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Locks in Lawrence replaced

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Recently, a master key which operated all the locks in Lawrence Hall was reported missing.

Whether it was lost or stolen is unknown, but as a result, all of the locks in the hall were replaced with new ones.

James Bowen, manager of Housing and Food Services said, "Since the safety of the students was jeopardized, we had to implement new locks and keys."

The locks were changed during the middle of the day on Monday, November 15. The new keys were offered to students later in the afternoon.

Bowen commented, "The students have been understanding and cooperative in the change. Their reactions weren't as bad as I originally thought they would be."

Most students think that three keys are an inconvenience as compared to two.

Ben Knight, a first semester mechanical engineering major

believed, "It's what had to be done, but it was an inconvenience getting all the keys."

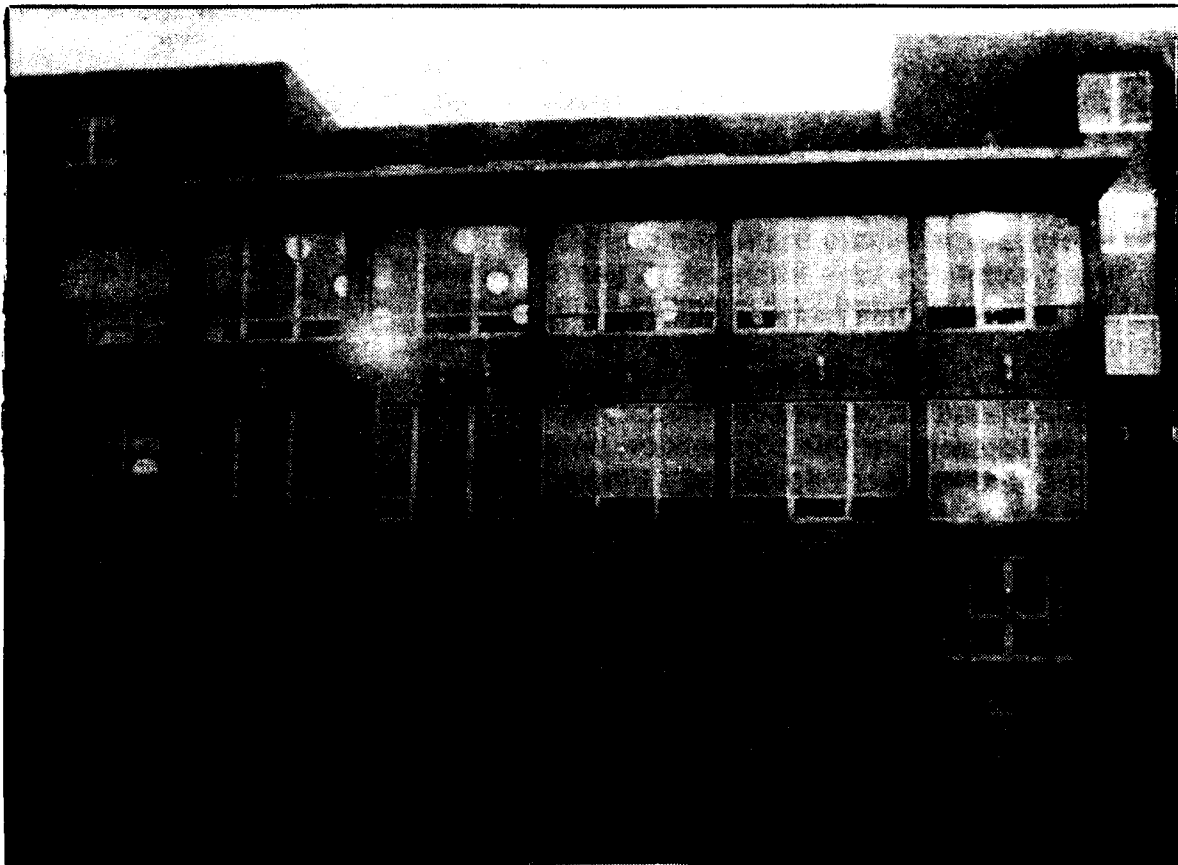
Dave Michalow, a third semester education major, commented, "When you have stuff to carry in, having an extra key is a pain since you have to switch hands."

Jenn Heilman, a third semester accounting major, disagreed. "I didn't think it was an inconvenience. There were posters all over the building informing us ahead of time. A representative from Housing was in the lobby the whole day handing out keys, which made the change easier."

