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## Behrend master plan calls for rapid growth

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Here at Behrend, we are out of space. According to Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley, we operate at 98% capacity from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., while most schools operate at about 65% from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. "We have got to be the most efficient school in the country," he said in an interview on Tuesday. Because of this lack of space, Behrend has been required to compile a master plan for growth, which Dean Lilley said is primarily to become better, not just bigger. He said University Park is on the verge of becoming too large, and in order for University Park to shrink, Behrend has to grow. University Park has asked Behrend to plan to grow to 4000 students, and it has even whispered that perhaps later, 5000 would be possible. The plan was created in accordance with Behrend's three-part mission, consisting of teaching, research, and service and outreach, in that order.

as high capacity, it seems there is a necessity for additional classroom space in order to be consistent with part one of the mission. In the works is a Research and Economic Development Center, proposed to be built on the east side of Jordan Rd. The building would be designated for Business, Engineering, and Engineering Technology majors. The \$30 million project has been approved by the State and is only awaiting Governor Ridge's release of funds. As a result of the move for those three areas of study, planners will be looking for additional space for the Business and Humanities schools. They will also be getting rid of all temporary buildings (trailers) on campus, and adding another wing to the Academic building.

Behrend is the only research school in Northwestern Pennsylvania. This means that all faculty are expected to be involved in research in addition to their regular teaching duties, an advantage for Behrend students. It is because of this, and the service and outreach aspect of the mission, that



Ohio Hall under construction

photo by Mike Frawley

Knowledge Park at Behrend was conceived. The purpose of Knowledge Park is to bring the research and development of industry into contact with the school. This summer, construction will continue on the park to include a multi million-dollar training center dedicated to engineering, as well as sidewalks connecting the facility to the rest of campus. Knowledge Park is expected to bring about opportunities for internships and further research in industry.

As far as on-campus housing, Behrend is planning the new Ohio Hall which will create 265 spaces to be filled with as many juniors and seniors as possible. The residence hall building will be funded by bond issues repaid through Housing and Food services. This is considered an auxiliary service and is included in student fees.

Also included in the planning is the new athletic building, one of only three buildings on campus built with state money. The other two are Nickerson and the Library. The athletic building will be built about 100 yards east of Jordan Road and will be accessible by sidewalks from campus. There will also be a new lot off Station Rd. to provide adequate parking facilities for the athletic center.

The building will be home to 3 gymnasiums, and 8-lane swimming pool, running tracks, nautilus, and other exercise equipment. The facility will be available to all students, faculty and staff, as well as Behrend alumni. The final bid documents for the project have been prepared and the

building is expected to be finished by the Fall of 2000. Dean Lilley also expects commercial development along Interstate 90 to begin in the near future.

Steve McGarvey, Behrend alumnus and owner of Signature Management, is currently working on that area as a potential project for his company. Dean Lilley said there was no way to tell exactly when the development would begin, but that negotiations are underway. Similarly, there has been talk that two other Behrend alumni have purchased land on the east side of Station Rd. with plans to develop. Unfortunately, as of right now, all commercial ventures can only be speculated upon.

Prior to the compilation of the final master plan, focus groups were utilized to determine what kinds of changes should and should not be made. Dean Lilley said the common thread of all responses was the low density scale of the campus. Students liked the fact that you can't see ev-

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## New Nurse Joins Health and Wellness Staff

by Jennifer Hemme  
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Behrend's Health and Wellness Center has hired a second registered nurse this semester in order to expand student services. Melissa Haraburda, a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science and Nursing degree from Kent State, started at the Health and Wellness Center on January 11. She was previously an ER nurse at Hamot Medical Center.

The Health and Wellness Center has been busy for the past three months treating many students suffering from influenza and colds, but Haraburda says, "It's a different kind of busy...[from the emergency room]."

I like the campus atmosphere, the students are nice to work with and they appreciate what you do for them."

When asked what her typical day at the Health and Wellness Center was like, she said, "As an RN, I help the nurse practitioner, as well as the physician when we have the physician clinic."

She says, by contrast, that in her previous job, "When I worked in the ER, it could be constantly busy...we treated people suffering from mass traumas, heart attacks, strokes...other emergencies like that. Sometimes we didn't have the manpower to see everybody—some had to wait a long time—and that can really upset people".

Haraburda said that she came to the Health and Wellness Center because, "It sparks an interest in me to treat the student population." She is especially interested in administering to students through preventative and educational outreach programs dealing with nutrition and disease prevention and is presently working on the wellness care and allergy clinics. She will also begin certification training for HIV testing and counseling soon, in order to further help Behrend's Health and Wellness Center expand their outreach programs to both on and off campus students.

## Taking advantage of the C.D.C.

by Dave Young  
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For those that think the Career Development Center (CDC) is not that important, or only important in one's senior year, you're wrong. Not only are you wrong, but you are not taking advantage of a service that can be a huge help when it comes to preparing for the professional world.

Many students overlook the resources available at the CDC. "It kills me that people don't take advantage of it," replies Assistant Director Kevin Moore. The Career Development Center handles anything employment related, from how to tie a tie to how to negotiate a salary. It offers a world of services that can lead to many job and internship op-

portunities. Individual job and internship counseling is also available by appointment.

Two things unique to the Penn State CDC are the Lion Jobline and the Lion Link. The Lion Jobline is a 24 hour telephone system which allows access to current full-time, part-time, internship and summer job vacancy announcements. The number is (814) 863-JOBS. The Lion Link is a networking program which assists students in exploring various career fields. This program gives students the opportunity to talk one-on-one with alumni in established professions.

In addition, the CDC offers a one credit Job Search Class offered to juniors and seniors. This class cov-

ers the entire career planning and job search process. Many students who have taken the course in the past have found it to be extremely helpful. Danielle Marshall, 06 pol sci, had this to say, "The job search class gave me an opportunity to gain insight on the exact field of work I intend to go into, enabling me to gain a better understanding of what really goes on in my line of work in the real world."

Another resource available in the Career Resource Room, located in the CDC, is the Discover Computer. Through Discover, a student has access to a computerized career guidance system which helps students make informed decisions about their

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New Health and Wellness nurse Melissa Haraburda

photo by Andrea Zaffino

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