

# Penn State students can expect higher tuition

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The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) met September 15 and 16 at University Park to discuss student issues, including Thon, food and health services, and a proposed 6.75% tuition increase.

The tuition proposal was met with serious concern from many students on the Council, some of whom are barely coping with this year's 6.23% hike. The \$35 billion raised from the proposed increase will go mostly toward inflation and upkeep, according to University Park Student Affairs staff.

Dr. Art Carter and Dr. Philip Burlingame, both of University Park Student Affairs, brought up the increase while addressing other issues at the CCSG meeting. Carter said that the proposed increase would amount to \$221 a semester for lower division Pennsylvania residents. He did not have the figures for out-of-state or upper-division students - who will be hit hardest.

The proposed increase is comprised of 4.75% to adjust for inflation and general costs, 1% to offset spending

for the third year of the Campus Improvement Programs, and 1% for salary increase initiatives.

Penn State President Graham Spanier expressed his views about the increase during the State of the University Address September 8, saying,

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In the recent past, that has been the case. This year's 6.23% tuition increase was due to lack of state funding. Penn State asked for \$344 million from the state, but received only \$332 million. Penn State is asking for \$361 million in state money for the 2001-2002 school year. The state budget will not be sent to the Governor Ridge until late spring 2001, and is not binding until he signs it. Many students are hoping that

"we must, I regret to say, continue to plan for tuition increases that adequately support the level of quality worthy of the Penn State name. I reiterate my philosophy that quality must be put first, even if it means tuition increases that exceed inflation. In return, we pledge to seek increased student aid to mitigate the financial impact for our students."

Working toward that "increased student aid" and pressuring the state legislature are the best options for students who are concerned about rising tuition costs. Ken Miller, director of student affairs at Penn State Behrend, commented, "Tuition is rising because the state isn't increasing its sup-

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their pressure on government officials will make Penn State funding a high priority. Penn State Behrend's Student Government encourages students to contact their state legislature, requesting additional state funding for Penn State University. President Spanier will be attending the October 13-14 CCSG meeting at University Park, and all students are welcome at these meetings.

For more information on the tuition increase or attending CCSG, students may contact SGA at x6220.

Student Government Association meetings are held on Wednesdays at 5:15p.m. in Reed 114.



## Police And Safety REPORT



9/19/00	17:55	A parent was concerned about her son who was receiving harassing and terroristic threats by e-mail.
9/23/00	23:44	Officer arrested individual for underage drinking..
9/23/00	18:07	Complainant reported the driver's side window of his vehicle had been broken while parked in the upper tier of the Ohio Hall parking lot.
9/24/00	18:00	Complainant reported receiving two harassing phone calls, one of which threatened to kill him.
9/25/00	01:25	Student receiving multiple hang up calls.
9/25/00	14:42	Complainant asked to speak with an officer concerning possible sexual assault which was reported to have occurred on campus.

## Kevin Moore interviewed for new alumni position

by Amy Pepper  
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Penn State Behrend recently created a new position with the hopes of promoting alumni awareness and spirit. Interviews are currently being held for the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, with the spot expected to be filled by December 1.

The Assistant Director of Alumni Relations will be responsible for many tasks. One of the most important jobs will be forming and maintaining relationships with nearly 17,000 Behrend alumni. Another related duty will include planning and initiating activities sponsored by the Penn State Behrend Alumni Society and the Penn State Alumni Association, such as class reunions, interest groups, and alumni recognition programs.

Some other requirements include: serving as an advisor to the Penn State Behrend Lion Ambassadors, contributing alumni news and information to Behrend websites and literature, coordinating a senior class gift program to promote student philanthropy to Behrend, developing a group of alumni volunteers for Behrend's programs and activities, and establishing strategies for the Office of Alumni Relations.

One particular candidate of interest is Kevin Moore, who is currently the

assistant director of the Career Development Center at Behrend. Student leaders held an open interview with Moore on Tuesday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. in Reed 114. The interview was rather informal, with such groups as Student Government Association (SGA), Lion Ambassadors, and the *Beacon* presenting questions and ideas to Moore. He was very friendly and relaxed and took all thoughts and suggestions into consideration.

Students attending the interview learned of Moore's qualifications for the position. He received a BA in Communications from Penn State Behrend in 1985, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Penn State Harrisburg in 1990, and is currently working toward certification in Systems Analysis and Development at Behrend. He has been employed by the Penn State University system for over eleven years, and has served at least ten of those years in the Career Development Center (CDC) at Behrend.

If hired as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, he said that he would demonstrate his knowledge of alumni concerns that he gained while serving on the All-Class Reunion Committee, as Co-Coordinator of Alumni Career Panels, and as a member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

Kevin Moore has several plans that he wishes to enact if he is hired. First, he said that he would like a senior class gift to be a statue of the Nittany Lion, which would be placed along the walkway between the new Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel and ARC Building. Second, he will assume responsibility of the Lion Ambassadors and he would like to see membership grow and remain consistent.

Next, Moore wants to develop a webpage for both current students and

alumni. In addition to the webpage, he hopes to gear the *Behrend Quarterly* newsletter more toward the personality of alumni, focusing on their families, careers, and triumphs, rather than just donations and building developments.

Alumni representation at college events and promotion of the engineering and business fairs are two other goals Moore would like to accomplish.

Moore was questioned on all sorts of topics. When asked why Provost Lilley's presence is never really demonstrated on campus, Moore replied that Lilley would like to be more "hands-on," but he is a very busy man. However, Moore said that if he receives the job, he will make himself seen around the Behrend campus. He was then asked if Behrend alumni have more influence in college matters than current students. Mr. Moore replied that the alumni do have power, but when students and administrators reach a "happy medium," they too can get things done.

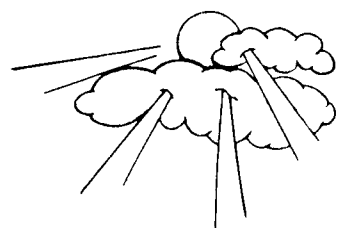
Moore also commented on his current job with the CDC: "It's a great job," but, "it's time to move on a little bit." He has several specific reasons why he is vying for the new job. His first reason is that becoming Assistant Director of Alumni Relations will take him to the next level of his career. Another reason is that he hopes to remind alumni of how great Behrend really is. Third, he wants to see where Behrend graduates find themselves in the world. And finally, Moore feels as though he has mastered his current position and is ready for a new challenge.

"It's tough being an internal candidate," says Moore, yet he is persevering and will learn of his future here at Behrend sometime in November. Until then, he will continue to do fulfill his duties at the CDC.



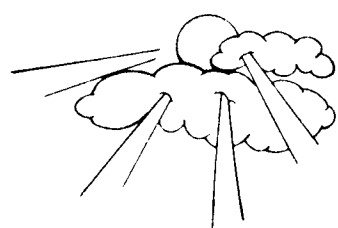
PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF  
Kevin Moore, assistant director of the Career Development Center, was interviewed for the position of Alumni Director on Tuesday, September 26.

### SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High 68  
Low 37

### SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High 66  
Low 50

### MONDAY



Mostly Cloudy  
High 71  
Low 53

## FOCAL POINT

# FLORAL POWER



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