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CHANCELLOR

Search underway to select new chancellor

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With Chancellor Jack Burke set to retire after this academic year, the rare process of naming a new chancellor at Behrend has begun.

In Behrend's 61-year history, the college has only had four chancellors. Reed Ferguson was the first chancellor (1948-1954) followed by Irvin Kochel (1954-1980). John Lilley held the position from 1980 to 2000 and Chancellor Burke became chancellor in 2001.

The first step in identifying a new chancellor started on Aug. 28 with advertising the position.

"[Penn State] has already advertised nationally for the position," Burke said. "The biggest place they advertise is *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, which is like a weekly newspaper, but it has all the job openings."

In addition to advertising in the print and online version of *The Chronicle*, the position was also listed on the Penn State website, HigherEd.com and Academic360.com.

Burke said that after two weeks and as of Oct. 2, they already have a solid pool of applicants. He anticipates the number of total applicants will increase dramatically.

On Oct. 2, Dr. John Romano, Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses and the appointing officer for the chancellor search, arrived at Behrend for a meeting with the search committee. During the meeting which he explained what he wants accomplished and what he's looking for.

"We are still in the process of establishing guidelines and criteria [for the search]," said Dr. Diane Parente, Professor of Management who is serving as the committee chair. "There is still an opportunity for additional input."

Burke said that typically the committee is looking for someone with faculty administrative experience.

"Some of the applicants will be what they call sitting presidents or chancellors: someone like myself that is already here who might want to find another job," he said. "Or, it will be

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MEN'S GOLF

Mens golf team AMCC Champions



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The newly minted AMCC mens golf champions, The Penn State Behrend Lions

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The Penn State Behrend men's golf team is the AMCC champion.

It was a very close battle that took two days and a tiebreaker to decide, but the men's golf team defeated the defending AMCC champion Penn State Altoona team to take the title.

Both teams finished with a two-day final score of 617, but Penn State Behrend claimed the title due to the tiebreak.

This AMCC title is the first for James Bowen as a head coach for the Behrend Lions, and he was extremely proud of his team.

"I just couldn't compose myself, I was just so happy for those guys," Bowen said.

The tournament started on Oct. 4

and the Behrend Lions jumped out to a 299-303 lead after the first round at Tom's Run Golf Resort in Blairsville, Pa.

Senior Pat Petraglia led the Lions with a tournament best, first round score of 70, which was two under par for the course.

"The focus that Pat [Petraglia] had on that first day was unbelievable," Bowen said. "That focus that he showed, and that two under for the first day really lifted the other guys up."

All of the scores tallied by Behrend on the first day were in the 70's, giving the Lions a very productive first day.

Penn State Altoona has a very good golf program, so the Blue and White knew what they were going up against.

"[Penn State] Altoona is a great

team, and with them chasing us we knew we had to do our best," Bowen said.

On day two of the tournament, the Behrend Lions shot a 318, but Penn State Altoona answered with a 314, tying the teams' two day total at 617.

In the event of a tie, the best score of each team's number five golfer is used to decide the champion, and the Behrend Lions had the best fifth score, earning them the title.

Division III does not give out golf scholarships, and Bowen stressed how much his team loves the game.

"These guys are tired, they've missed a lot of class and I commend them for that," Bowen said. "We can't give out scholarships, so they're out there playing because the truly love the game."

Penn State Altoona had won the

AMCC championship the previous three years, so the victory for Behrend was very special.

"It was thrilling. I had so many coaches congratulating me and my players," Bowen said. "It's not that anyone dislikes Altoona, but they were the defending champs and they were dethroned."

The Behrend Lions also won the AMCC championship in 2004, but the most recent one will surely stick with the team forever.

"I just can't state how great and exciting the entire tournament was," Bowen said.

The championship earns Penn State Behrend an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, which will be played in May 2010.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Metzgar construction project showing progress



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The Metzgar Building should be open for students and alumni for the start of the 2010 fall semester.

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Construction of the Metzgar building is on track and is expected to be finished by the end of the school year.

Robert and Sally Metzgar donated \$2 million towards the new building on campus. Robert Metzgar, a Behrend Alum, is on the Behrend Board of Trustees and has sponsored many scholarships. He was very much involved with the design of the

building. Metzgar has "always been very interested in the college and making it more successful," says Ken Miller, the Director of Student Affairs.

The project began on May 6. The building's substantial completion, in which faculty and staff are able to enter the building and begin to set up their offices, is scheduled for April 30. The building's

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Robert and Sally Metzgar donated \$2 million towards the construction of the new building, which will house several departments in one location, hopefully streamlining both admissions and alumni relations.

HUMANITIES

Harborcreek forum

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The Political Science Society of Penn State Behrend hosted a political forum with the Harborcreek Board of Supervisors and Harborcreek School Board on Oct. 5.

The two-part forum included a prepared question portion followed by a town hall discussion. Members of the audience were then permitted to ask the candidates questions related to them and their plans for Harborcreek and Penn State Behrend.

The panel included Tim May, the Republican candidate for Board of Supervisors, Curt Smith, the Democratic candidate for Board of Supervisors, along with School Board members Carol Bucklin and Ray Learn.

Both May and Smith also agreed that more retail development needs to take place in Harborcreek, specifically in the mall area.

Both candidates oppose House Bill 1500, the increased funding of the Pennsylvania State Police presence in the area. Since Harborcreek does not have their own police force, state police are in charge of patrolling the area. Curt Smith wants to look into the option of Harborcreek forming its own police force in the near future.

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