



## Smoking Ban to Take Effect

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Penn State smokers will have to go outside -- following the implementation of a new university policy which bans most indoor smoking.

The new policy, which will take effect April 1, 1989, will prohibit smoking in all university structures with the exception of residential buildings. The policy will prohibit smoking in all classrooms, hallways, lobbies, private offices and restrooms.

Smoking will be permitted in university-owned apartments and residence halls, only when all roommates agree that it is acceptable. It also remains a possibility that smoking will be permitted in rooms used for dinners and social affairs.

This far-reaching policy was first initiated by the Health Promotion Strategic Study Group, established by Penn State President Bryce Jordan in 1986.

The group's objective was to determine if Penn State should establish a health policy prohibiting smoking. The group set up a six-member committee to study the effects of smoking to both primary and secondary users.

The policy originally called for a one year grace period which would have provided separate smoking and non-smoking lounges. The group finally decided not to further explore this idea because of problems which could develop in determining which areas to set aside for smokers.

The committee suggested that the university wait until spring to begin the program.

"Penn State does not want to force people to go outside to smoke in the cold of the late fall or winter," a report stated.

The new program will be implemented in several phases. As of October 10, all cigarette

machines were to have been removed throughout the Penn State system. Later, all ash receptacles will be removed and smoking cessation classes offered in order to help ease the transition for smokers.

All those attending or visiting Penn State will be asked to abide by the policy.

In a similar move, the city of Erie will implement its own public smoking policy effective November 11. The Erie City Council unanimously approved of the ordinance last May allowing for a six-month grace period in which city employers could gradually enact the new law. The smoking ban will include public buildings, city officers, and industrial sites.

Despite the controversial nature of Penn State's new smoking policy, a surprising large percentage of the Behrend community appears to be in agreement with the new policy.

"My own feeling basically is positive. There is conclusive evidence that second-hand smoking is dangerous," said Dean of Student Services, Chris Reber.

Reber did, however, point to one drawback in the new system.

"I wish that we could find at least one or two common lounges that were well-ventilated," noted Reber, who admits he can think of no appropriate areas.

Others, such as English instructor, Greg Morris, share Reber's view.

