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AIS Requires Increased Responsibility

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"The most important change to be made in computer registration this winter is in student thinking," says Bob Schenker, Behrend Records and Schedule Officer.

Although Schenker credited the patience and cooperation of students during fall registration as main factors allowing the new system to work, he stressed the student's understanding and willingness to cooperate as crucial for successful registration this spring.

Schenker said about 130 freshmen and an additional 300 students completed registration on the new computer system this

fall.

However, Schenker said that students who fail to advance-register (pre-registration is now obsolete) for Spring semester will not only "foul-up" the computer system, but risk losing needed courses on their schedule because they will lose their priority status.

"In fact," Schenker added, "returning students will not be permitted to attend registration Jan. 10 and 11. They will have to late-register."

"On the new A.I.S. (Administration Information System), students must advance-register and pay tuition bills on time or be purged-out of the system," Schenker said.

There is a \$10 penalty fee for

late-registration and a \$25 fee for late payment.

more responsibility on the student than there has been in the past to make the system run smoothly.

"It is important for students to let us know if they are going to register again after an absence so that they can advance-register," Schenker said.

Schenker said the new system will allow students to make schedule adjustments before Christmas vacation whereas the old system allowed the students to drop-add at the beginning of spring semester.

He said that of the 2,000 students registering last fall, there were 820 drop-add adjustments made.

"One advantage of the new system is that it won't schedule time conflicting courses," Schenker said.

He said that eventually the new computer system will make many student transactions easier than they are now. For example, Schenker said, "Students will be able to change their majors from Behrend to main campus from a Behrend computer terminal, whole transcripts will be available on the Behrend computer files, and mailing lists will be automatically run-off from Behrend computer data."

Schenker said that he used the old "card system" registration as a back-up device (shadowing) to

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protect against data loss during fall registration.

"Once during drop-add, the whole system went down and we lost every screen because of a thunderstorm near University Park," Schenker said.

In response to a question about the take-a-number system implemented during fall drop-add period, Schenker said, "Whenever you have something new there's always going to be something that doesn't work right."

Schenker said that although 99.9 percent of the students are honest, some took numbers not intending to drop-add this fall, and then showed up when the numbers were high with a low admission number.

Colleen Brown (1st accounting) said she did not think she would be able to drop-add the day she picked up a waiting number during the fall drop-add period.

"It stinks," said Anthony Fusciello (1st accounting). "I've been here for two hours. It (drop-add) is too slow."

Schenker said that such number holding techniques inflate his numbers (having more numbers than students to be processed), which increases costs and hence, tuition.

"If we can get the students to go with the system," Schenker said, "they will find themselves better off in the long run."

He also said that computer response time (the time between putting data into the terminal and getting an answer on the screen) will be faster during spring advance-registration.

John Anderson To Visit Behrend

by Kevin Moore
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On Oct. 31 at noon, John Baynard Anderson will speak to the Penn State-Behrend Community in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Anderson was born in Rockford, IL on Feb. 15, 1922. He was graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Political Science. During his academic career, Anderson took time to serve in the United States Army where he earned four battle stars. After his military service he returned to school and obtained his L.L.M. from the Harvard Law School. After practicing law in Rockford for a few years, Anderson accepted an appointment as the United States foreign affairs officer in West Berlin until 1955.

After returning to the United States in 1955, Anderson ran on the Republican ticket for the office of Illinois State Attorney. The race was successful for Anderson and three years later he ran for congress in the 16th Congressional District in Illinois. This was also a successful venture for Anderson.

In the 1970's Congressman Anderson valued and promoted the ideas of social reform, fiscal responsibility, human rights, and national unity in his campaigning. Congressman Anderson is a strong advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment.

After his presidential effort in 1980, Anderson decided not to seek re-election to congress. He ran on the Independent ticket dur-



John Anderson
Former Presidential Candidate

ing the presidential election and made a surprisingly strong showing in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Since his political activity in 1980, Anderson has been very active on the university circuit, lecturing to colleges and universities across the country about the major issues of our time. He also has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Illinois Law School and Stanford University.

To date, Anderson remains politically active through his National Unity Committee. Anderson is married to Keke Machakos and they have five children. The Anderson's have homes in Rockford and Washington, D.C.

Tuition Triples Beyond Inflation Rate

by Barrett Parker
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Penn State University students experienced a 12 percent increase in tuition for the 1984-85 academic year. The inflation rate was a minute four percent over this same period.

Why has our bill increase tripled the general inflation rate? That is the question asked of Provost-Dean Dr. John M. Lilley. "Overall funding," he states, "has special costs unrelated to the standard inflation rates. Some of the purchases such as books and chemicals are greater than the inflation rate...and the state funds are not keeping up."

Other costs will also be covered by this 12 percent increase. "Behrend has grown enormously," comments Lilley, "it is a challenge to keep up with the rate of growth." Behrend has seen record enrollments for the past three years. The Dean stated that other major costs include instructional equipment and computers. The increase in faculty has also been "overwhelming."

Behrend has seen a raise in tuition each year for quite some time. Unfortunately for us, this trend will continue for what Dean Lilley described as "years to come." He went on to say, however, that "every effort has

been made to minimize these increases." Behrend has one of the largest tuition increases in the Penn State system. Last year Gannon raised its tuition rate by a whopping 16.7 percent, Edinboro by only 6.1 percent, in addition to a slight health fee increase, and Mercyhurst raised tuition by 6 percent.

Will this and future increases affect Behrend's enrollment? "This is a concern of mine," states Lilley. "We would like to have the lowest tuition possible, but if you compare Behrend to other schools, with what you get here, it is a bargain. We have the highest standards for faculty and

their research. There is nothing else like Behrend...the combination of scholarship and teaching is unbeatable."

In closing, Dean Lilley stated,

"We are one of the few (Penn State) campuses that grew this year...Behrend will continue to grow and prosper."

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