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Year in Review

A year of renovations and growth

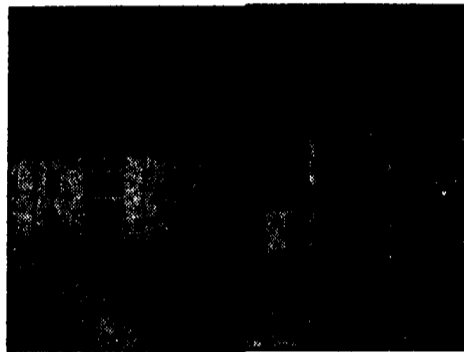
Ohio Hall opens doors

With the beginning of the 1999 fall semester came the opening of Ohio Hall to 236 students.

The \$11 million building was scheduled to be completed in June. After some glitches, the hall was near completion for the students that moved in for the 1999-2000 school year.

The 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 added some necessary space for the growing number of students attending Behrend.

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



Registrar moves to Jordan Road



Students returned to campus in the fall to learn that the Registrar's Office had moved from the Otto Behrend Science Building to the building on Jordan Road formerly occupied by the Continuing and Distance Education Center (which moved to Mack House, next to Logan House on Station Road).

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 classrooms 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.

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."

This is only 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 the planned highway that will be going through the area.

Knowledge Park continues to grow

Knowledge Park has continued its development over this past summer. It now contains two tenants, Aalborg Industries and the GE e-commerce team, with more groups looking into becoming part of Knowledge Park. After opening in January of 1999, Knowledge Park has been attracting interest from many groups, and the school is preparing for further expansion.

Knowledge Park is a research and development program on the Penn State Behrend campus. It was created to enable knowledge based organizations to be able to locate closer to the school and allow them to take better advantage of the College's intellectual and physical resources. The organizations that are based in Knowledge Park will be closely linked to Penn State Behrend's technology transfer, applied research, and education and outreach services in order to accelerate competitive advantages for the organizations and help create greater regional economic development.

Knowledge Park was created to benefit the campus and also the community as a whole. It will enable students at Behrend to perform internships with the companies that are working in Knowledge Park, creating new educational experiences for students. Employees of Knowledge Park will also be able to conduct classes for students dealing with the work that their company performs. The organizations will have access to graduate students, education, and training and support programs connected with the school. Telecommunications and distance education programs will also be available to the organizations at Knowledge Park.

The ARC to arrive on campus

Slated for completion in November of 2000, Behrend's Athletic and Recreation Center (ARC) will enable students to exercise and enjoy aquatic sports right here on campus.

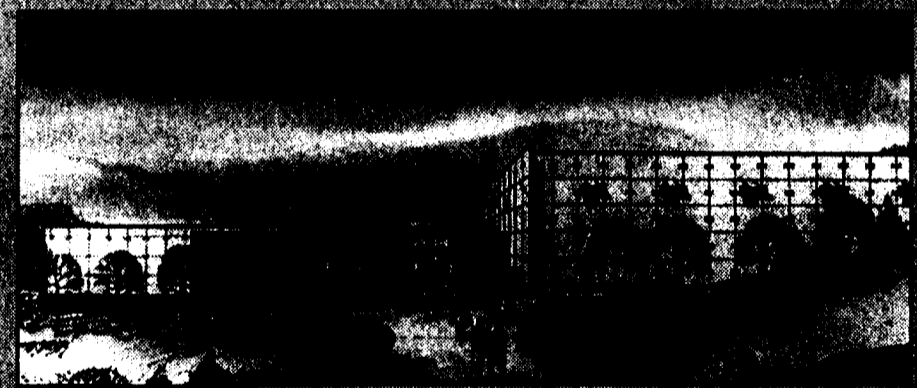
The multipurpose building is currently under construction east of the library. It will be divided into two sections. In facing Jordan Road, the gymnasium will be to the right and the exercise rooms and offices will be to the left. In the future, we will walk through the building on a walkway that continues from the library's main walkway. Builders have been clearing the land for the erection of the 73,000-sq-ft building.

The Clark Flynn Architecture Firm out of Pittsburgh, under the supervision of architect Tom Celli, designed the \$12 million building.

