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Frat house to be demolished

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The university's decision to convert the former Phi Delta Theta fraternity house into a "green space" has elicited disappointment from the greek community.

Penn State bought the 243 N. Burrowes property for \$1.75 million in May, after a legal dispute with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

The fraternity was disbanded in 2007 for drinking violations.

The decision was made to turn the former fraternity property into a "green space" — complete with sidewalks and benches, university spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said.

The demolition process began Monday evening, when contractors put up fencing around the working construction area, Mountz said.

But some in the Greek community say the house has too much historical significance to tear down.

Max Wendkos, Interfraternity Council president, said that while he would ultimately love to see a fraternity living in the house, he thinks the university could have found other uses for the house if that was not possible.

He said the property not only boasts historical significance, but also added beautiful architecture to the campus.

"The Phi Delta Theta house is an absolutely beautiful property, and I really think it's a shame that

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Phi Delta Theta will be demolished by the university for "green space."

FUN IN THE SUN



Steph Witt/Collegian

Three people throw a frisbee on the Old Main lawn Monday evening. The warm and sunny weather has allowed for students to participate in many outdoor activities. The comfortable weather is expected to continue throughout the week, with a chance of scattered storms.

Police review video

New footage helps search

By Brendan McNally
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Police released four images Monday from surveillance video of a man buying what they say appears to be lighter fluid at a State College convenience store on the night of an arson at a Marine Corps recruiting office.

The State College Police department is calling the man a "person of interest" in their investigation.

The man in the images is buying what police said appears to be lighter fluid at about 2 a.m. Friday at the Uni-Mart, 401 S. Pugh St., the State College Police Department said.

The arson at the Marine Corps recruiting office, 242 S. Fraser St., was started sometime Thursday night or Friday morning through the mail slot in the back door of the building, police said.

Police said the man is of interest to the investigation because they believe that lighter fluid may have been the accelerant used to start the fire.

The fire caused minimal damage because it extinguished itself quickly, police said.

Police said they have linked the Marine Corps recruiting office arson to two other arsons that targeted State College Police Department police vehicles.

In the July 18 arson, an unmarked police cruiser was completely destroyed by a fire that police said was started by an accelerant.

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Collegian file photo

Simmons Hall will be one of the South Halls dorms to undergo renovations for new rooms and suites.

South Halls to add new living space

By Megan Rogers
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After about 500 upperclassmen were denied on-campus housing for the upcoming school year, plans have been made to renovate South Halls to decrease the number of dorm rooms and make remaining space more livable.

The renovation to South Halls includes installing new windows, drywall and air-conditioning in dorms, said Jennifer Garvin, director of ancillary services.

Beginning in summer 2012, two residence halls will be taken "off-line" at a time to be renovated, she said.

Last year, the Housing and Food Services department conducted a feasibility study on the project, Stan Latta, department director, said. It was decided that smaller student groups will benefit from the renovation, he said.

Design plans have been introduced to install suites in South Halls, he said. The suites would be complete with a living room, private baths, kitchen and lounge area. The project may be the solution for smaller groups looking to live together, Latta said.

"We would think about moving our sororities and some of our smaller fraternities into the area," Latta said.

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Bus company lowers prices to compete

By Paul Osolnick
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Fullington Trailways is fighting back against competition like MegaBus by offering loyalty rewards programs and special summer rates.

Fullington Trailways recently started its \$10 express trip deal that provides trips to New York, King of Prussia and Pittsburgh. The summer special will run until Aug. 22.

Milt Weisman, Vice President of Fullington Trailways Intercity Coach Services, said the \$10 deal comes during the first summer that Fullington has offered the trips.

After Aug. 22, Fullington will return to its regular prices, which will be cheaper than last year's fall prices, Weisman said.

Weisman said the company will also be starting a rewards program for repeat customers.

"One of the things we are going to start is a Fullington rewards loyalty program," Weisman said. "People will be given a card, and after buying five one-way tickets, the sixth is free."

Fullington may be expanding their

Fullington deals

What: \$10 one-way tickets to Philadelphia/King of Prussia, New York City/Rockaway Mall, and Pittsburgh/Monroeville

When: Now through Aug. 22

services during the fall to include additional stops on trips that already run, Weisman said.

Weisman said Fullington may add a stop in York, Pa. on the Baltimore/Washington D.C. trip and a stop in East Stroudsburg, Pa. on the New York City trip.

Along with special offers on trips and the potential for new stops for travelers, Fullington offers new amenities including free Wi-fi and free bottled water during the hotter summer months.

The increase in amenities comes after companies like MegaBus offered cheap trips with similar amenities.

"We have seen over the years other bus companies offering Wi-fi," Weisman said.

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Bouncers bust up party problems

Series note: This is the first in a four-part series about the people who make the party happen.

By Paul Osolnick
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It's the girl yelling and spilling her drink. It's the guy shouting and looking for a fight. It's the person puking in the corner. They're the people in bars that everyone avoids.

But bouncers and doormen can't avoid these people, and they don't simply return to a conversation or order another drink like everyone else enjoying their night.



No, for these guys, the worst people in the bar are the bulk of their night.

Jay Petraitis, a member of the Café 210 West door staff, said most of the people he escorts out of the bar are VIP's — visibly intoxicated persons.

"Usually people are nice about it," Petraitis (senior-energy, business and finance) said. "But you will get that handful."

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Hopkins works as a bouncer at The Phyrst.