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## Former Behrend student arrested for trading child pornography

By Will Jordan  
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Brian Jackman, a former student of Behrend, was arrested in his home in Millersburg last Friday. Jackman was charged with sexual abuse of children and unlawful use of a computer. He had also been charged with the two misdemeanors of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of obscene and other sexual materials. Jackman had been an MIS major and he attended Behrend from the Fall semester of 1995 to the Fall semester of 1997. However he is not a graduate of Behrend.

Jackman had been using a Penn State Erie e-mail address and one of the computers from the Biology department. A professor from the Biology department had given the computer to Jackman so that he could upgrade it. However, he took advantage of the professor and the computer. He had been downloading and trading child pornography.

When they arrested him, the Erie County Police confiscated the computer and disks which contained almost 3,000 photographic files of child pornography. The Office of Police and Safety at Behrend had been the lead investigators in the case.

In June of 1997, police at the University Park campus received a tip that a Penn State e-mail address was being used to offer child pornography over the Internet. Once it was determined that the e-mail address was from Behrend, the police from University Park notified the Office of Police and Safety. The Office of Police and Safety then obtained a search warrant and seized the computer and disks.

The information on the computer and disks was encrypted and very hard to get in to. When this was discovered the police determined that the information which was hidden in them was likely to be illegal. They were then sent to Erie County Detective Larry Dombrowski who handles computer crimes for the county.

Dombrowski eventually brought the case to the Pennsylvania State Police crime lab. When they were unable to crack the codes, the computer and disks were sent to a firm located in Utah, which was able to decipher the codes. Jackman is now being prosecuted in the Erie County Court of Common Pleas.

Matt Elias, 04 Meteorology, said, "I think that he was very inconsiderate in his abuse of University equipment. As far as the act itself, I feel sorry for the children and it disgusts me to think about how children are exploited. I just hope this unfortunate incident doesn't bring any negativity or stereotypes towards other students at Penn State Behrend."

Harry Jedy, 08 Mechanical Engineering, said, "I think it is really upsetting and it shines a bad light on Penn State Behrend. My heart goes out to the families of the children in the pictures. I hope that some way is found to really crack down on child pornography on the Internet."

## Psychology department receives \$430,000 research grant

By Anne Rajotte  
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Behrend has received a \$430,000 grant to create the Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE), an applied research center that looks at social service programs in northwest Pennsylvania and evaluates them. The grant will allow Behrend to join in Erie County's teenage pregnancy prevention efforts.

Susan H. Hagen, a member of the Penn State Erie Council of Fellows is responsible for the donation. She is a conflict management specialist with Hagen, Herr, Pepin and is a former member of the Ad Hoc Teen Pregnancy Prevention Review Committee of Erie County and Planning Council.

Dr. Carl Kallgren, associate professor of psychology has been named acting director of CORE. The first institution CORE will deal with is the Erie County Network for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (ENCAPP). According to Kallgren, CORE's



photo by Andrea Zaffino

Dr. Carl Kallgren has been named acting director of CORE, which was created by the \$430,000 for psychology research.

major purpose is to find out, "what's working and what's not." Specifically this includes: evaluating activities and making suggestions about those that are not working, providing grant writers for teen pregnancy prevention.

Students from Behrend were involved with the conduction of the survey, and callers received a 100 percent response. The student researchers followed up their survey to obtain additional information about organizations that provide services dealing with teen pregnancy prevention.

Kallgren has an interest in developing a masters in applied psychology program at Behrend, and CORE will provide the experience to undergraduate and graduate students. "This will be the core for the methodology for the masters program," commented Kallgren.

"This provides a number of golden opportunities to get involved with a cutting edge research project," stated Kallgren.

Kallgren said that Hagen made her donation because of her, "passionate concern about teen pregnancy rates." He went on to say, "we rival third world countries in Erie County."