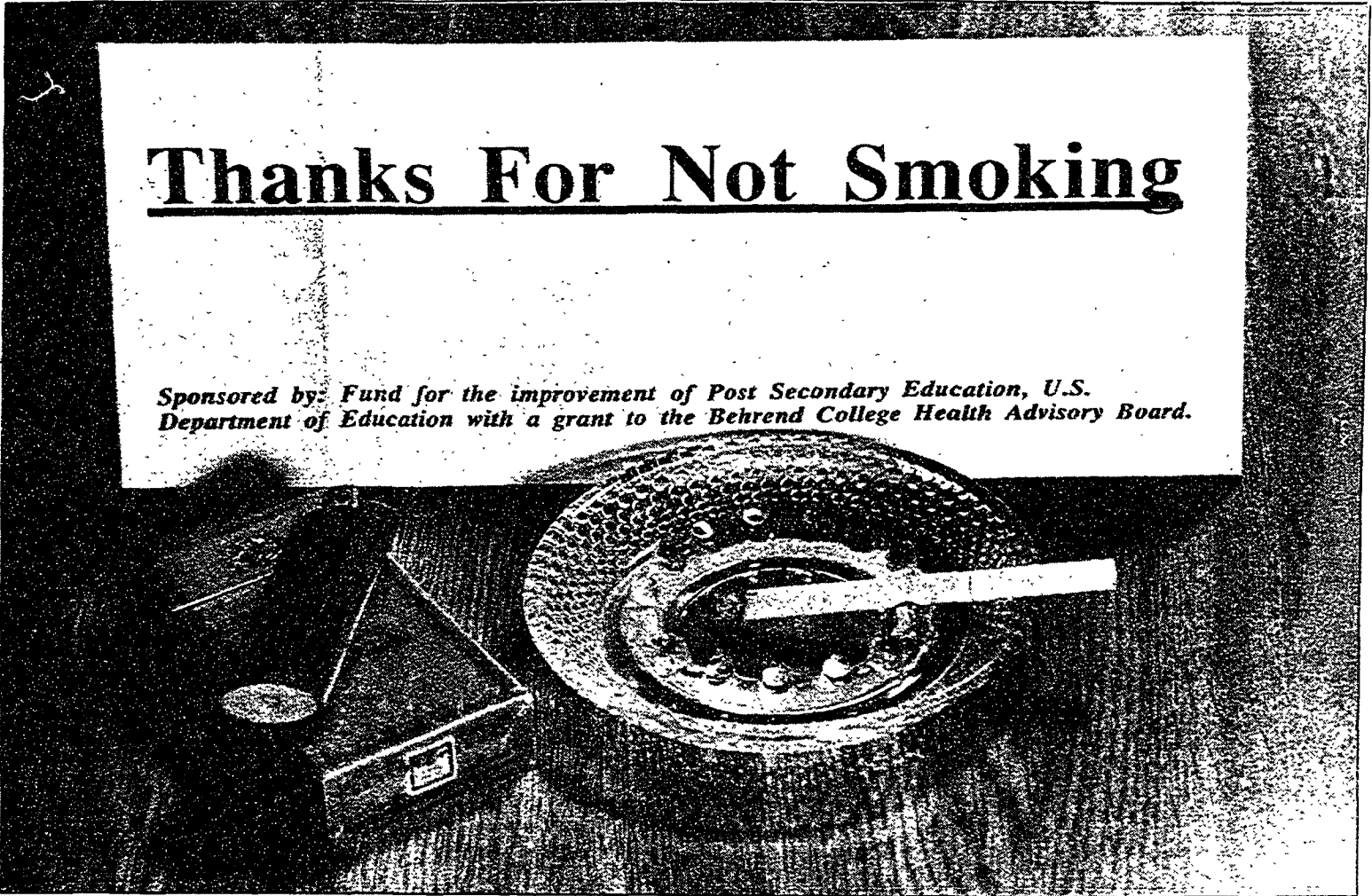
"Basically I'm in favor of it. There are understandable objections, ... but the health benefits outweigh the inconvenience," said Morris.

Some individuals take a stronger position.

"It's disgusting," said one student. "They have the right to smoke, but not in my presence."

From another student: "As a smoker, I think it's a good idea

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Beginning April 1, lighting up will be out at Penn State. (Photo by Beth Bengtson)

## Barnes Picks Bush With Reservations

Conservative editor visits Behrend

by Dawn Davis  
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Political commentator Fred Barnes thinks George Bush will win the presidential election, but he isn't too excited about it.

The senior editor of the political journal "The New Republic" shared his views on the Reagan presidency and the presidential race during his October 20 lecture at Behrend. Barnes' speech entitled "The Conservative Era: Is There a Future?" was part of the Provost's Speaker Series.

Barnes opened with some comments on his work place--Washington, D.C. "It's a city of Northern charm and Southern efficiency....The guiding principal of Washington journalism is 'If you don't have anything nice to say...let's hear it.'"

"The Reagan presidency is, on the balance, successful," Barnes said. "Reagan is the most ideological president of the century, but not a deep thinker or a broad thinker," he added.

Although Barnes thinks Reagan will go down in history as a successful president, he feels it won't be because of Reagan's hard work. "Reagan is lazy," he said.

Barnes attributes much of Reagan's success not to his working habits, but to his sense of humor. "Reagan is the most entertaining politician in the country....It helps that he is able to warm things over with his story telling ability," Barnes said.

"The economy, I think, is in extremely good shape," Barnes said, giving much of the credit to Reagan. He cited full employment and low interest rates as some examples of Reagan's accomplishments.

