

Meade Heights gets face lift

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The metamorphosis of this former air force base continues.

The residence living quarters at Penn State Harrisburg received a half-million dollar face-lift this summer.

Housing officials replaced the sliding doors in some houses in Meade Heights with storm windows. Some of these houses also received new vinyl sidings.

Housing Supervisor Frank Williams said the frames of the sliding doors were rotting. Only 61 of the 140 ranch-style houses got new windows, though. Williams blamed insufficient funds for preventing maintenance from replacing all the sliding doors.

"There's only so much money in the budget," he said. "So we picked out the worst ones (to replace)."

Unlike academic programs, Housing receives no appropriated funding. "We operate on income (student rent)," Williams said.

The Meade Heights project cost approximately \$135,000.

At the residence halls, it's out with the old, in with the new.

New safer, stronger solid doors replace old hollow ones in Church and Wrisberg Halls. In case of fire, Williams said, the new doors will help

prevent its spread. The doors will also keep the noise level down, he added. The 140 new doors cost \$75,000.

Due to the heat loss from the 35 year-old pipes connecting the dorms with the heating plant, the dorms and the dining hall are equipped with their own heating and hot water systems this year.

"I hope it will be more economical to operate this way," Williams said.

New boilers were put in the basement of each building. This project cost an estimated \$300,000.

"We had a very busy summer," Williams said.

This summer marked the continuation of improvements to the student housing facilities.

"Just over the past few years, we've spent over a million dollars," he added.

Last summer, Housing spent \$122,000 installing a new fire alarm system, lights and ceilings in dorm hallways, and telephone and cable TV jacks in each room.

However, unless Sammons Cable company contacts him, Williams said, dormitory students will not have cable TV in their rooms.

Housing spent \$125,000 in 1986 upgrading the dormitory bathrooms. In 1985 the old metal, military lockers were replaced with wooden cabinets at a price of \$175,000.

The search is on

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The search for a new associate provost heads the priority list for this fall as school administrators attempt to fill the shoes of the departed Dr. Robert Graham.

Dr. Jerry Plant, head of Public Affairs, said school officials hope to interview the final candidates on campus by early November.

"At this point, we don't have a committee formed," he said. "We didn't form the committee in the summer (when Dr. Graham resigned) before school started."

Vice Provost Dr. Diane Dunn has filled the position left by Dr. Graham who resigned to become the vice president for academic affairs at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Dunn will help in the search for a new associate provost.

"Dr. Dunn has the experience enabling her to step in at this time," Plant said. However, Dunn has said she will not pursue that position.

Plant said he didn't know if there were going to be any internal candidates. "I think we need someone by the end of the academic year," he said.

The administration hopes to have the position filled by January.

According to Plant, the

publications, and send inquiries to other universities.

Plant hopes the letters lure experienced faculty members away from their schools. Some schools may even nominate a member of their administration to apply for the position here.

Although Provost and Dean Dr. Ruth Leventhal will make the final decision, student input may be influential. A student may be chosen to sit on the selection committee or participate in an open forum when the final candidates are chosen, Plant said.

administration is looking for someone with experience at a university that is comparable to Penn State. He hopes the national search would find someone who could provide academic leadership for the school.

"We're looking for someone who's a scholar and a teacher," he said.

"I'm optimistic we're really going to get a first-class person," Plant added. "I'm hopeful we will have over 100 applications."

Penn State University requires the school to diversify the pool of applicants to ensure that minorities and women are not shut out of employment opportunities, however, Plant did not say the school would actively seek a minority or woman to fill the position.

More Search on 14

SGA update

The Student Government Association Elections will be held Wed. and Thur. Sept. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The deadline for filing for candidacy is Sept. 15 at 4:45 p.m.

An SGA open forum with refreshments will be held on Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. in room 216.

Students are encouraged to share their concerns or suggestions by attending meetings, using the SGA mailbox in room 216, or talking to SGA members.

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Campus Committees

The following are Penn State Harrisburg campus committees, many of which are open to students:

Student Government Association

Finance Committee, composed of five students - four juniors and one senior.

Election Screening Committee, six students - four seniors and two juniors.

Ad Hoc Committees, appointed by SGA.

Faculty Committees

Academic Affairs, at least one faculty member from each division, including the senator who serves on the Curricular Affairs Committee of the University Senate.

Admissions, Records, Scheduling, one faculty member from each instructional division, and one student.

Bookstore Activities, one faculty member from each instructional division, and one student.

Computer facilities, one faculty member from each instructional division, and one student.

International and Intercultural Affairs, one faculty member from each instructional division, including the Director of International and Intercultural Affairs, and one student.

Library, one faculty member from each division, and one student.

Physical Plant, one faculty member from each division, and one student.

Student Affairs, one faculty member from each instructional division, including the Faculty Athletic Representative, and two students - one of whom shall be the president of SGA.

Students interested in serving on committees should contact Judy Zimmerman, SGA Vice-president, room 216 Olmsted, or at 944-4980.

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