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# Ed Mulfinger moves up the food chain

## Behrend's Manager of Housing and Food Services receives promotion

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Ed Mulfinger, who is currently the manager of Housing and Food Services at Penn State Behrend, has been promoted to Assistant Director of Housing and Food for Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses. His recent promotion reflects many years of dedicated service to Penn State University.

Mulfinger was asked to take the position when it was realized that the responsibilities of the current assistant director, Mr. Greg Miner, could only be stretched so far. Due to Penn State's growing enrollment and future expansion projects, the need for a second person to share the responsibilities became an important issue.

There are nine Commonwealth campuses spread throughout the state. Mulfinger said that although tentative, it looks like he will

be in charge of the western half of the state, and Minner will continue to head the eastern half. Behrend is one of the nine Commonwealth campuses, so Mulfinger's ties will not be completely severed.

"In essence, it's the next step up from where I'm at now," stated Mulfinger. He said that his duties would include coordinating such projects as the Perry Hall renovation at Behrend, as well as a possible job in Harrisburg. He will be responsible for many project budgets, and the managers of each campus will look to Mulfinger as their new boss.

Mulfinger brings with him an impressive list of credentials. This is his 22nd year in Housing and Food with Penn State. Sixteen of those years were spent at University Park, and the last six have been spent at Behrend. He earned his B.A. in Humanities from Penn State, and in 1996 he

was awarded the William Reiber Award for outstanding management. Mulfinger is also a certified HACCP health inspector.

Although his new office will be in University Park, Mulfinger has no direct responsibilities for that campus. As far as Housing and Food services goes, Mulfinger explained that University Park is a "separate entity" from the Commonwealth campuses. The main reason his office is located there is because that's where all of his records and resources are located, in the middle of the state. "I will, however, be spending a lot of time on the road," he added.

June 1, 2000, is the official date that Mulfinger is scheduled to assume his new responsibilities. However, he said he won't leave Behrend until his replacement is comfortable with the duties here on campus. That means he could leave as late as September. A

nationally publicized search will aid in the search for a new director — the same kind of search that was used to find a Director of Student Affairs, the position Ken Miller recently filled.

Even though he is looking forward to once again living in his hometown of State College, Mulfinger admitted that he will truly miss Behrend. Most of all, he said he will miss "the wonderful faculty and staff, and the great students."

Mulfinger has recently been off campus due to surgery. He is expected to be back by April 24.

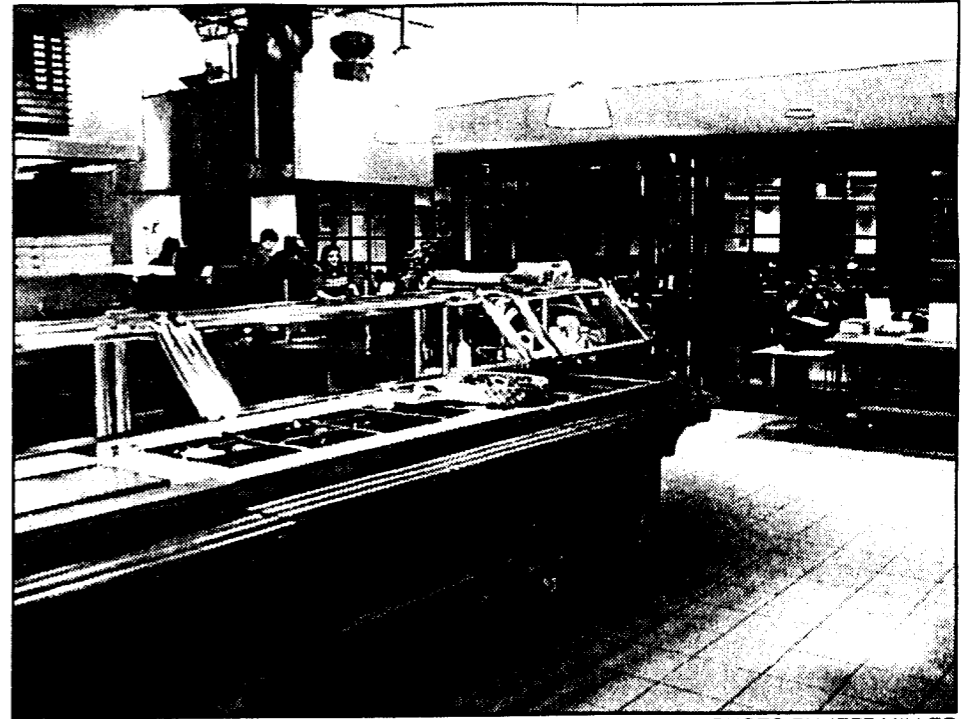


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Bruno's is one of the two eateries on campus that currently falls under Mulfinger's domain. Once promoted, Mulfinger will oversee his replacement at Behrend, as well as the Housing and Food Services Offices at several other campuses.