The center will cost well over \$12 million by the time the equipment is delivered. The ARC is a glass building, which means it receives some heating and cooling from the sun. The ARC will also have a large library/academic building.

The center will host three full size regulation basketball courts, two tennis courts, and bleachers to accommodate 2,000 spectators. The center will also have a large gymnasium for special events and graduation. In addition to this, a three-lane track will be built around the courts.

In the lower end of the recreational center, a large exercise facility will be built with all new equipment and televisions to be used free of charge by the university students. Also in this area will be large spaces for aerobic classes, locker rooms, showers, and classrooms. Also, the ARC will have an eight-lane Olympic size pool.



COMING THIS FALL

Miller named Dean of Students

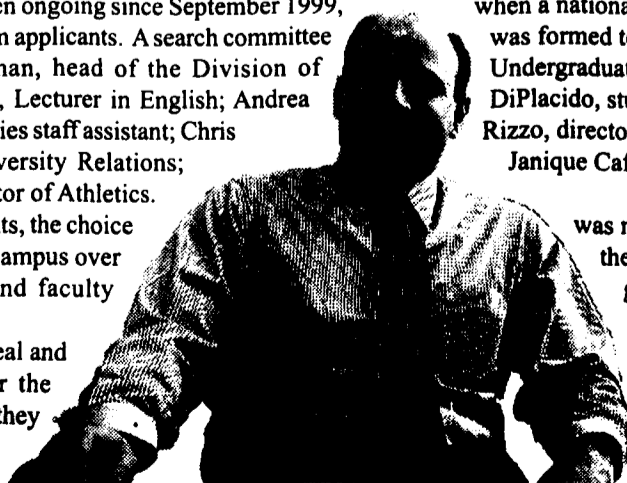
After a long search for a permanent Dean of Students, the search committee announced its choice Friday, February 11. Ken Miller is now able to remove the "interim" from his title, as he has been selected to be the permanent Dean of Students, a position he has been filling temporarily since Dr. Chris Reber, the current associate provost for advancement and university relations, left the position in 1998.

The search for a new dean had been ongoing since September 1999, when a national posting for the position was made and the school began accepting resumes from applicants. A search committee was chaired by Dr. Mike Chitman, head of the Division of Undergraduate Studies. The other members of the committee included: Greg Fowler, Lecturer in English; Andrea Rizzo, director of Student Activities; Ed Blaguszewski, manager of Publications and University Relations; Programs; and Brian Streeter, director of Athletics.

After reviewing all of the applicants, the choice was narrowed down to three finalists. These finalists were then interviewed on-campus over the month of February, meeting with the committee and various student and faculty groups. The position was then offered to Ken Miller.

Miller brings a great amount of zeal and energy to the position and is committed to working closely with students for the betterment of the campus. "Students can make a difference, but they have to get involved and care about what happens here," Miller said.

Miller's job entails a great deal of work. The Dean of Students oversees various departments, such as the Health and Wellness Center, the Child Care Center, the Student Activities Office, the Career Development Center, Campus Life, Employment Equity, and Personal Counseling. But according to Miller, "the most important part of the job is working with the students."



Train rocks Erie Hall

The concert featuring Train and Angry Salad on October 29 was a big hit with the community around Behrend. The concert actually sold out despite only half of Erie Hall being filled up. The continuing theme of Erie being a great place dominated the very entertaining concert. The lead singer of Train, Patrick Monahan, is originally

those who were familiar with Angry Salad, "The Milkshake Song" was the height of the show.

However, the wait seemed extremely long for the main act of the night, Train. The band performed a 12-song main act followed by a 2-song encore. Fans were very intrigued to hear that an acoustic album is on its way. "Flatfoot," a song off of that album, was played toward the end of the show.



The most enjoyable part of the show was when the band played the song "Train." It was played as it is on the album until the guitar solo. From then on, it was a mix between Kid Rock, Kenny G., and a

Latin music type. Monahan sang the chorus of Kid Rock's "Cowboy," then showed his skills on the tenor saxophone. Monahan playing bongos followed this. A close second to this performance was an edition of the favorite "I Want You to Want Me."

from Erie, and many friends and family came out to see this local face. The show started off with a performance by the Boston band Angry Salad. They combined some rap-flavored beats with pure rock music. For many people attending, this was their first exposure to the band. For