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PSU's president visits Behrend

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Penn State University's newest president, Dr. Graham Spanier, will be making a visit to Behrend on Wednesday, October 25.

President Spanier is touring all of Penn State's commonwealth campuses. Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to meet with President Spanier during his visit to Behrend. A reception honoring Behrend's Alumni Fellow will highlight the President's visit Wednesday evening.

The President's visit includes a full itinerary and is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. with his arrival at Behrend.

Among the day's events are a tour of Behrend and an open discussion with President Spanier and Provost and Dean John Lilley at "Coffee with the Provost."

"Coffee with the Provost" is open to all students and faculty, but reservations are required. "Coffee with the Provost" will be held in the Reed Union Building, room 114 from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs, invites all

students to attend Coffee with the Provost. Reber said, "Any student who wishes to attend Coffee with the Provost should RSVP my office so their name can be placed on the list."

President Spanier is also scheduled for a meeting with the Erie Rotary Club, a news conference, a meeting with the editorial board of the Times News Publishing Company, and a meeting with the Council of Fellows.

In addition, President Spanier will meet with economic and political leaders from the Erie community.

Following the reception honoring Behrend's Alumni Fellow, a dinner will be held at the Kahkwa Club for the President, club donors, the Alumni Fellow and guests.

Students, faculty and staff wishing to attend Coffee with the Provost can contact Student Affairs at x6111 for reservations.



Penn State University's 16th president: President Graham Spanier is making a tour of all Penn State commonwealth campuses.

President Spanier's Itinerary

Arrives at Behrend at 8:00 a.m.

Tour of campus

"Coffee with the Provost" at 10:50 a.m.,

Open students, faculty, and staff

Meeting with the Erie Rotary Club

Meeting with Times editorial board

Council of Fellows

Reception for Alumni Fellow

Dinner at the Kahkwa Club

Mocktails on the house Alcohol Awareness Week continues

by Doreen Foutz
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Alcohol Awareness Week kicked off on Monday with the distribution of "mocktails" in the Wintergreen Cafe. Many students sampled the mocktails, which were supplied by Housing and Food Services. Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) sponsored the event in conjunction with the Health Advisory Board.

"[Serving mocktails] went over OK, but I think that if the BACCHUS members would've passed them out it would've been more informative. Students would've thought about it more," said Matthew Bruette, 03 Engineering and treasurer of BACCHUS.

Tuesday's main event was the signing to the traveling drug and alcohol awareness wall. The large wall settled behind the Reed building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students were asked to sign the wall to show their support for ending the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

"When people were walking by and we were telling them what the wall was for and what it was about, they actually listened to what we were saying and were very supportive of it," said Bruette.

Some students agree. Vinny Krusc, 02 DUS, thinks alcohol awareness week is effective. "It has made me aware of the dangers and risks of consuming alcoholic beverages. And, foremost, it has opened my eyes to the reality of what alcohol will do to your future."

Krusc also was supportive of the mocktail idea on Monday. "The mocktails contained a delicious flavor, and to be quite honest, I would rather choose a mocktail over a cocktail," said Krusc.

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Police and Safety... Armed and dangerous?

by Sean Siekkinen
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A proposal now resting in the hands of the President's Council at University Park could give Behrend's Police and Safety officers new weapons in their fight against crime: Guns.

UP police have been armed since 1975. Manager of Police and Safety Services Bill Donahue thinks it is time that Behrend police have the same tools at their disposal.

At the SGA meeting on October 10, Donahue asked SGA for a resolution in support of giving guns to Police Service Officers, who already go through the same firearms training as Pennsylvania state police. Property Protection Guards are not required to pass such examinations, and will not be sanctioned to carry weapons under the policy.

"We are the law enforcement agency on this campus- we're expected to... provide [Behrend students] with law enforcement services," Donahue said to SGA. "We're not able to provide... total service if we're not an armed agency."

The state police have jurisdiction over the campus and its surrounding area. But

according to Donahue, state police service is stretched too thin to provide adequate coverage.

"They've always given us very good service, but unfortunately they're not right next door. It's imperative that we be able to take control of a scene and act accordingly."

The five page firearms policy covers procedures for training officers and reviewing incidents involving guns, as well as criteria for when an officer may unholster his weapon.

Federal law lets police fire at a fleeing felon or at an escaping vehicle. Behrend police, however, will not be

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allowed to fire in either situation.

Officers will not be allowed to carry black jacks or use lead-lined gloves, which are standard issue in many law enforcement agencies across the country. The guns issued will be standard six-shot revolvers, and officers will not be able to carry any other personal firearms.

The proposal will cost around \$2000 to enact, and \$1500 a year for training.

SGA President Timothy Mallon backs the organization's decision to support the proposal 100 percent.

"Guns are as a preventive measure only," he said. Mallon feels confident with the training that the officers will receive, which will exceed the requirements of state police.

"The general problem," says Dean of Student Affairs Chris Reber, "is that we have professionals protecting the campus... they need to be protected themselves."

Reber sees arming campus police as a necessary action.

"My general feeling is that the college has grown, and the Police and Safety office has grown... I think we have a