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Dobbins Hall to undergo major renovations this summer

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Over two decades and no major changes. Finally, after so many Eric winters and thousands of students, Dobbins Hall will undergo a large renovation program, including an expansion.

The existing west side windows (facing the street) will be knocked out and a "gazebo"-style addition will be placed there. The seating capacity will be increased from the present 260 to 462.

A "scattered-system" of wet, cereal, desert, deli, milk, and soft drink areas will be implemented in the eating area, allowing students to make their own work foods.

The serving line will be expanded and modernized. Instead of just hot food, there will be a pizza and soft drink bar, a grill. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza every day. We have also purchased a pizza oven which can cook a pizza in three minutes, so we think we should be able to keep up with the rush," said James Bowen, Director of Dining Services.

"There will be a large table set in the middle of the eating area which will have the capability of holding hot food."

"Housing and Food Services will add seating in all these areas," Bowen said. "The total cost will be \$10 million and it's time to update it to the level of many other buildings."

Costs will be over \$1 million, and construction will begin after March 5 for the new addition. Interior renovation will start after May 10.

Bowen also commented that the pizza will be the same as that at the Wintergreen, and the soft drink machines may have ten flavors instead of just eight.

Library scheduled to open fall semester

Library and academic center originally financed in 1984

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Behrend's new \$10 million-plus library is in the final stages of its construction. Department of General Services Building Inspector Richard Meyer said that the weather could slow things down, but he is "sure you are going to have full accessibility during your fall term."

The building is divided into two parts. The library will occupy the larger section and the academic wing branches off to the west. The actual space provided in the new library for books, periodicals, and reference materials will be about four times as much as the current library.

Included in the ground floor of the library portion of the building will be three computer labs, a language lab, 15 personal study rooms, a printing room, dark room, and a television studio. The first and second floors are designated for the actual library.

The academic wing houses eight classrooms, 32 offices, and several research rooms. All floors of both sections are add up to about 116,000 square feet for use.

The new computer center is larger than the current one located in the Hammermill Building and will have a raised floor to allow all the wiring to stay out of the way, but remain easily accessible.

Meyer pointed out that both

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Sky-high: Students taking the tour of the nearly-completed library and academic building facilities gaze at the four-story tall central section of the library. The construction crews should be gone by the fall semester.

Patriots' kicker speaks on drugs

by Alicia Hartman
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Charlie Baumann, kicker for the New England Patriots, presented "Aim High, Challenge Life, Think Success" on Thursday, February 11, 1993.

The Penn State-Behrend Health Advisory Board coordinated the event in recognition of National Drug Awareness Week.

Baumann is a native of Erie and a graduate of Cathedral Prep High School. He now resides in Orlando, Florida. He has a communication degree from West Virginia University, and has played for teams such as the Buffalo Bills, the Minnesota Vikings, the Seattle Seahawks, and the Miami Dolphins.

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Students awarded grants

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Penn State-Behrend has awarded research grants totalling \$3,650 to eight students conducting in-depth, original undergraduate research.

Last fall, in conjunction with faculty members, students submitted research proposals to the Department of Graduate Studies, Research, Continuing

Education, and Economic Development.

"These students are better prepared for graduate school or the workplace because of the experience they have," Dr. Robert Light, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research, Continuing Education, and Economic Development, said,

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