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Freshmen dorms take shape, to be finished by fall 2010

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Here in Pennsylvania it is hard to travel anywhere and not get caught in construction. Roads are always being paved, developments are being built, and traffic is always creeping along slowly. It is no different at Penn State Harrisburg. We have our own construction going on right in our back yard. The construction of the new first-year student dormitories is now underway.

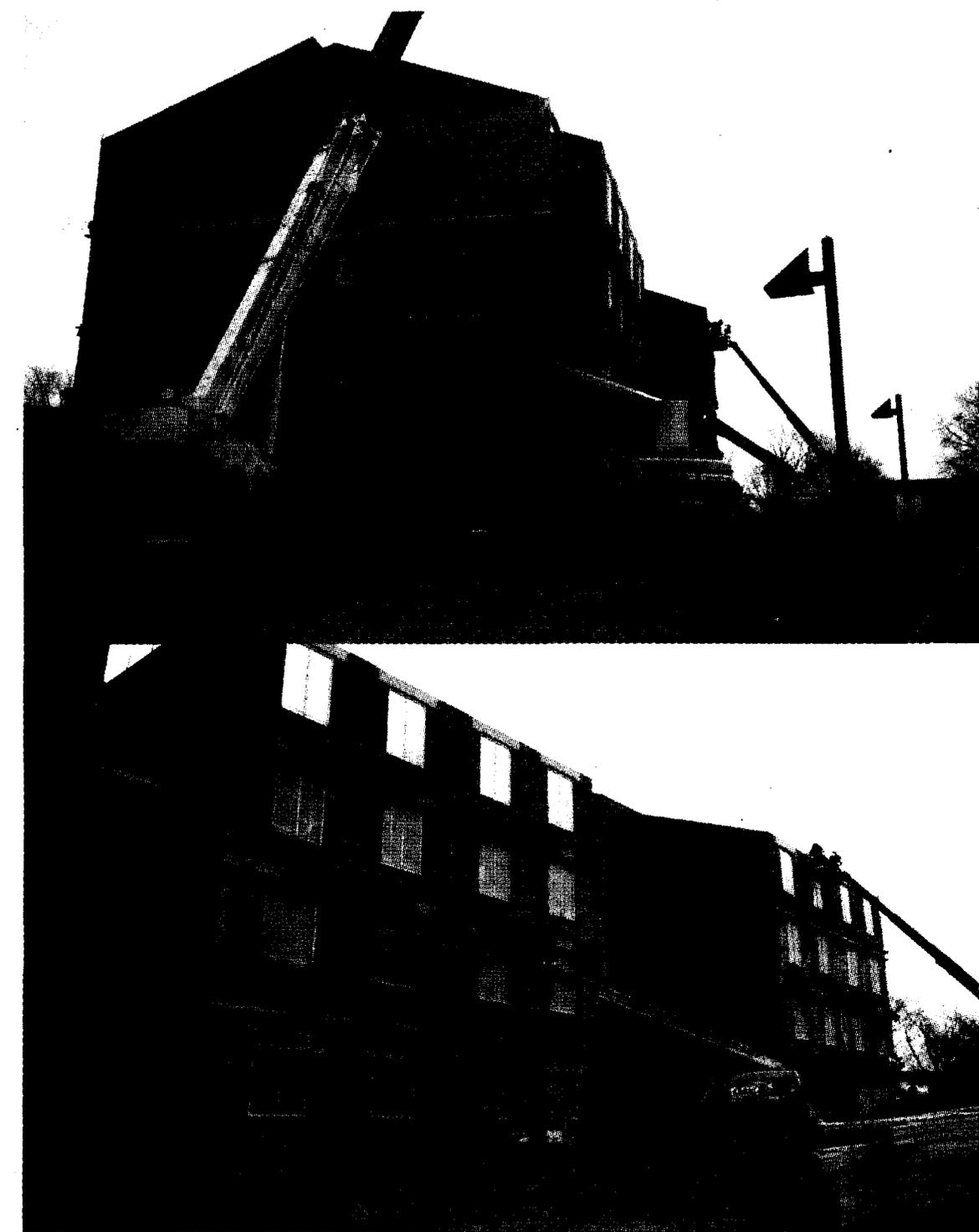
We interviewed Housing and Food Services manager Leisha Kreider, to shed some light on the subject. Starting in the summer of 2009, PSH began construction on new housing units that will increase the dorm space from 328 to 428. 96 more students will be able to live on campus and four more residence life staff rooms will also be built.

The dorms are being built next to the 9000 building of The Village and will be roughly four stories high. According to Kreider each floor will be built in the suite style like the existing on-campus houses. There will be four students per suite with two bedrooms in each suite. Two students will share a bedroom and all four residents will share a bathroom.

An environmentally friendly makeover is in store for Penn State Harrisburg's living quarters. For example, the building will utilize water from rain to water plants around the site. This will cut the costs of watering plants and upkeep of the landscaping. Low flow water fixtures will also reduce the use of water in the dorm. Also, recycling centers are going to be placed throughout the building to encourage recycling.

Even the tiles on the floor will be made out of recycled material. Students will also be cutting back on use of fluorescent light. The building will make more use of natural sunlight to light up rooms.

The only issue is that there are still some unanswered questions that even Leisha Kreider could not currently answer. Will the overall cost of on-campus living



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rise because of this new building? With more residents, will there be another parking lot built or an extension added on to the existing lot? Some of these questions do not yet yield an answer.

"One thing is certain," said Kreider "depending on the weather, construction will be done for the fall 2010 semester."

Students of PSH have mixed reactions about the new Dorms being built on campus.

"Clearly they keep letting

people into Penn State, why would we need more dorms? I suppose they will look good when they're finally finished," said Stephanie Toth, 21, a Psychology major living on campus.

"Actually the construction is annoying but the thought of having more people on campus is kind of exciting. I'm excited. The construction is moving kind of fast. They aren't taking long," said Thomas Berry, 18, a Security Risk and Analysis major who lives

on campus.

"I think it's good because it gives more room for students and people to come down. It just gives more interaction and activities for people," said Jeremy Tushup, 21, a Criminal Justice major who lives in Anneville.

"I think it's a good thing because they aren't going to have kitchens so then maybe Stack's will be open on weekends," said Vaunecia Jackson, 20, a psychology major living on campus.