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Engineering complex dedicated

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After two years the new Engineering complexes were finally dedicated on Friday in Roche Hall.

There was a large crowd on hand and the guests included all of the Contributors, Penn State President Graham Spanier, Provost John Lilley representatives from the Board of Trustees in addition to many State and Local governmental officials.

The 55,000 square foot building houses many state of the

art plastics labs, some that are unparalleled around the country.

The complex is comprised of four different buildings named the James O. Benson building, the Joseph J. Prischak building, the R.J. Fasnmyer building and the Witkowski building that are all connected by the Roche Hall.

Outside of the complex, there is a courtyard called the Loranger Plaza.

In addition to the plastics labs, there are many computer labs that support the research and learning that are necessary to flourish in the Engineering world.

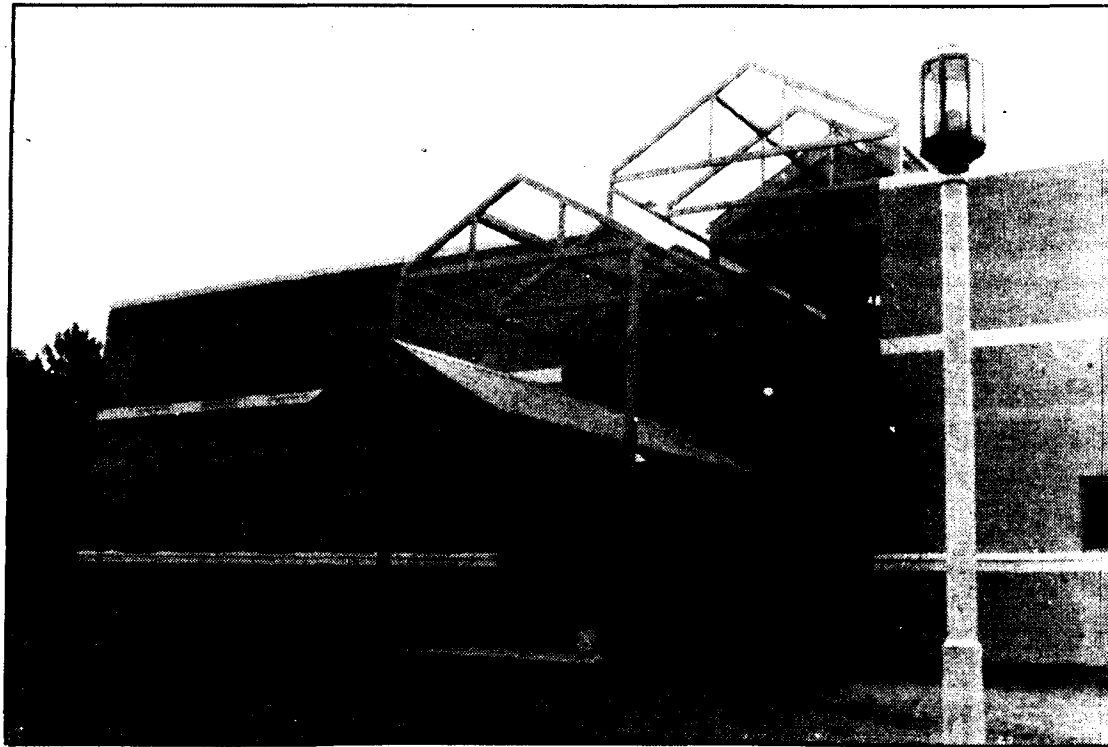
A highlight of the complex is the Plastics Technology Deployment Center.

It has been in operation for three years and is a combined partnership between Behrend and the Cleveland Advanced Manufacturing Program.

This partnership has already had a 14 million dollar impact on the technology of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio in its three short years.

