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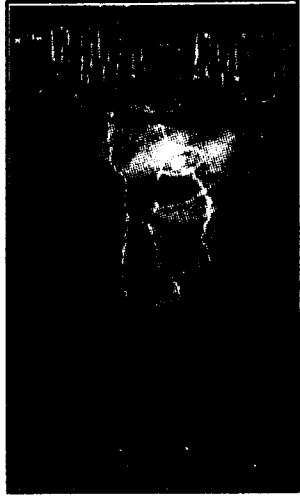
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How can coffee improve your quality of life?

Rachel Reeves explains on page 4.

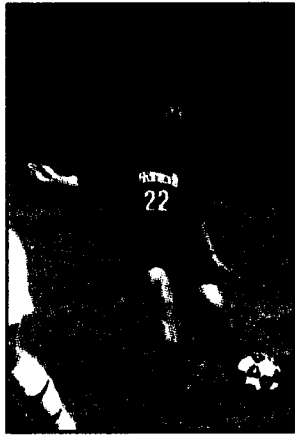


Behrend students act in local Halloween thriller.

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Women's soccer moves into first place.

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Penn State running back Austin Scott charged with sexual assault

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High profile Penn State running back Austin Scott is currently facing rape and sexual assault charges. On Oct. 4, Scott and the alleged female victim, who is also a Penn State student were exchanging text messages. The pair decided that Scott would meet her at The Saloon, a place the victim had gone to visit friends. Once he arrived, they walked back to Scott's residence at Nittany Apartments.

While at the apartment, the female student agreed to accompany Scott to his bedroom to watch television and talk. The victim testified that she was fighting to stay awake, and eventually fell asleep with all of her clothes on. Eventually she woke up, and claims Scott was on top of her, forcing her to have sex. The victim claims that none of Scott's roommates were at the residence, and eventually she gave in to Scott and took her clothes off after he reared his arm back, threatening to strike her.

Two attorneys are representing Scott. John Karoly, of Scott's hometown, Allentown, and local defense attorney Joseph Amendola. Scott's lawyers claim that the only reason he is being charged is because of his high profile as a Penn State football player.

Behrend student Bad Nagel states, "If Scott did rape her, then that is a tragedy. He shouldn't be convicted unless they have good evidence. This is really one person's word against another's." The case's evidence lies solely on bruises on the woman's body. After leaving Scott's apartment, the victim called a friend who reported the incident to Penn State police and then

took her to Mount Nittany Medical Center. A registered nurse named Janet Cady examined the victim, and administered a rape kit. According to Cady, the victim had a bruise on her right flank and right thigh, with redness visible on her neck and breasts.

"It's hard to tell what happened," claims Behrend student Abe Kibbey. "It would be unfortunate of him to be convicted, but if he did it he should be punished." Karoly, one of Scott's lawyer, called the woman's testimony "totally unreliable." He went on to say that it is the worst complainant testimony he has seen in his 30 year career.

If one thing is clear, they need stronger evidence to convict Scott. "Rape is a serious conviction. To charge someone with that they are going to need some good, hard evidence," claims Behrend student Andy Kuntz. One important factor of the case is that the alleged victim and Scott had a prior relationship. Two months before the incident, the two met at a bar where she works. They began talking and met for lunch a week before they went to his apartment on Oct. 4. The victim claims she notified Scott that she was not planning on having sex with him on the walk to Nittany Apartments. Scott verified her statement with university police.

Karoly claims that Scott is not going to accept a plea bargain. He called the victim's police report a case of "buyer's remorse" after a consensual act. The court dates have not been scheduled for the case, but jury selection is said to take place in February.

Black School of Business ranked by Princeton Review

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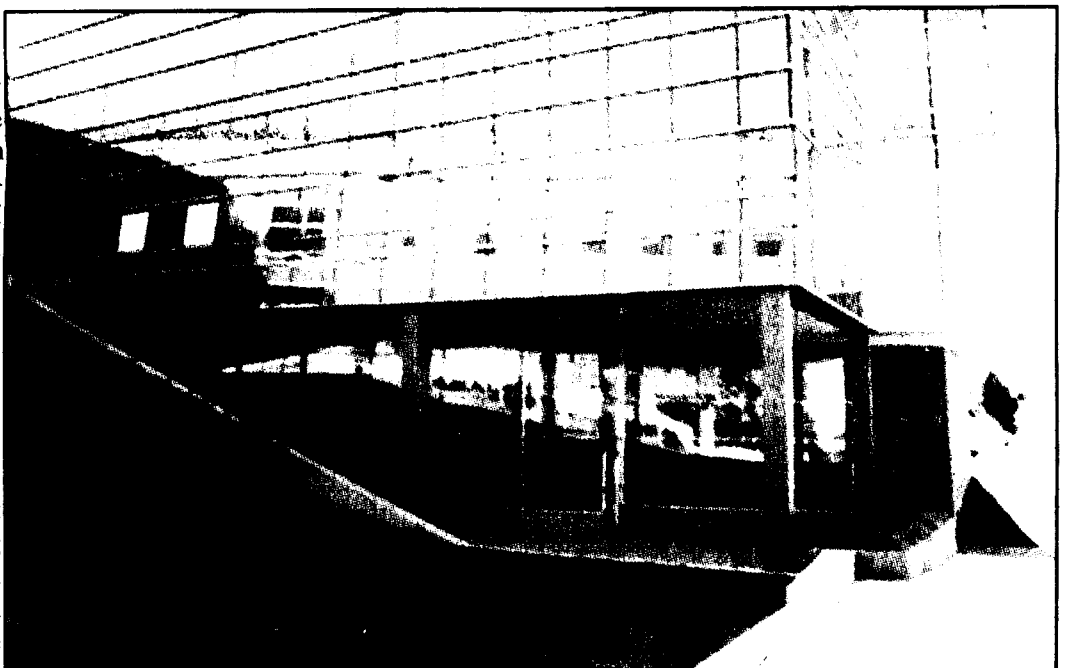
Penn State Behrend's Sam and Irene Black School of Business receives its fourth ranking in the Princeton Review's list of Best 290 Business Schools. Selected from the 527 AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accredited MBA programs from around the world, the Black School of Business stands out with excellent teaching, intelligent students, and brand new facilities.

