

New suites open

Tiffany, Tigress and Porcupine are home for 192 students



Welcome home: Provost and Dean John Lilley, with the aid of the Lion Mascot (junior Ed Martone), help senior Tammy Cleaver move into Tiffany Hall. The new suites are named for men or ships that fought in the Battle of Lake Erie.

There will be 192 more living spaces available for students this fall at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

Just in time for the first day of classes, Aug. 21, finishing touches have been made to three new residence-suite buildings -- a relatively new concept in on-campus student living. Each of the new buildings consists of two floors with four suites of eight students living on each floor. The students share a common living area and study room, as well as meeting space and laundry facilities.

"We have had a substantial number of students each year who would have like to have lived on campus but could not find housing," said Dr. John M. Lilley, provost and dean of Penn State-Behrend. "The new residence halls should greatly relieve that need."

In keeping with tradition at the College, the three buildings have been named after men and ships in the war of 1812.

Tiffany Hall, the southern-most building in the new

complex, is named for Cyrus Tiffany. Tiffany was a Black crewman who served under Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and was highly decorated for his heroism during the Battle of Lake Erie. His efforts to pull Perry to safety are immortalized in the painting depicting the battle which now hangs in the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The center residence hall, Tigress Hall, and the north hall, Porcupine Hall, are named for schooners that took part in the battle.

The addition of the new residence halls allow 1,115 students to live on campus. Other student residence halls are named Perry, for Oliver Hazard Perry, and Lawrence and Niagara, for the ships that led the American fleet in the War of 1812.

The College's dining hall, Dobbins, was named for Captain Daniel Dobbins, primary ship builder of the American fleet.

The nine student apartment buildings on campus are named for Lieutenant Daniel Turner

and the ship of which he was Captain, the Caledonia; Lieutenant John Packett and his vessel, the Ariel; Stephen Champlin and his ship, the Scorpion; Jesse Duncan Elliott who was second-in-command under Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie; John Yarnall, first lieutenant of the Lawrence; and a schooner from the battle, the Somers.

Aesthetically, the new residence halls are unlike any other housing on campus and blend into the hillside surrounding by established trees. The new student living area is joined to a lower-level parking lot by a lighted, glass-enclosed staircase. The entire complex overlooks Lake Erie, providing students a spectacular view.

Construction on the three new residence halls and staircase took more than a year to complete and totaled \$4.5 million. The contractor for the project was E.E. Austin & Son of Erie and the architect was Mirick, Pearson, Batcheler Architects of Philadelphia.

World's most expensive hangover

A former University of Virginia student who 11 years ago demanded that the owner of a campus bar apologize to him may now have to pay the bar \$165,000, *The Washington Post* reports.

As a UVa pharmacology grad student in 1980, Denis O'Brien had momentarily ducked into the Mousetrap, a local bar, to meet a friend. O'Brien neglected to pick up a red tag patrons were supposed to take as they entered to track their purchases. As O'Brien and his friend left the bar, a bouncer demanded O'Brien pay a \$5 "lost tag" fee.

O'Brien refused, was arrested and released. In his anger, however, he sued the bar owners, demanding an apology, and set off a series of law suits that lasted long after he left Virginia, Harvard and up to his teaching position in New Zealand. The \$165,000 suit against O'Brien centers on the "bad press" the bar received over the incident.



World

Moscow -- Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin have urged the Soviet Congress to make sweeping changes in government, or be swept away themselves. Gorbachev, Yeltsin and leaders from nine other republics have proposed changes that would transfer much of the Kremlin's power to the republics, while first establishing a State Council made up of the Soviet president and leaders of the republics. Meanwhile Yeltsin is calling for the end of underground nuclear testing and wants all of the Soviet Union's nuclear weapons to be housed in his Russian republic to safeguard them from "terrorists" and "hawks."

National

Lewiston, Maine -- President George Bush has called for drastic reforms for America's education system, saying "we must blame ourselves for betraying our children." The Bush administration's emphasis on education, the environment and other domestic themes precede an election year when Democrats claim Bush has little or no domestic policy.

Hamlet, North Carolina -- A blaze at a chicken processing plant Tuesday has killed 25 people and injured at least 45. Reporters found a padlock on a door marked "Fire Exit - Do Not Block," while David Fuller, Hamlet Fire Chief, would not confirm that exit doors were blocked. State officials said the plant had never been inspected for safety because the state does not have enough inspectors.

Houston -- A jury has convicted Wanda Holloway of trying to hire a hitman to kill the mother of her daughter's cheerleading rival -- making her, according to some court observers, the ultimate stage mother. Holloway could face a life sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Local

The Erie chapter of the NAACP is planning to ask the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the death of David Johnson, claiming his civil rights may have been violated. Johnson died July 16 while being arrested at ninth and State Streets. The NAACP chapter believes that Erie Police officers used excessive force in arresting Johnson. Erie County Coroner Merle Wood ruled earlier this week that Johnson's death was accidental, a "combined cocaine intoxication and pressure on the neck following restraint."