

Reed Building Becomes Hard Hat Zone

\$.6 million Project Begins

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The extensive remodeling of the Reed Building, due to be completed by June first, is running ahead of schedule.

When the \$750,000 project is completed, the Reed Building will have more windows and fewer walls, giving it a more modern appearance, and air conditioning.

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The RUB desk will be relocated to the Winter Garden within a month. In addition to the regular RUB desk, "Rub desk East" is now operating near the Bookstore.

A glass-enclosed quiet study area will be built on the site of the old television lounge. There will be four lounges downstairs.

Student organizations, such as the Student Government, Student Programming Council, and Collegian will have new offices in the former bookstore area. The radio station will have a spacious new studio and office with windows overlooking a lounge.

The television room will be moved to a new lounge behind

the radio station.

The plans also include mailboxes for commuter students, a Counseling Center with a room for job and college interviews, a videophone for face-to-face meetings with University Park job recruiters, a career library, career counselors, and advisors.

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The work is being done by Webster Murphy Fox, the same firm that built the new bookstore and Winter Garden.

Future plans for Behrend include the construction of a new library and academic complex which is due to begin next spring. The library will be located east of the Reed Building and will be connected by a hallway.

When the new library is built the present location will become a student activities center.



Change under way

photo by Ken Anderson

Erie Hall will also be renovated as a temporary measure until the \$10 million sports complex is built.

Tentative plans include suites consisting of two bedrooms and a

bathroom. A 300-car parking garage is also being considered to alleviate Behrend's parking problem.

The Career and Placement and Division of Undergraduate

Studies offices have temporarily been moved to a green trailer south of the Reed Building. When construction is complete they will return to the first floor of the Reed building.

King's Birthday Observed



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"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'"

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was observed on January 16 in Erie Hall. Classes were cancelled and offices were closed between 4 and 5 pm for a University-wide observance.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Office of Student Services

and the Association of Black Collegians.

A telecast speech by the Honorable John Jacob, president of the National Urban League was planned but had to be postponed due to time constraints. The telecast is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 1 at 1 pm in Reed 117.

Members of the Association of Black Collegians participated by reading King's "I have a Dream" speech, one of his writings, and his final speech, "I've been to the Mountain Top." They were read by Damon Gray,

Rommel Taylor, and Tawana Tonkins respectively.

The speeches chosen were reminders of both King's fight for equality and of issues that are still relevant today. "We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity," quoted one reader from King's writings.

Solos were sung by Darron Henry, Monique Midgette, and Kakila Johnson. The ceremony was concluded with a violin solo by Moise Pringle.

No Military No Money

CPS Students would have to join the military or do volunteer work to get college financial aid if a new bill introduced Jan. 6 becomes law.

As expected, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-Okla.) said they'd introduce legislation that would phase out all federal student aid programs within five years, replacing them with a deal in which students would have to perform some kind of "national service" in return for aid.

McCurdy, in announcing the measure, said it would enforce the notion that "democracy is not free."

If the plan passes--both

legislators expected Congress to vote on it by early 1990--students would have to serve one year in a public service civilian job like working in a nursing home or hospital or two years in a combat branch of the military.

Students who served in the military would get \$25,000 grant at the end of their hitch.

Students who worked in civilian jobs would get \$10,000 grant. McCurdy hoped the plan would "reinvigorate citizenship" as an ideal that was first severely damaged during the Vietnam war. Then "the 1970's and early 1980's featured 'me generations' more interested in their own financial gain and getting BMWs that serving their country."

Behrend College Receives Land Donation

Larry Smith, president of Automation Devices in Fairview, has donated over 55 acres of land to Behrend College.

The contributed property, adjacent to the Behrend College on Station Road, includes a brick home and a barn on a total of 55.58 acres of land. The increases Behrend's overall holdings to 543.52 acres.

According to Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean, the property is vital to the college's expansion plans. These plans include a new athletic complex, improved

athletic fields and additional administration offices.

Smith, a Penn State alumnus, and his wife Kathryn are natives of the Erie area, presently residing in Fairview. "I think Penn State-Behrend has a lot to offer this area," said Smith. "We want to help the college help people in Erie," his wife added.

Larry and Kathryn are members of the Mt. Nittany Society, an honorary group made up of Penn State's most generous friends and alumni.