The Princeton Review takes a very direct approach to finding information on the schools they consider for the list. Each student, at the permission of the school, receives an e-mailed survey to complete freely and honestly. Although most schools agree to this exposure, trust in their program is necessary. Dr John Magenau, Director of the Black School of Business, says, "You have to be willing to give them access to your students. Whatever they say is what will be written about your program."

The Princeton Review picks up on many of the aspects that the Black School of Business tries to make a priority. The internationally known and respected name of Penn State is what first draws attention to Behrend's business school. Hiring businesses know that Penn State turns out knowledgeable and well-prepared graduates. The new Research and Economic Development Center (REDC) is another great highlight to the program. The first building to house engineering and business schools together, it holds new classrooms with state-of-the-art technology.

The highest priority of the Black School of Business is the main highlight of the program in the Princeton

Review. "We really emphasize quality in instruction, and I think that's recognized in the review," says Magenau. There is no set teaching method expected at the Black School of Business. The Black School of Business is housed in the Research and Economic Development Center.



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teaching tends to be diverse and fresh. Since the program is a fairly small one, admitting about 90 new students each year, students and professors can interact more closely than at other, larger schools. The students rave in the review that the, "Professors are different, but each is able to teach a particular course in a dynamic way."

One of the program's strengths is that students can receive an MBA tailored to their personal backgrounds. If an incoming student already has an under-

graduate degree in business, they can complete their MBA in 30 credits, instead of the usual 48 credits. A full-time student can complete the curriculum in just three semesters, which is a big draw for adult students already in the workforce who are looking to improve their career opportunities.

The students report that everyone gets along very well in the classroom and during group work, but

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University Park increases test-taking security

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Starting next spring, students at Penn State's University Park campus will begin taking exams like no other university in the country.

University officials have announced that a new room is set to house a state-of-the-art test-taking facility. The room will house 160 private cubicles each with a computer that will have no Internet access. As students enter the room, they will be required to swipe their student ID card, bringing up the student's picture on the security screen. Next, students will have to walk through a turnstile where an attendant will give a handout to students that will assign each student a cubical number where they will take their exam.

The handout will have the student's picture on it, along with information about materials that are allowed for the exam, for example, books or scrap paper. Any materials that are not listed on the handout will be considered illegal and prohibited from the student's cubical.

The center will help, "level the playing field for all students," said Will Kerr, who manages testing serv-

ices for the university. Proctors will walk around the room monitoring students while cameras watch from above and feed the images in real time back to a security booth where other proctors are monitoring students. Sources say that this facility will be the largest and most advanced of its kind.

Students seem to think that a facility such as this, either at University Park or at Behrend is unnecessary.

University Park freshman Kasey Chapla said, "I don't think that is necessary. They are definitely taking it overboard; I don't see the reason for it. I know people cheat, but I think the majority of students are pretty honest about their work."

Students at Behrend are in agreement with Chapla. Junior Nick Heschke said, "I think that is a waste of money. No wonder tuition is so high."

"I think the ways in which we take exams here are adequate," sophomore Dana Turley said.

Behrend does not have any current plans to build a

facility like the one at University Park and Behrend sophomore Amber Wilks is glad about that. "I think that would just be a huge waste of money. Behrend doesn't need anything that drastic. There are better ways for them to spend money," she said.

"I don't think that's a good idea," junior Jessica Schbert said in response to the new facility. "There are studies that show if you take an exam in a different room than where you learned the material, you perform poorly."

A lot of students think that although they could deal with the added security, it would make them very nervous while taking their exams. Schbert said, "That type of environment would create a lot of anxiety because there are cameras everywhere making it a very strict environment." Chapla agreed, "I think that will make me really nervous with all the cameras watching everything that I do."

Students at Behrend who plan on changing their campus assignment to University Park should prepare themselves for a style of test-taking that is unlike anything they have experienced in their college careers thus far.

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