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### WEATHER

TODAY : Sunny

High 60  
Low 37

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## The Next 5 Years

*The Beacon completes its five-week series on the growth and renovations at the Behrend College with a look at what's to come in the near future.*

by Liz Hayes  
news editor

Although the campus is currently bulging from the rate of growth and construction, Behrend is not nearly finished expanding. Several major projects loom on the horizon, many of which have been bandied about for years but with little results. However, that is about to change, as many goals are soon to be realized.

One project that students have been hearing mention of for years is the East Side Access Highway. As John Ream, director of operations, said, "the highway is happening faster than we think, as it's been on the books for years. It is finally happening."

The East Side Access Highway, a four-lane, divided roadway, will eventually connect I-90 with the Bayfront Highway, making it easier to cross Erie without using the small, traffic-laden streets through town. Parts of the highway have already been completed, and the rest is to be done in sections. The section that most affects Behrend is slated to start in May of 2001, according to figures relayed to Ream three weeks ago.

The highway will begin at exit nine of I-90 and run along Station Road for a small distance. Then, it will diverge and form a new path to the north of Route 430. It will cross through the site where



Director of Operations John Ream takes a look at Behrend's plans for the near future.

PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

the current Child Care Center currently lies and will eventually intersect with Jordan Road about where it now meets with Station. The highway will then continue to cut through the area where the current softball field lies, through the playing fields, and eventually cross over the Gorge in the form of a large bridge. The highway, in the final stages of this section, will cross 38<sup>th</sup> Street between McClelland Avenue and Bird Street.

When the highway is added, other area roads will need to be altered. Station Road will change course shortly after it crosses I-90: the road will shift south and flow into Knowledge Parkway. Then it will pass to the south of the Jordan Road Parking Lot, through the current Registrar's Office, and join into

Campus Road. Hannon Road, which intersects the current Station Road near Country Fair, will also run into Knowledge Parkway.

As a result of the highway, several changes will also take place on campus. As mentioned earlier this semester, the new baseball/softball complex was constructed because the highway will cut right through where the current softball field is. Other buildings that will be affected include the Child Care Center, the Registrar's Office, and several residences on Jordan Road.

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## Parents and Families Weekend opens today

by Michael Frawley  
managing editor

Starting Friday, Behrend will be hosting its new Parents and Families Weekend. Kris Motta, Assistant Director of Student Activities said, "Parents and Families Weekend is put on to be a joint celebration for parents, families, and students. Young and old alike can celebrate the season and welcome the traditions of Penn State Erie." With that theme in mind, a weekend of events have been planned that everyone can enjoy.

Some of the highlights of this weekend's events include a Casino Night Friday at 8 p.m. in the Reed Commons. Hosted by the National Society of Black Engineers, people will be gambling with play money, which they can use to win real prizes.

Saturday has a myriad of events scheduled including a Welcome Brunch sponsored by SGA, a talk about the future of Behrend by Ken Miller, and a Tail Gate Party in Bruno's before the Penn State football game is shown live on the big screen. Michael Dean Ester will be putting on his show, "Campus Comedy," in Bruno's at 9 p.m. to wrap up Saturday's events.

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## ALL THAT JAZZ



PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

The Logan Wintergarden Series, Music at Noon, opened the 2000-2001 school year with *Bassoon in the Wild* this past Monday, September 25. This is the 26th season for Music at Noon which has continued to grow in popularity among students and the local community. See story on page 4.

## University cuts back on Napster usage

by Douglas Smith  
sports editor

Many universities and colleges, including Penn State, have recently begun to curtail the use of Napster and other MP3 trading sites on university networks. An e-mail was sent out last week to all Penn State University students regarding this issue. Among other problems, the major reason for this limitation is the overburdening of the system's bandwidth.

Another problem with using these sites, from the University's standpoint, is that copying the copyrighted material provided by Napster and friends is against federal law, and University policy.

This past summer Metallica, Dr. Dre, and other major names in the recording business waged war against Napster, a popular MP3 trading program. Napster was initially shut down, but the appeal process has allowed it to keep running until a final decision has been made. Many await the verdict of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, though it is expected that the appeals court will agree with the initial decision and will shut Napster down.

The wars over programs like Napster continue to grow and are

becoming more rigorously fought. Officials at Oklahoma State University confiscated a student's PC after the recording industry complained that he had been trafficking copyrighted songs. Attorneys for Dr. Dre and Metallica have written extensive letters to twenty universities asking them to block students' use of Napster.

Penn State, however, is just finishing the process of doing some initial scans to see how much Napster usage there is throughout the Penn State system. The university has found extensive use of programs like Napster, as well as the frequent transmission of some computer viruses that users may be unaware of.

It is important to note that any action taken by Penn State regarding this issue comes from University Park - nothing is initiated by Behrend.

"The day-to-day monitoring is done by University Park, and especially the security office at University Park. Downloading of music files and sharing of files on the network between students has become a very serious problem and takes up a considerable amount of bandwidth.

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