During the lock change, room locks were removed, leaving doors open which created a risk for people's valuables.

Kirsten Anderson, a third semester psychology major said, "I think they should have changed the room locks first since people could have had their property stolen."

Students will not be charged for the lock change.



ODK Bowl-a-thon

Several organizations bowl to raise money for books

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Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) held their second annual bowl-a-thon on Sunday, November 14.

The bowl-a-thon is a fundraiser that ODK holds every fall. Last year the proceeds helped pay for the day care center. This year, the money will go toward books and reading material in the library.

This year there were 40 participants. There were donations from the Behrend Library Group (BSG), Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Sigma Phi, the Mechanical Engineering Club, Phi Chi, and the History Club.

The bowl-a-thon was held at the Lawrence Hall. The event was a success and the money raised will be used to purchase books for the library.

were a great help.

"They really made it easy for us to hold the bowl-a-thon," Casteel said.

Eastland Bowl gave the participants free shoes if they brought their students ID's. They also only charged junior rates per game. The cost for everyone to bowl totaled \$130. The Student Government Association donated \$100 towards the bowl.

The organizations that raised the money are donating what type of reading material they want the money to pay for.

"Everybody had a really good time for a bowl-a-thon," Casteel said. "It was a great way to give the students an opportunity to improve themselves by reading."

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Entries will be judged for effectiveness, appropriateness, design and layout, and scientific accuracy. Entries must be received by February 1, 1994 and must include an official entry/release form. To obtain an entry kit, contact your school's alcohol and drug coordinator, or call 1-800-729-6686, extension 5992.

Questioning policy

Police and Safety on trial

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Recent increases in underage drinking citations and the "Frank Fasso" investigation have caused some students to question Police and Safety's policies.

A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "They refer you for drinking off-campus although they are not supposed to be able to. They call it public display of drunkenness."

Larry Silvis, manager of Police and Safety explained that the officer must be well trained in the area of detecting drunken behavior.

"All the officers have been trained in the field of sobriety," Silvis said.

The Field Sobriety Course teaches officers what to look for in drunken behavior.

"What brings the officers' attention to the individual is what they observe," said Silvis.

Under Act 120 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Constitution, "All of the officers go through 520 hours of Municipal Police Officers training," Silvis said.

Officers are also required to pass a physical agility test, a drug test, and a psychological test.

Another student who wishes to remain nameless, said, "They (Police and Safety) are too inconsistent. My roommate was caught with a bottle of alcohol

and all he got was a referral. People caught stumbling a little and with no alcohol on them are given a citation."

Silvis, on the other hand, said that the officers do know what they are doing. "It's not just happen chance," he said.

Silvis said that after an officer observes a student who they believe is intoxicated, the student is asked to take a Personalized Breath Test (PBT).

The PBT is not the same as a breathalyzer test.

A PBT is an electronic device that measures the amount of alcohol on an individual's breath. It is a small rectangular box which gives a reading of between .02 and 1.5 accordingly after the individual blows into it.

The student is not required by state law to take any kind of breathalyzer test unless they are driving and must agree to it before the officer can give it to them.

The PBT "is recommended and approved by the state of Pennsylvania," said Silvis. "It's not as exact as a breathalyzer, but it's every bit as valid."

Silvis also said, "We have two police officers who are trained breathalyzer operators."

Police and Safety has two levels of officers. There are two sworn-in police officers and the rest are non-sworn.

"We investigate everything. We arrest a lot of people beyond students," Silvis claimed.

"From time to time we have to arrest a student for the protection of the other students."

The job of a campus police and safety officer is much different than the job of a city police officer.

"It's a whole different environment," said Silvis. "You (the officer) have to understand the pressures and needs of the students."

Police and Safety has also been trying to deal with the many harassing phone calls being reported by women on campus.

It seems that a man who calls himself "Frank Fasso" has been calling several women, not only at Behrend but other colleges campuses in the area also.

Police and Safety has asked the women not to report the phone calls unless they happen twice. This is because so many women were reporting the calls that Police and Safety couldn't deal with them all.

"We were getting swamped with calls down here," said Silvis. "It's not that we're not concerned about them (the victims), it's just overwhelming."

According to Silvis, "He's (Frank Fasso) been doing this for 18 years."

Police and Safety, along with other colleges' campus police and Pennsylvania State Police have been working very hard to catch him.

"We are aware of what's going on out there," said Silvis.