

# Behrend loses funds because of DGS mistake

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News Editor

Because of a mistake in the formulation of allocated funds for the new Library and Academic Building, Behrend is forced to look for other sources of money to complete the building.

Originally, Behrend was allocated \$1.45 million by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS).

DGS has a formula for allocating money for "furniture and moveable equipment" which the University must buy through the department.

Two years ago, DGS used the formula to determine the \$1.45 million allocation to Behrend.

Behrend intended to use the money in order to purchase such items as furniture, fire extinguishers, and cleaning materials, associate provost and senior associate dean John Burke said.

Somewhere along the line, DGS realized that it used the wrong formula. Instead of the

original amount allocated, Behrend was supposed to receive \$1.113 million (\$300,000 less than the original amount).

The problem is that Behrend was never officially notified of the mistake and DGS's intention to stop ordering and placing orders of equipment for Behrend, Burke said.

However, the state Bureau of Budget Analysis claims to have sent a memo, written by Gene Beeman, detailing the mistake to Behrend on May 4, 1993.

The memo read that according to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget's guidelines, the allocation for "furniture and moveable equipment" should be 12% of base construction.

The memo went on to state that, "As a result, the allocation should be in the amount of \$1.113 million, a reduction of \$337,000."

Burke said Behrend received news of the memo on October 28, only after Behrend submitted plans for the use of the remaining allocated funds.

"We thought we had about \$250,000 left, but we were told

we were already overbudgeted," Burke said. "And we found that out only by accident."

Now the problem that Behrend faces is from where to obtain the remaining money needed to finish the project.

"We are trying to figure out how to pay for the amount we have already spent as well as what we plan to spend," Burke said.

Burke is optimistic about Behrend's chances to get the remaining funds.

"We don't expect DGS to allocate us the remaining money, but I do expect them to help us out," Burke said. "They said they wouldn't leave us high and dry."

The remaining items which Behrend hopes to buy are mostly just finishing touches to the building, Burke said.

"By in large, the library is pretty well set. Some of the stuff we'll have to limp by with, like cleaning equipment and waste baskets," Burke said. "One of the not yet ordered items is furniture for the Complex's hallways which would serve as lounge areas between classes."



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Look out below: Behrend students study in the library on the tables that were received under current allocation.

## Hanging of the Greens

by Kristie Guldner  
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Behrend will hold its 46th annual Hanging of the Greens at the Behrend family chapel in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

"It's the oldest and only tradition that Behrend has," said David Shields, director of Student Activities.

Benjamin Lane, associate professor of English (emeritus) and Behrend historian, said, "It is probably the oldest continuing tradition at Behrend."

The ceremony is done completely in candlelight, explained Shields.

A large wreath is placed on the door of the Behrend family crypt by the Student Government Association president. After the ceremony, it is taken down and

hung in the Memorial Room of the Glennhill Farmhouse, Shields said.

The history of the Behrend family is recounted including how Warren Behrend died in a car accident one Christmas Eve, Shields said.

Lane originated the program and is happy with how it has continued.

"I set up the program of the service several years ago. They have managed to keep it the same," Lane said.

Everyone is welcome. Vans to transport students will be leaving the Reed Union Building if any student wishes to come.

After the Hanging of the Greens ceremony on Friday evening, the Campus Ministry will be holding an art show.

Susan Anderson, coordinator of the Protestant Campus Ministry,

hopes the Wintergarden Art Show is successful because it generates the ministry's major source of income.

The Wintergarden Art Show will consist of three parts.

The first includes artists who will have demonstration tables. The items at these tables will range from \$3 to \$25.

"They are ideal for Christmas gifts. There will be jewelry, stationery, photography, plaques, bookmarks, handmade Christmas cards, and porcelain figures," said Anderson.

Part two consists of paintings which range in price from \$75 to over \$1,000. All the artists are from northwestern Pennsylvania.

The third part will be live music. On Saturday, the Covenant Handell Choir of The First Presbyterian Church will be performing during the day, while

at night there will be a jazz performance in Bruno's Nightclub.

On Sunday, harpist Elaine Schuster will be performing.

Anderson believes the show will give students some different kinds of holiday gift ideas.

Traditionally, the Hanging of the Greens ceremony was followed by a Night of the Arts, but it was cut from the program a few years ago. It was a concert sponsored by the Campus Ministry, said Anderson. She hopes to bring back the Night of the Arts in the near future.

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