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## 'They were looking and looking and looking, and there he was the whole time'

*After two lengthy searches for CEO/Dean, long-time Behrend administrator Burke accepts job*

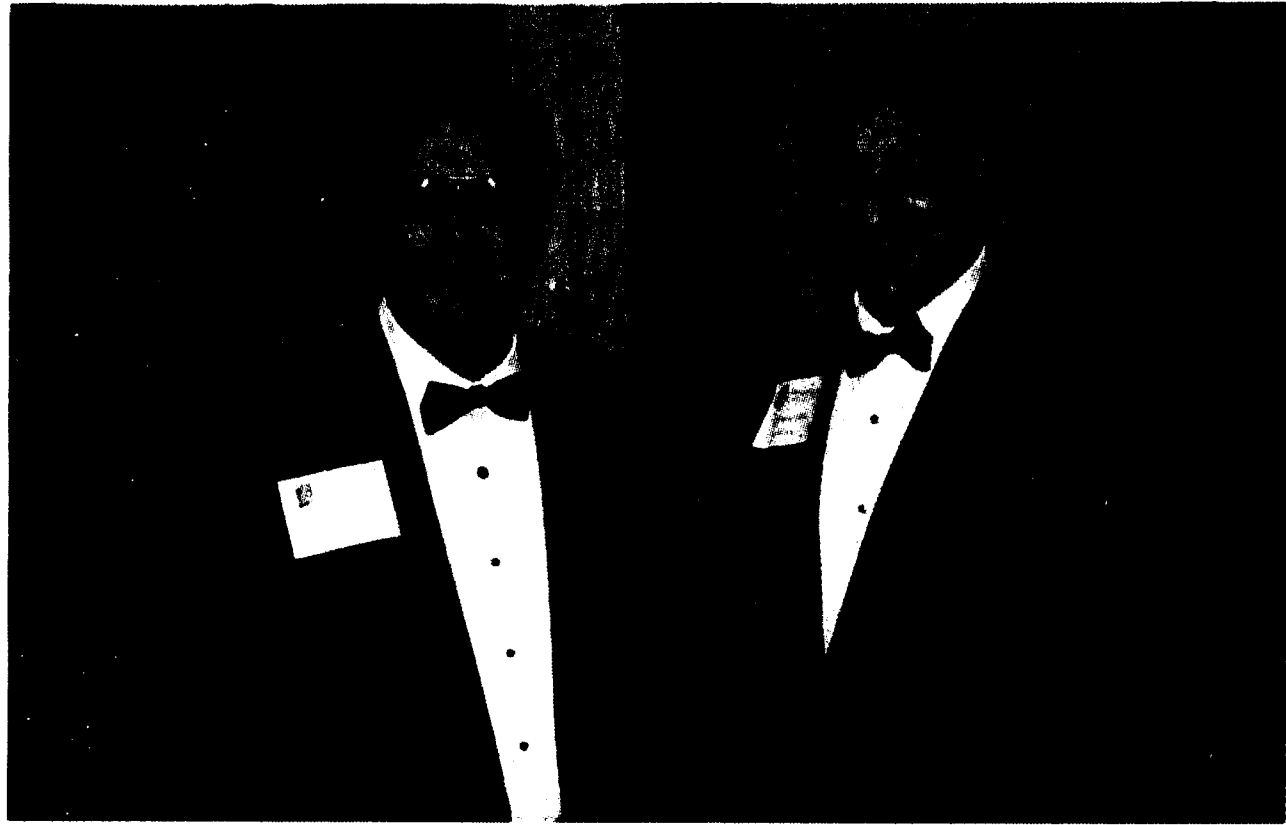


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Jack Burke (left), and Penn State University President Graham Spanier at the dedication ceremony of the John M. Lilley library. After two years as interim Provost and Dean, Burke will take over the new CEO and Dean this summer, the position that Lilley vacated.

On July 1, Jack Burke will officially become Behrend's Dean and Campus Executive Officer, a title change meant to coincide with the other campus colleges. One of the biggest challenges he has faced and will continue to grapple with in the future is scarcity of resources. State funding continues to decrease in an unstable economy, and Burke must work to ensure that the academic quality at Behrend does not suffer as a result. As Dean and CEO, he will spend more time outside Behrend, raising funds and getting more involved in university-wide activities for Deans.

After a year-long search ended unsuccessfully and a second was drawing to a close, Burke "caved in." "In the end, I decided it was the best thing for the college, to keep that continuity. We have momentum at Behrend, and I am going to try to keep it," said Burke. "What's been the real strength here is the people. Everyone is pulling in the same direction."

## 2002-03 Speaker Series hosts a number of popular faces



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Hunter "Patch" Adams, clown, social activist, and medical doctor, continued the Speaker Series at Penn State Behrend on Nov. 26, 2002, in the McGarvey Commons. His assistant Dr. Susan Parenti, philosophy professor, composer, and performer, accompanied him.

"We are here to inspire people to think they can do what they want to do, and accomplish their dreams," said Parenti. "When people are able to do what they want to do, it makes them feel bigger and better."



FILE PHOTO

"I'm glad it stopped snowing," Spike Lee quipped as he greeted an audience of hundreds in Erie Hall who braved the blustery squalls on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 to hear the acclaimed filmmaker's address. The audience forgot the maleficent weather conditions as Lee launched into a lecture detailing, among other topics, the importance of education and his disappointment with today's media.

"I was very lucky because I found out what it is I love," Lee said. "That's why college is so important." He went on to say that doing what you love does not necessarily mean doing something that will make you a great deal of money.



FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Bernice King, the youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., used her father's famous motivational speaking style for a crowd at the McGarvey Commons. This first lecture in the Behrend Speaker Series also marked the official opening of the Janet Neff Sample Center for Manners and Civility.

King, a minister in Atlanta and author of "Hard Questions, Heart Answers: Sermons and Speeches," started the evening by trying to lighten the mood with a joke. She knew that some of the audience members may have had a stressful day and her philosophy was, "Laughing is jogging on the inside."



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Peter Hillary and Jamling Norgay, members of National Geographic's 50th anniversary Everest Expedition Team and sons of the first men to scale Everest, shared their experiences with Behrend on Thursday, March 20, 2003 in a captivating presentation.

Hillary, a New Zealand native, and Norgay, a Nepal native, supplemented their discussion with photographs and film footage, much of which was featured on the National Geographic anniversary special and the IMAX film "Everest."

## CONSTRUCTION!



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The portion of highway that stretches from Interstate 90 to the new entrance to Behrend was finished this year, after groundbreaking started in 2001 (see photos at left). Also, the old entrance road through Behrend is now a part of the East Access Highway, which is nearing completion after work started in 2001 (see photos at right).



"Perhaps the best advice is just to follow the signs," said John Ream, director of Business Operations, in reference to getting on and off campus during construction of the Eastside Access Highway. Students who departed last May by way of the stone entry returned for their fall classes to find that entrance out of use. Instead, traffic was diverted to a roadway that was built as a part of the East Side Access Highway project.

Vehicles needed to navigate the temporary entrance and exit, located between the Junker Center parking lot and Jordan Road, for about a month while workers completed the paving process. Two hundred new parking spaces added to the Junker Center parking lot alleviated some of the early parking frustrations. Police officers directed traffic until the new road extension from I-90 leading up to Behrend's entrance was completed.



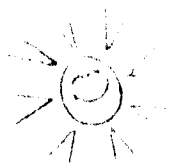
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