While Barnes feels the Reagan administration has a "terribly good" record on human rights, he thinks it has "an absolutely abysmal" record on fighting terrorism, although that was one of his goals when he came to Washington. "It's hard to run a tough anti-terrorism program when the president doesn't raise any objections to it (terrorism)," Barnes said. He called the idea of selling arms to Iran in exchange for hostages "really repellent."

Barnes criticized Reagan's treatment of the underclass. "Reagan's idea of the homeless is Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos," he said.

In spite of Reagan's shortcomings, Barnes feels "that the 1980's will be remembered as the Reagan era, largely because of his dominant ideas....His ideas are even catching on in the Soviet Union."

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Barnes credited Reagan with "the best relations with the Soviet Union since World War II." He says the Star Wars program has pushed the Soviets to make concessions. He also credited Reagan with the worldwide resurgence of capitalism.

Commenting on the presidential candidates, Barnes, usually the conservative voice of the liberal "The New Republic," suspects that George Bush "will not be a particularly effective president....he is not a political colossus." He called the vice president "Jerry Ford without the pizzazz" and "a modest man with much to be modest about."

Barnes didn't claim to be a Dukakis fan, however. "Mike  
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Fred Barnes, political commentator

## BB Gun Vandal

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Several minor incidents have been reported to Police and Safety over the past weeks.

Niagra Hall was target of an unknown vandal on October 5. Armed with a BB gun, the mystery marksman fired repeatedly at the eastern window of the lobby. The cracked window will be replaced.

A minor fire was the object of concern in a Behrend Science Lab on October 7. It seems that a student conducting an experiment with melting wax got the wax a bit too close to the source of heat, causing a fire. Luckily for all parties involved, a quick-thinking instructor was on the scene and extinguished the fire.

On Friday October 14 a party in the Wintergreen Gorge was broken up by police officials from Behrend. Between thirty and forty people

were involved with the alcoholic gathering. Numerous citations were issued, including twelve for underage drinking.

That same night an individual pulled a fire alarm in Lawrence Hall. The building's occupants were awakened by the false alarm at 1:10 am.

Officer Todd Allen is pleased to report the success of his nominee Christine Huff, as a winner of the Governor's Volunteer Award. On Friday, October 14, Huff was rewarded for her participation in numerous campus programs involving alcohol abuse education.

Huff was a founding member and the first president of Behrend's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) program. John A. Pugliano won a second-place award. Third-place awards were given to Chanin Beisel, Andrew Festa, Patricia Landry and Michelle McClellan.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

## Governor Approves \$10 Million Building

by James Martin

Behrend is one big step closer to building the \$10 million multi-purpose and recreational building which has been in the works for several years.

Dean and Provost John Lilley told the Collegian Tuesday, that Governor Casey has signed a bill which guarantees the funding necessary for building the complex.

The new structure, to be located on the east side of Jordan Road, will include facilities such as a large

gymnasium, an indoor pool, classrooms, racquetball facilities and offices. In addition, the gymnasium is expected to seat several thousand people. Construction is expected to be completed within 5 to 7 years.

Lilley credits Senator Buzz Andreski and Representative Ben Dombrowski with getting the construction project included on the \$1.5 billion bill which Governor Casey signed into law.

The next step, according to Lilley, is to have an architect approved, which he described as a highly political process. He explained that if an

architect is approved soon, the school will get more building for its money than if the process is delayed and the \$10 million is subjected to inflation.

"The important thing," said Lilley. "Is that we now have a legal basis (for the new building)."

Dr. Lilley explained that because the new recreational building is still several years in the future that \$1.3 million has been approved for an Erie Hall renovation project. Plans call for extending the court in both width and length. The Erie Hall renovation is expected to

begin in May of 1990 with construction to be completed in the fall of 1990.

Funding for a more immediate capital improvement project, the renovation of the Reed Building's first floor, was also approved on Monday, October 24. The \$6 million project, expected to begin later this semester, calls for building office spaces for clubs, organizations, personal counseling and career planning and placement.

Other changes call for a new RUB Desk area as well as for a game room and t.v. lounge.

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