



# The Fourth Wall



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## Penn State Mont Alto Shaken By Thefts

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Theft on campus is an alarming trend, and campus businesses have taken various measures to curb this trend. These businesses do stress, however, that they are still committed to being open and welcoming places.

The Millstream Café, where most students who live on campus get their three meals a day, has recently taken various measures to reduce its problems with theft. The Millstream has implemented a policy prohibiting eating in the serving area. Additionally, all employees are encouraged to keep a sharp eye out for theft or suspicious behavior.

Food items commonly stolen are French fries and hash browns, as

well as bottled beverages. The containers for these can be found hidden in every nook and cranny of the serving area, as students try to dispose of these containers. Of course, it is admitted that some food, probably a high percentage, is reported to the cashiers when it is eaten in the serving area. It is still clear, however, that some items are not being paid for.

Theft of utensils and dishes is also a problem. Theft or breakage of utensils and dishes cost the Millstream \$2,000 last semester, and it is likely that the larger portion of this cost came from theft. Admittedly, theft is "tough to quantify" according to Millstream manager Curt Wengert, but it is clear there is some theft occurring.

Consequences for theft are judicial sanctions, as well as being reported to Kim Rushing,



In light of recent events, Millstream and Bookstore staff members have been on the lookout for shoplifters.

Assistant Director of Student Affairs. Currently the Millstream is asking for student cooperation to help reduce theft, and has not extensively prosecuted students.

Wengert does, however, stress that he wants the Millstream to be a friendly place. He neither wants to turn the Millstream into a "police station" nor to have students

concerned that "big brother is looking over their shoulder." It is also understood that, besides the Wiestling Student Center, there is nowhere else on campus for students to "hang out." The current policies are intended to curb theft while maintaining the Millstream's current atmosphere.

The campus bookstore, which is operated by Barnes & Noble Booksellers, is another business on campus-dealing with theft. Many students have noticed the cubby the store has installed, and this measure is intended to prevent students from placing books or other items in their bags. The cubby has been helpful in providing increased security for the store's merchandise.

The item most often stolen from the bookstore is merchandise, a see *Theft* page 3

### Editorial:

## Thank You For 'Not' Smoking?



Mont Alto Hall now has a new area for those who smoke, promoting a cleaner atmosphere outside the residence halls.

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With ever increasing concerns over smoking, second hand smoke, and the problems it causes, students on Mont Alto's campus have finally stepped up. This January a vote was scheduled to decide the fate of smoking outside of the residence halls.

The vote wouldn't ban smoking on the campus; it would, however, require smokers to move a few feet away from the residence hall entrances. The residence hall entrances a place where smokers constantly gather and to smoke. Students were forced to trudge through the smoke filled atmosphere of numerous smokers

just to make it into their residence halls.

Ernie Isgro, a current Mont Alto student, said that he disliked having to smell and walk through cigarette smoke just to get up to his room. Smokers who live in the residence halls and smoke outside of them were in an outrage. They were afraid that they would actually have to walk a few feet away from the residence halls in order to just have a cigarette. The vote came about due to numerous student complaints for the past few years about having to walk through cigarette smoke and also having to smell it through their windows.

After thinking of ways to get a ban on smoking the SGA came up see *Smoking* page 3