

Down and out



Make a hole, make it wide: Construction workers prepare one of the foundations for support columns of the new library/academic complex .

SGA Office

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tuned down the request, feeling slighted that they would not have keys either.

Mahoney made a counter proposal, offering to have a list of approved members sent over to Police and Safety, who would then let the SGA members into the office at their request. Senate turned down the idea.

This led to last night's compromise, which many senators felt would give the most access to SGA members while keeping the greatest amount of security for the SGA office.

Lori Royer, vice president of SOC, however, felt the measure fell short of what was needed.

"I think council presidents and committee members should still have keys," she said. "Council presidents and committee members use the computer on a daily basis. If a senator needs it, most likely they'll be working with a council anyhow."

Property acquired

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varsity athletic fields. Steps are being taken to appoint an architect to develop the plans for those fields. (See related story on page 11).

Lilley pointed out that all property acquisitions are either donated parcels of land or funded through private individual and organizational donations. There is no funding from the state or tuition.

He also said Penn State cannot practice eminent domain like other universities. They must wait for desired land to go

onto the market like everyone else.

After the purchase, the land must be zoned to a special University District code. This process involves a planning commission making a recommendation to the supervisors of the township.

However, most of Behrend's zoning changes are finished. The City of Erie is responsible for the zoning regulations for the land adjacent to Kanty Village, and Harbor Creek just approved the rezoning of the Mack Estate.

Fire Safety

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followed state and local fire codes when designing the suites.

Then the plans were approved by the Pennsylvania department of Labor and Industry, Penn State's fire insurance carrier, and the Harborcreek Township engineer.

Inspectors from the

department of Labor and Industry and the township engineer granted a occupancy permit to the three buildings before students moved in this semester, Ream said.

"If they find the building not in compliance, they will not issue an occupancy permit," Ream said.



World

Washington -- Tensions over a detained United Nations inspection team have prompted the U.S. to send almost 100 Patriot missiles and 1,300 troops to Saudi Arabia, according to a high-ranking Pentagon official. The move is seen as a strong message to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to abandon his nuclear weapons production. The Patriot missiles were scheduled to leave Germany on Wednesday. The U.N. team was searching Baghdad for evidence of Iraq's nuclear capability when Iraqi troops detained the group for the second time on Tuesday. President Bush said the deployment of missiles and troops to Saudi Arabia is a defensive maneuver.

Damascus, Syria -- A British hostage was released Tuesday after being held by kidnappers for 865 days. Jack Mann, a 77-year-old, was held by pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon. At Wednesday's press conference, Mann angrily protested his imprisonment. "My voice has gone after 2 1/2 years of chaining, of saying: 'Do this, do that. Don't do that!' or 'Be quiet!'" Mann said, who even banged his hand on the table to demonstrate his captors' orders. An American hostage may be released within the next few weeks, according to Hussein Musawi, the leader of the Hezbollah. There are nine Western hostages still held in Lebanon.

Nation

Detroit -- New car sales for North American-built vehicles have dipped 15.8 percent below last year's sales level, according to reports released Tuesday. Auto makers had rebounded in June and July, but have gradually nose-dived since August.

New Haven, Conn. -- Scientists at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven think industries could adapt to a world effected by the Greenhouse effect. Consequences from the Greenhouse effect include the raising of the world's seas and global warming. One gas-drilling platform in the North Sea, owned by Royal Dutch Shell, will raise its platforms by six feet in order to compensate for rising waters.

Local

Erie area video store owners recently attended an informational meeting with Erie County District Attorney William Cunningham on obscenity laws. Pennsylvania has laws which prohibit the selling or renting of X-rated movies considered obscene. Even the D.A. said the law was "not altogether clear," in its definition of obscenity.

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