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### WEATHER

TODAY : Mostly Cloudy



High 59  
Low 44

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### NEXT WEEK

Election Results and Behrend reaction

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U.S. Election process doesn't follow true meaning of democracy. This election could prove that our system doesn't work.

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Women's soccer takes conference title and gets national recognition.

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## ARC dedication this Thursday

Students encouraged to take part in historic event



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This sketch of the ARC will become a reality with its dedication this Thursday. Students are encouraged to attend to kick off a new era in Behrend athletics. The event has been planned to be an upbeat ceremony as opposed to traditional dedication ceremonies. The dedication will take place at the new pool.

by Jason Snyder  
editor-in-chief

Three decades of planning, waiting and dreaming will finally end this Thursday, November 9, with the dedication of Behrend's new Athletic and Recreation Center, more commonly referred to as "The ARC."

Dedication ceremonies will begin at 3:00 p.m. and are open to the entire Penn State Behrend community. Judy Glembocki, Behrend's Manager of Special Events, encourages students to take advantage of the day. "Behrend students have been waiting 30 years for this moment. And it's these students that are here now that get to witness this."

Penn State President Graham Spanier, Penn State Board of Trustees Chair Edward P. "Ted" Junker,

and Penn State Behrend's Council of Fellows Chair P.C. "Hoop" Roche will all be in attendance for the dedication.

The dedication will take place around the pool with the pep band, cheerleaders and dance team promoting spirit to those in attendance. Behrend student leaders will lead the chant "We are - Penn State - Behrend - Yes." There will be concession food available and a commemorative souvenir to be handed to those who attend.

The ARC dedication will also consist of a message from Jen Miles, the Student Government President, and an appearance by the Behrend Lion.

### ARC DEDICATION

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## Penn State tuition rising

Pennsylvania paying lesser percentage of students' costs

by Mike Frawley  
managing editor

At a recent Commonwealth Campus Student Government meeting at University Park, the members of Behrend's Student Government Association were presented with figures that gave them pause. CCSG is a gathering of students from the various Commonwealth campuses that meet once a month in University Park to discuss issues about the Commonwealth system, and work with the University to make improvements and fix problems between University Park and the Commonwealth. From both the

### Change in college costs paid by state and paid through tuition

School Year	1976	1999/2000
% of Education supported by the state	54%	33%
% of Education supported by parents and other sources	38%	60%
% of Education supported by loans and other sources	8%	7%

declined from 54% to 33%. In 1976, students tuition supported 38% of a student's education cost, growing to 60% by this school year. The percentage of a student's education supported by grants and other forms of income has remained fairly steady, being 8% in 1976 and dropping to 7%

on a per capita basis."

As Penn State has grown as a school over the past twenty-five years the amount of money per student has consequently gone down because the money is not given out on a per student basis. Because Penn State has been growing faster than other schools in the system, we are being penalized in terms of the amount of money available per student. Burke said, "over the years, PSU grew, Pitt stayed about the same, and Temple declined in enrollment. Since the increases were a percentage of the original base rather than a per capita figure, PSU spread the dollars out over many more students."

Recently Pennsylvania has approved a 4.25% increase in state appropriations for the 2001/2002 school year. This still leaves Penn State short of the money needed to operate for the school year, requiring the Penn State Board of Regents to consider a tuition increase that could be as high as 6.75% or an average of \$435 per student based on this year's in-state tuition of \$6436. Burke said, "the state, like most states, has other priorities - like primary and secondary education, prisons, and health. Higher education has not fared well in a relative sense."

Jen Miles, SGA President, was especially disturbed by these figures, saying, "one in ten Pennsylvanians is a graduate of PSU. I think that our elected representatives are making a terrible mistake in ignoring one tenth of their constituents."

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- Jen Miles, SGA President

CCSG and in a presentation from University President Graham Spanier, SGA received tuition figures that show a disturbing trend in state funding for students in the Penn State system.

The Pennsylvania state government supplies state affiliated schools, such as Penn State, with a specific amount of funding per student per year to help offset the cost of tuition for students. The amount is set by the state legislature when they vote on appropriations for the upcoming year.

Since 1976, state support of students attending Penn State and its associated Commonwealth campuses has steadily declined. Since 1976 the percent of a student's education at Penn State supported by the state has

in the 2000/2001 school year.

Also state appropriations per student are lower at Penn State than any other state affiliated school in Pennsylvania. The state average for appropriations for state affiliated schools in Pennsylvania per student is \$4,900. Penn State receives \$3,200 per student in state appropriations. Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln all receive much more than Penn State, getting \$4,700, \$5,700, and \$6,000 respectively. Jack Burke, senior associate provost and dean, said, "when Pennsylvania designated the state-related institutions in the 1970s, the pot of money was given out on a per capita basis. Increases to the pot in subsequent years were based on a percentage of the original figure, not

## Moore named Director of Alumni Relations

by Amy Peffer  
staff writer

This past summer Penn State Behrend created a new position - Director of Alumni Relations. After a series of interviews, Kevin Moore of the Career Development Center was chosen to fill the newly created job.

Some of the duties of the Director

of Alumni Relations will include: building relationships with Behrend alumni, advising the Penn State Behrend Lion Ambassadors, coordinating a senior gift program, and developing and maintaining an alumni web site and newsletter.

### ALUMNI RELATIONS

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Kevin Moore

- establish and mold Behrend alumni chapters
- advise Behrend's Lion Ambassadors
- coordinate a senior gift program
- develop alumni website and newsletter
- build network of alumni to help graduates transition to workforce

## Behrend newspaper's first editor to receive Alumni Fellow Award

by Liz Hayes  
news editor

Next Thursday, November 9, will be a busy day for Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. Not only will the new Athletic and Recreation Center be dedicated early in the afternoon, but the 2000 Alumni Fellow Award will also be presented in the evening. Erie native Donald R. Blair is this year's recipient.

Blair, an East High School graduate and the retired chairman, president, and CEO of Putnam Trust Company, was a 1952 Penn State graduate. "Don Blair was a member of the first class to ever attend Penn State Behrend," remarked Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley in a recent press release. "His

success is a credit both to Behrend College and to the entire University. We look forward to having him return to our classrooms."

Alumni Fellows traditionally return to campus to teach several classes and meet with faculty in their discipline. Blair, whose Penn State degree is in communications, will speak to classes in economics, management, and advertising. He will also be meeting with the staff of the Behrend Beacon in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Blair, currently a resident of Cos Cob, Connecticut, joined Putnam

### DON BLAIR

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