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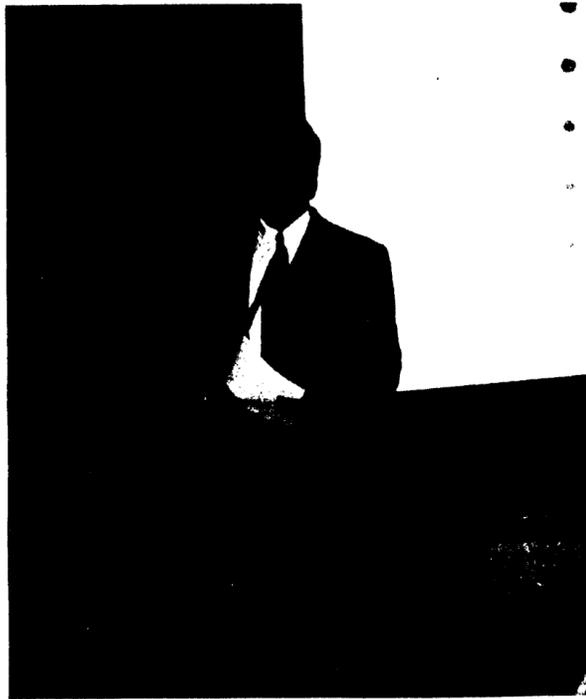
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## SGA forum fails to draw students



SGA president Buck Goedicke.

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By Ayodele Jones  
managing editor

Despite flyers and posters promoting the Student Government Association's open forum to discuss Behrend's future, the forum lacked an essential ingredient, students.

On Wednesday, November 04, 1998, SGA held its second open forum of the semester to a basically empty lecture hall. In spite of the lack of attendance, Ken Miller, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, discussed Behrend's master plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees this summer.

The master plan will present major opportunities for Behrend students, faculty, staff and surrounding communities. By fall of next year construction will be underway for the athletic fields, groundbreaking will occur in May or June, and it will take an estimated fifteen months for completion of construction.

This is the real deal, these are definite plans" said Miller responding to a student who asked if all of these proposed plans are really going to take place.

Included in the development plans is a connection between the Reed Union Building and the Academic Building. The new Eastside Access highway designed to give people quick access to downtown Erie, and will also pave the way for commercial development.

Two hundred acres are being developed for knowledge based industries, providing students an opportunity for growth and also benefiting businesses and the community. Miller declared it a very "exciting time to be here."

Dedicated in June of 1948, Behrend has become a college with an array of advantages for its students. Yet, the master plan includes further expansion of the campus and facilities while providing students with greater opportunities and maintaining its small college feel.

Senators and students at last night's SGA open forum.

## Students discuss variety of issues at Coffee With the Provost

By Ayodele Jones  
managing editor

Students were given an opportunity to gripe about problems and concerns while some students complimented the level of education received here at Penn State -Behrend at the second Coffee with the Provost, on November 03 1998 in Lawrence Hall Lobby.

As always, Provost and Dean Lilley attempted to better acquaint himself with the audience by urging students to introduce themselves, where they were from, and their favorite teacher.

After going around the room, Lilley decided to open up discussion with "What would you like to see here, out of class, that we currently don't have?" Many students provided various answers, included in their responses; a football team a pool, a track, dances, a marching band and a massage center. Interrupting this continuous flow of discussion was a resident walking by with a chicken on his head (he was wearing a hat), many of the students erupted in laughter.

Kerry Hinkson, 07 English, discussed the absence or lack of culture at Behrend. As it currently stands, the only art classes provided are introduction to art, art history and photography. She asked about the possible expansion of music classes.

Lilley responded, "we will probably be able to in the future to add Arts to general education but as of now Behrend has to go with what has the biggest demand strategically, we have to go with fits the greatest student interests."

Another student posed the question if whether Behrend could have an agreement with Mercyhurst to study performance (voice mastering). Lilley said "it would be very interesting. I am sure it is possible and it might be able to make it smoother for some of you to study there."

One student asked if the current Penn State ID cards can be expanded for use at various stores on Buffalo Rd. or in the vicinity of Peach Street. He compared the use of Penn State's card to that of his friend's at Duke University who is able to use his student ID card at local restaurants like Pizza Hut, Burger King etc. Ed Mullfingher, Director of Housing and Food services, noted that perhaps in the long term, students may be able to be awarded this opportunity but they would have to subscribe to it like a regular credit card (eg. American Express, Visa). It is currently expanding its experimental phase.

Lilley provided students with a brief history describing the significance of the names on the various residence halls, suites and apartments.

Damion Miller, 05 MIS, discussed the rising costs of tuition and the difficulty some students have in paying their student bills, asking Lilley whether there is some way Behrend will be able to meet their needs with additional financial support.

Lilley stated "one third of students have a combined household income please see Coffee page 2

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