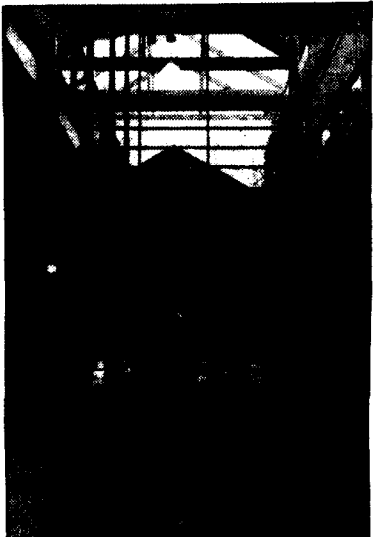
Most of the contributors were local manufactures who really wanted to make a difference and saw that by donating to this cause they could be helping their industry greatly.

The over all theme of the ceremony was "industry and



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Latest addition: The Engineering Complex had its long-awaited dedication last Friday.



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From the inside out: Roche Hall

education working together".

Graham Spanier, Penn State's president said after a tour of the complex, "... This is the jewel in Penn State's crown..." he also thanked those who gave so much for their foresight and generosity to build this complex".

Ted Junker, who is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, did the actual dedication

and after the speeches were finished, all of the people from the stage cut the blue ribbon officially opening the buildings under their official names.

When discussing the fund raising for this project, Paul Roche said, "This was the easiest money I've ever raised". His brother Tom Roche was also their and said " in giving we

receive".

The theme of the day was the how industry goes hand in hand with education, and by providing for the students, the contributors hope to help their industry in the near future.

Jim Benson, a contributor who owns the PHB company said "generations to come will benefit from the fruits of our labor.

Sniper update Eyes turn to victims

by Eric Krouse
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Jillian P. Robbins, high school dropout and alleged Penn State shooter, is facing first-degree murder and several assault charges in the shooting of Melanie Spalla, 21 year-old Penn State Communication major and Nicholas Mensah.

Police said they believe they have found the fifth bullet from

the shooter's gun in Apartment 810 of Penn Towers. One of the room occupants, Tom King, said,

"(The bullet) must have hit the metal frame piece near the window and stopped dead."

Now that Robbins faces charges, a sad eye has turned to the victims of this crime. On

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Homecoming '96

The Dirges play Friday for king and queen crowning

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Got plans for next weekend? Well, everyone does now!

Students and their families are invited to the 1996 Parents & Families Weekend Oct. 4 - 6.

This Penn State - Behrend tradition combines Homecoming and three days of activities in an effort to create a weekend where parents, families and alumni can return and celebrate what it is to be Behrend, said Chris Rizzo, Director of Student Activities about October's Parents & Families Weekend.

People could be in a chariot race, winning a point in volleyball or soccer, or even participating in an eating fest. . . and these are only just a few of the activities going on this Homecoming weekend.

Annually, relatives, alumni, and friends come to Behrend to celebrate "college life."

Behrend began its life back in 1948 and still strives today on its 700+ acres. Enrollment over the years has exceeded 3200 and continues to grow. Homecoming weekend is full of entertainment, when both new students and old students can get a chance to hear what Behrend was like many years ago.

Festivities begin Friday October 4 with a women's varsity volleyball match in Erie Hall. A chariot race will follow at the ski slope. Bringing the night to a close will be the bonfire accompanied by music from the Dirges, and the crowning of this year's homecoming king and queen.

Saturday morning starts off with breakfast being served at 9 a.m. in Dobbin's Dining Hall. After breakfast, there will be an

alumni soccer match. Members of the 1971 Men's Commonwealth Championship soccer team take on the Behrend men's soccer team.

Campus tours will be held throughout the day, in addition to an alumni volleyball game.

In the afternoon, student clubs and organizations are sponsoring games and contests along with the delicious taste of carnival foods.

Varsity soccer games will be held from 1:00-3:30 when the men and women take on Washington and Jefferson College and Nazareth College of Rochester.

The Alumni reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Dean Lilley and his wife.

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Concerned or curious about the shooting?

A general information session will be held on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 113. The session is open to all students, faculty and staff. Please come and gather information and express your concerns about the shooting at University Park. You are welcome at the hour-long session. The session will be hosted by Sue Daley, of the Student and Faculty Center.