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KUTZTOWN, February 18- While walking back to her room in Berks Hall, Rima Acevedo, a freshman at Kutztown University, nearly got hit by a white Honda Civic speeding through the C1 parking lot on the south side of Kutztown's campus.

Acevedo was shaken up by the event and was not able to get the license plate number of the vehicle. She also felt there was not enough substantial information on the driver or car to alert Public Safety of the situation.

When approached, Acevedo was willing to answer any questions pertaining to what had just happened. She recalled the situation in spite of wanting to forget about it, and answered to the best of her ability.

When asked about the views on speeding in the parking lot, Acevedo said, "I don't see why drivers have to speed through a parking lot. It doesn't make you look cool; it just makes walking through a parking lot unsafe. Speeding also makes accidents more prone to happen."

At the entrance of the parking lot there is a 15 mph speed limit sign. However, Acevedo believes that the speed limit is not strictly enforced. Kutztown's Public Safety website states that they "promote an environment free from fear." People like Acevedo would argue that is not completely true due to the fact that drivers still speed through the parking lot.

Lori Bogumil, a bystander to the event and also a freshman at Kutztown University, brought her car to college and parks in the C1 lot on the south side of campus. "As a driver, I understand people need to get to places quickly; however, that doesn't justify the fact that people are speeding. I fear that when I pull out of my parking spot, another car will hit me because they didn't have enough reaction time due to speeding," says Bogumil.

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Kutztown's Motor Vehicle Regulations policy lists the expectations and consequences for drivers. Some of which include a \$25 fine for "reckless driving, stop sign violation, driving too fast for conditions, leaving the scene of an accident, etc."

Even though the consequences are set in place, drivers still disobey Kutztown University's policies. Security cars do patrol the lots, however they are not placed permanently in parking lots to watch for reckless driving. Pedestrians and drivers, like Acevedo and Bogumil, still fear speeding cars in the C1 parking lot.

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