By Tim Green
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A suspect has been identified in a theft on March 5 in Olson Residence Hall and an investigation is still on going to link the suspect to thefts in other buildings.

Dexter Stinson, 28, has been charged with three counts of burglary by Lawrence Police Department (LPD), according to Lt. Charles Edgar.

Stinson was seen coming from the direction of a student’s room in Olson after which the student noticed his wallet was missing from his room and called Security.

Stinson was tracked to his girlfriend’s room in Hill Residence Hall where he had been staying since around Valentine’s Day, according to Edgar.

“The suspect did have stolen property on him and admitted to various thefts,” said Vickie Weaver, Director of Safety and Security.

Stinson has been linked to thefts in Ziegler and Switlik Residence Halls. He is currently in Mercer County jail and has been issued a letter of persona non grata by the university.

The theft of wallets, cell phones, and cash have been reported in Poyda, Hill and Kroner Residence Hall, according to Weaver. Security is currently looking to see if Stinson is involved.

Weaver wanted to remind students to always take the proper precautions.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re home or if you’re here at school; always lock your door when you leave,” she said, “greatly increase your chances of becoming a victim of a theft of opportunity.”

Weaver also urged students to report thefts to Security.

“This is a situation where the student quickly reported the theft, so there was a cooperative effort between the student, Security and the police that lead to an arrest,” she said.

Weaver wanted to point out the hard work of the following Security staff members: Sgt. Bill Stahl, Ed Stout, Sgt. Cliff Harris, Ron Schneck, Sharlene Fernandez, Glenn Hartzell and James Lopez.

Weaver said if anyone has any information about the thefts on campus that they should contact the office of Safety and Security.

Kamal addresses financial frustrations
By Eric Barresi
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Although globalization contributes to wealth, one-fourth of the world still lives on less than a dollar per day, Pakistan’s former ambassador to the United Nations (U.N.) told students on Feb. 23.

Ahmad Kamal spoke about the financial frustration caused by globalization and why attempts to remedy it have failed. Because of globalization, he said, the wealth ratio between rich and poor countries has increased, from 40-to-1 in 1970 to 80-to-1 in 2004.

“With all the effort we have made in globalization, poverty has doubled,” said Kamal. “That has lead to a tremendous feeling of insecurity and frustration. ‘If not, something needs to be done.’”

One possible solution, he said, is Official Development Assistance, a fund used by economically inferior countries for industrial development. Under the 0.7 Percent Compact, economically superior countries agreed to contribute 0.7 percent of their gross national product to assistance.

“Instead of 0.7 percent, only 0.24 percent has actually been disbursed,” he said.

“Assistance which should have been the answer to development not has been because there has never been enough money.”

Foreign Direct Investment, another possible solution, estimated at $8 billion, has been reserved by rich companies for foreign investment, he said. However, 80 percent of the money has been transferred between the prosperous countries of Germany, Britain, Japan and the United States.