



# THE NITTANY GUB

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## University Rejects Study

At the first of a series of hearings, the State Board of Education heard testimony concerning the Heald-Hobson Associates' recommendations that seven Commonwealth Campuses be converted to community colleges and that others merge or be phased out. Board members Mr. James Rowland, Mr. Gail Rose, Dr. Leonard Wolf, and Mr. William Rea followed each testimony with questioning.

### LOCAL INDUSTRIES REPRESENT BEHREND

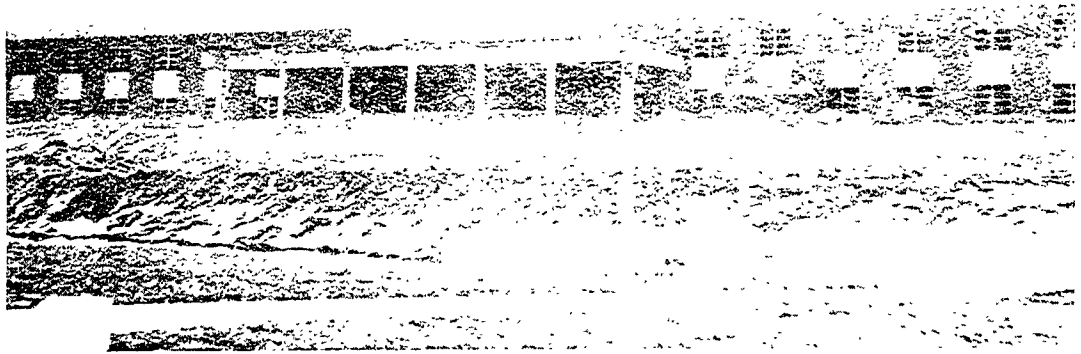
The report proposed that Behrend be converted to a regional college and the two-year associate degree program be discontinued. Members of the Behrend Advisory Board and officials of Reed Manufacturing, General Electric and General Telephone protested the report's suggestion that the associate program be phased out, describing it as invaluable to them. John Herbert of Gen. Tel. explained that "Behrend was ready to fill the four year college status when the community was ready" and "it is highly important that Behrend remain part of Penn State."

### GANNON, MERCYHURST, AND VILLA TESTIFY

Among those testifying from area campuses and community colleges were Msgr. Nash of Gannon College and representatives of Villa and Mercyhurst. Msgr. Nash, speaking in behalf of the three private colleges, revealed their dissatisfaction regarding, "the meager data on other institutions (private colleges)". During the questioning Msgr. Nash expressed their desire "to be kept in the competition."

### PRESIDENT WALKER REMAINS FIRM

Presenting the views of Pres. Walker and the University's Board of Trustees, was Thomas F. Bates, Vice President of Planning. Mr. Bates summarized the five page testimony and informed the Board that the "University was in disagreement with most of the findings and recommendations of the Heald-Hobson report." Mr. Bates also informed the Board that he would present the testimony at all hearings in order to reassure the public of the University's stand.



## BEHREND EXPANDS - DORM OPEN

With the opening of Behrend's first residence hall, a significant step has been taken in the plans for campus expansion. Along with the Post-Union building, which was opened last spring, the new dorm has improved campus facilities to make possible a 40% increase in enrollment, from 377 full time students to 515.

A total of 200 students, 100 men and 100 women, are presently living in the dorm. Two students share a room which is equipped with beds that convert into couches, two desks, two closets and a phone. There are laundry and bath facilities on each floor.

Students serving as resident advisors are available to the dorm residents for advice on classes, clubs, activities and problems of dorm life. The four resident advisors for this year are Sandy Fupp, Sue Peterson, Steve Winger and Dan Fry. Hostesses are Mrs. Eva Klisert and Mrs. Opal McCaCheren.

Besides being represented in SGA, resident students hope to elect their own officers to dorm councils. These Counselors will work along with the SGA in dealing with any problems of resident students and in planning any activities. According to Mrs. Frederick, Resident Community Co-ordinator, the first such planned activity is a dinner, Thursday, September 26, with Mr. John Gosling, director of the Erie Philharmonic, as guest of honor. Any interested student is invited to attend the after-dinner discussion on music in the Erie area, which will begin at 7p.m. in the dormitory lounge.

The new dorm is only the first of five residence halls which will eventually be grouped behind the RUB. Improvements such as these are tangible evidence of Behrend's growing importance among the Penn State Commonwealth Campuses.