# Student photos go on display in Academic Building

## First Night Erie art award winners display photography

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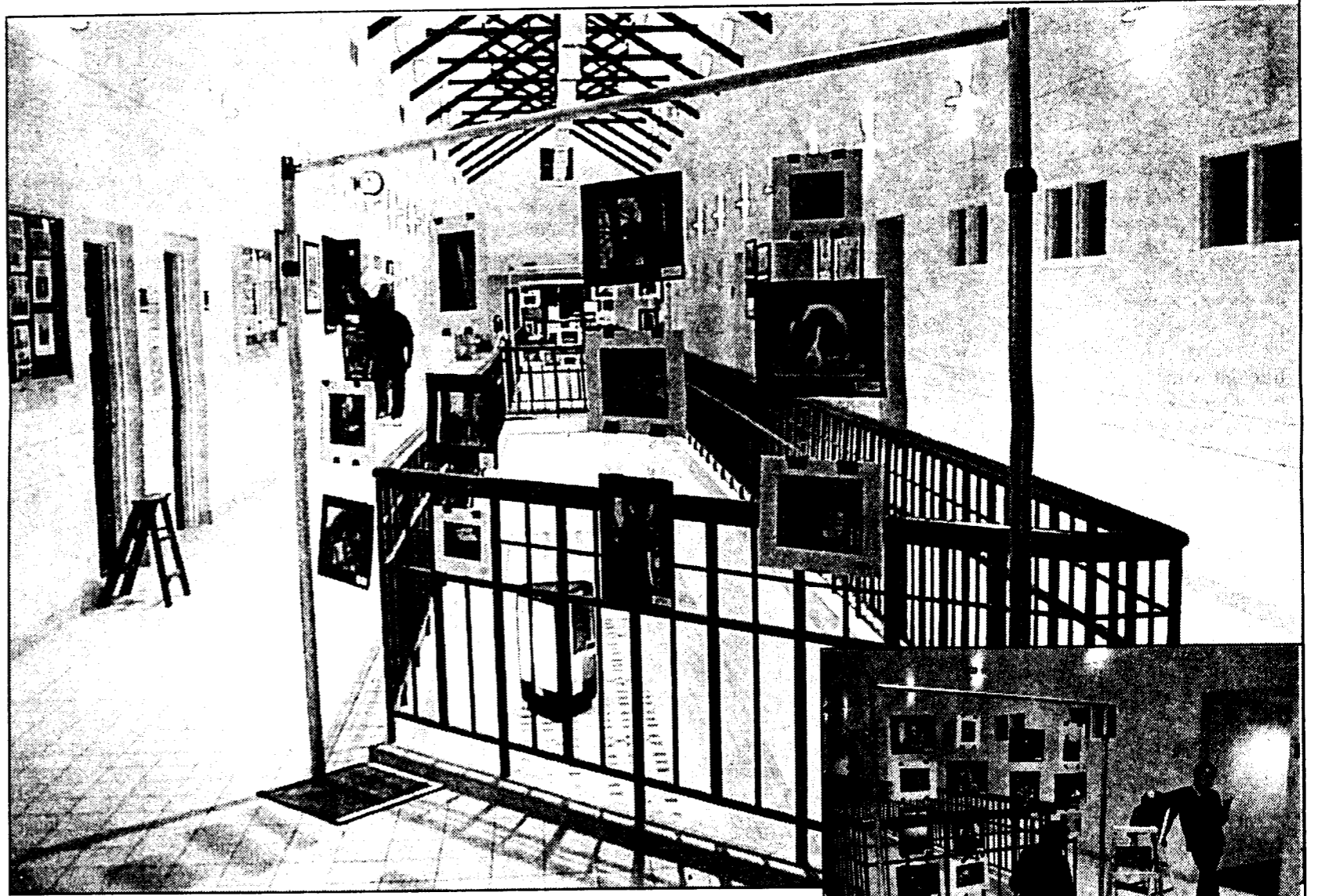
The 2001 students spent the past year taking photos of nature, people and numerous other subjects. Their work is on display on the 2nd floor of the Academic Building from today until May 2. In addition to learning to take their own photography, students studied contemporary photography and were encouraged to relate them to the subjects that they chose to photograph. "While the students relate to the works shown to them, I let them photograph what is interesting to them," said Karol Tomczak, Lecturer in Photography.

As opposed to previous years, all of the works this year are in color, due to the recent loss of the dark room that is needed to produce black and white photos. Tomczak commented on the lack of black and white photos saying "many students would choose to photograph in black and white if we still had the resources here on cam-

pus."

There were no limitations to what the students could photograph. All that was required for the class is a willingness to experiment. Many students have little or no experience when entering the class. "Some of my best students turn out to be the ones with no experience," Tomczak went on to say. She also added that there are more than enough students to fill every class offered and that more photography classes should be added. "This school is not an art school and there are so many serious classes offered. This class is about going out there and having fun. Art is so universal."

The display of photography includes works from students in the Photo 001 class and also students that participated and won at this year's First Night Erie celebration. The exhibition is made possible by the Student Art Fund and The School of Humanities and Social Sciences and is free and open to all.



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ABOVE: Behrend students' photos hang on the second floor of the Academic Building. RIGHT: Mary Birdsong and Karol Tomczak hang up some award-winning photos from First Night Erie 2000.



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