that space does... We're playing this by ear, day by day," said Gonda.

Dobbins employees to report to work at scheduled times

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When Dobbins Dining Hall went into flames on Monday night students weren't only concerned about where they were going to have their usual Sunday morning brunch, but also what about their jobs.

Dobbins is considered one of bigger areas for on campus stu-

dent employment and many students came to reality.

"I was worried that I would be jobless," said sophomore Dobbins employee Jess Palmer.

Another student employee, sophomore Nina Welsh said, "It was disappointing to think I could possibly be out of a job, but I figured Penn State would have some kind of plan and something for us to do."

Even though the signature Gazebo is no longer available for dining it has been temporarily relocated to McGarvey Commons in the Reed Union Building. Dining hours are to stay the same and somewhat of the buffet menu is available.

Student employees were sent an email from student scheduler, sophomore Cassy Schmitz, early this morning on

the procedure for the rest of the week.

They were told they are to report to work at their usual scheduled time, thanked for remaining calm throughout the process and encouraged that they will get through this tough time.

Despite their loss of the familiar Gazebo some students are looking at the bright side of

the night to go down in history at Penn State Behrend.

"I'm incredibly thankful to still have my job because I need it to pay for a lot of things," said freshman employee Jenn Baird.

"I don't know how the temporary cafeteria in McGarvey Commons is going to work out, but as long as everyone has patience and cooperates, I have

faith it could work."

"I was quite upset with the recent destruction of Dobbins. I'm glad I still have a job, but I wonder how organized they will be. I think it's going to be a hassle and chaos for a while until we get it under control," said Jeremy Omard, a freshman majoring in management information systems.

Scheduled events at Dobbins will be relocated

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The recent fire at Dobbins has sparked questions about whether any events scheduled in McGarvey Commons are still set to take place.

With spring break arriving next week, not many events were planned to begin with. Any that were planned may need to be cancelled or have been relocated for the time being. Right now, though, the main priority is the students.

"Catered events, special events, will be looked at. Needs of students will be taken care of first. Randy and Liz Kerns will make the decision on whether those events have to be can-

celled. In the short term, there aren't a lot of events coming up that would have created big problems. If necessary, special events would be cancelled to ensure students get fed," said Bill Gonda, Director of Marketing Communication here at Behrend.

Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs, said, "much of the catering is handled out of Bruno's."

"At this point we really don't know what the kitchen status is going to be. It depends on the event."

"Nobody's canceling anything. It would be premature to cancel catered events. We just don't know that yet."

Behrend's Concert Band and

Jazz Ensemble were scheduled to give a free performance on Thursday in McGarvey Commons, but with McGarvey being occupied at the moment, this concert has been relocated to Edinboro's Cole Auditorium. The concert is still free and will still start at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Edinboro's Jazz Band and Concert Band will join both of Behrend's bands.

Dr. Gary Viebranz, Director of Instrumental Ensembles, says that he was "extended an invitation by the music department at Edinboro."

While he considered having the concert at another location on campus, this was "a good opportunity."

At this point, "we need to determine what is usable," said Kris Torok, Director of Student Activities.

Until the status of what remains of Dobbins is known, McGarvey Commons will be used as a substitution at least after students return from spring break. Besides that, no one is certain of the use of McGarvey Commons for the rest of the semester.

Miller said, "food serving in McGarvey may continue after Spring Break. If the kitchen is not usable or is not going to be usable, then essentially what we need to do is set up another kitchen somewhere on-campus or bring in a temporary kitchen."

No word has been said if events scheduled for the second half of the semester in McGarvey Commons will remain at this location.

The Lion Entertainment Board has two events scheduled: a Saving Jane concert on March 19 and the Price is Right on April 10.

Molly Thomas, senior and president of LEB, said, "it's really not a huge concern to LEB, considering we don't have a dining hall."

"We're more concerned about the students and the fact that they need food. We'll figure out our events when the time comes."

McGarvey Commons was the prime spot because of the num-

ber of people it can accommodate.

"It was the natural choice. Until kitchen services could be brought up to speed this is the most obvious choice," said Gonda.

"This week Housing and Food Services will evaluate what it takes to serve food in that location, then will decide whether to move it."

"That decision [to move or remain] will be made as we see how well food service out of that space does. For this week, meal service is in McGarvey. We're playing this by ear, day by day," Gonda said.

Hundreds of extra students pour into a busy Bruno's Cafe

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Chairs were quickly filling up at Bruno's today as day one of post-Dobbins life rages on.

Life after Dobbins is turning into a logistical nightmare for Housing and Food Service managers as they struggled to set up an interim cafeteria in McGarvey Commons.

Mike Lindner, the manager of Bruno's, had his hands full today trying to coordinate the chaos in his cafe.

"They are still finding answers and our bosses are still in meetings figuring everything out. We are doing the best we can to deal with the situation currently and will not have answers [to food service questions] until a later time," said Lindner working frantically behind a cluttered desk in his office.

Dobbins employees were quickly thrown into the Bruno's rotation, going through their own individual prep work in the Bruno's kitchen to prepare for the day's meals.

Elbows were definitely rubbing as the pandemonium continued throughout the day down in Reed.

"We are accommodating

most of Dobbins employees and letting them just do their own prep work," said Bruno's worker Justin Wheeler, a sophomore marketing major.

"It may be a while, but we will get things running smoothly eventually," Wheeler said.

While anxiously working restocking supplies behind the counter at Bruno's soup bar, junior accounting major Sarah Smith did not mind working alongside the added help from Dobbins.

"All the Dobbins' employees are down here and are helping to keep things running smoothly," Smith said.

Employees at Bruno's looked to have things under control for most of the day as lines were kept low and students kept satisfied.

"I do not think it will even be chaotic because we have good management here," said Geri Gallagher, an adult Bruno's worker.

"Even if we need to get new equipment or something to keep things running smoothly, the employees are working well together, and by tomorrow, [management] will have things running as good as they can," Gallagher said.

Whether or not extra equipment or hired help needs to be added to the staff in future dates, for the time being, the current employees were making due with what they had, keeping food flowing out the door in an effort that is going to have to continue until at least spring break.

A lot of employees were skeptical about coming into work at Bruno's for the next few days because of the tense working event and do not share the same optimistic outlook as Gallagher.

"The workers down there are already overwhelmed, and I do not think things will get better for a while because no one has anything figured out yet," freshman Jackie Paladino said.

"I will definitely be more busy than normal making pizzas for my next shift," Paladino said.

There is one bright side for Bruno's cafe however. As food supplies were dwindling, meal counts should be lower than normal this week due to spring break.

"Thursdays, typically, meal counts begin to fall off that night anyway, and Friday those counts would be low," said Ken Miller, the Director of Student

Affairs.

"I think the last meal was Sat-

urday breakfast, which is pretty

low. So, the timing of this is

probably the only thing that's

helpful," Miller said.



Chaos was created when students piled into Bruno's, the campus' main source of food at this point.
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