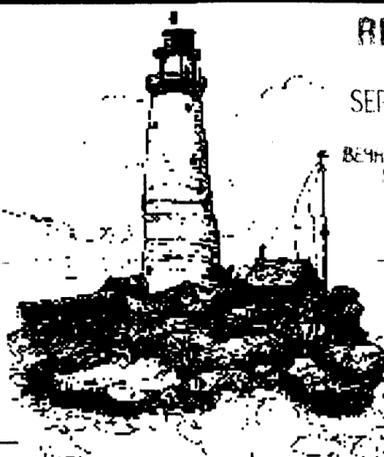




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Ohio Hall opens its doors to 236 students this fall

by Shannon Weber
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Ohio Hall is the latest addition made to the Behrend campus this fall. It is located in the upper campus area next to Almy Hall.

Ohio Hall is named after the Schooner Ohio commanded by the Sailing Master Daniel Dobbins. The Schooner Ohio fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War 1812.

The new hall houses 236 students. There are 64 single rooms, seven Resident Assistance (R.A.) rooms, four special needs single rooms, 44 four-student suites, two double rooms and four special needs double rooms.

The \$11 million building was scheduled to be completed in June. When it was predicted that the hall would not be completed in June as originally planned, the construction on Ohio Hall was prioritized starting with students' living quarters. The school wanted the students' rooms to be complete in order for them to move in for the fall.

When the students first moved in, 100 telephone numbers were not working properly. Students were able to call out, but were unable to receive incoming calls. Ed Mulfinger,

Manager of Housing and Food Services, stated that the telephone company had double sold those telephone numbers which caused the confusion.

"I decided to live in Ohio Hall because it's a new building with new furniture. I also like the fact that this is an upperclassmen building," said Hazel Sadiarin, 03 Econ. "I was very disappointed that it was not complete when we moved in."

"I love the air conditioning!" said Christopher Billig, 05 MET. "The bathroom to student ratio is pretty good."

Another resident of Ohio Hall, Michelle Lazor, 05 Marketing, stated, "In the residence halls, you end up meeting most of the people on your floor, but here in Ohio it's more difficult to meet people because of the joint bathrooms."

There are a few more things that need to be done to completely finish Ohio Hall. The exterior excavation is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 1999. The sidewalk from upper campus to Otto Behrend Science building is also scheduled to be completed by September 30, 1999, as long as the weather cooperates.

Last year, 450 students requesting housing were turned away.

Approximately 150-200 students are on the waiting list this year. "It's definitely a necessity to add more housing to the campus," stated Mulfinger. "We have already started planning for housing accommodations over the next two to three years."

"One thing that I don't think is fair, is how Almy residents can get into Ohio, but Ohio residents can't get into Almy," Lazor also stated, "The new furniture, fireplace and carpeting makes dorm life a little more comfortable."

According to Mulfinger, the original plan was to have Almy Hall, Ohio Hall and Tripp Hall located in the upper campus area. Ohio would become the central Hall out of three with its fitness center and lounges. Tripp Hall has yet to be built, but it may be built in the future.

The school is faced with two options. There is a possibility for renovating Perry Hall and adding an addition to it, or building Tripp Hall. Right now the school is exploring which option will be better for the school.

A dedication for Ohio Hall will take place on Sunday, September 12, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.



photo by Jeffrey Miller

Ohio Hall is the latest addition to be made to the Behrend campus this fall. It is "home" to 236 students this year.

Registrar's Office moved to new location



photo by Jeffrey Miller

New location of Registrar's office across Jordan Road.

by Mike Frawley
managing editor

This past summer was a busy time at Penn State Behrend. Students returning to campus found that many renovations had taken place over the summer. One of the most important for students was the changing location of the Registrar's office.

John Ream, Director of Operations for Behrend, said, "The main reason for the move of the

Registrar's Office was to provide space for a badly needed classroom in the Otto Behrend Science Building." Also a consideration in the move was the growing size of the school and the cramped space in which the office had been previously located.

The Registrar's Office was moved to a building across Jordan Road. Diane Nowacinski, Registration Coordinator, said, "We had outgrown our old facility. We had been there for the past thirteen years." This new location gives the Registrar's Office

the greater space that it needs to deal with the ever growing amount of students that are attending Behrend. While this was a positive move for the office, students have been complaining about the distance they have to travel to reach the new location. Nowacinski said, "While this was a positive move, I am still concerned about students having to cross Jordan Road to get here."

The building was previously occupied by the Continuing and Distance Education Center. The old Registrar's office, which was located in Room

114 in the Otto Behrend Science Building, was completely renovated over the summer to create a technology classroom which will be able to accommodate eighty students. The Continuing and Distance Education Center, which was displaced by the move, is now located in the Logan House.

This is only going to be a temporary move for the Registrar's Office. The building which they occupy now will have to be torn down sometime in the future for a planned road that will be going through the area.

Blaguszewski named Manager of University Relations at Behrend

Sees students as a high priority

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

This past summer, Penn State Behrend welcomed Edward Blaguszewski to the Behrend community in a large capacity. Blaguszewski was named the Manager of University Relations at Behrend for the 1999-2000 school year.

"I am very impressed with the quality of work done by the students."

- Edward Blaguszewski,
Manager of University Relations

Blaguszewski comes to Behrend from Allegheny College where he served as the Director of Public Information since 1993. He played a major role in publicizing the college through many different programs which he directed.

Due to his responsibilities at Allegheny, Blaguszewski brings to Behrend experience in dealing with school leaders. He also can benefit the college with his enthusiasm that he has towards working with students;

something he found very enjoyable during his time at Allegheny. Blaguszewski commented, "I worked with a lot of students. It was a lot of fun to do."

Blaguszewski is knowledgeable in areas such as journalism, national media relations and leadership in professional associations. He also serves as the President of the College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania (CUPRAP).

His duties in CUPRAP have included a role on the Board of Directors since 1995. In 1997, he took on the role of treasurer and stepped in as president earlier this year. He has also chaired and organized many events that the association has held in recent years. Blaguszewski is the webmaster for CUPRAP (www.cuprap.org).

His experience in journalism has stemmed throughout the New England area. He has taken on roles such as a reporter and editor for both daily and weekly newspapers, including titles as editor-in-chief, local news and wire service copy editor, page designer and copy editing on various newspapers.

"My job is to tell the story about Behrend..." said Blaguszewski, who sees many opportunities to spread the Behrend news to the community.

In his experiences so far at Behrend, Blaguszewski stated, "I am very impressed with the quality of work done by the students." He is very enthusiastic about helping in any way he can and sees his duties at Behrend as "a wonderful opportunity."

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