

Continuing Education Center to relocate in downtown Erie

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Cardboard boxes litter Penn State-Behrend's Continuing Education Center as the division prepares to move to a new off-campus location.

"We're going downtown because on-campus facilities are no longer available due to the College's growth," said Janet Patterson, the director of Continuing Education.

The building which currently houses CE will be demolished in spring 1991 to make room for the College's new library complex.

The center will relocate to the former IBM building at 9th and Sassafras Streets on Dec. 3. Because of the relocation, CE

programs will be interrupted for a two-day period.

The new CE location will include several classrooms, offices and student lounges and a 20-computer laboratory which will be connected to the University's mainframe. To better serve the many non-traditional students who benefit from Continuing Education programs, the center will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. with additional weekend hours to be announced.

The building will be renamed the Penn State Downtown Center, and will provide a centralized hub for CE programs.

"Continuing Education currently operates out of six different locations," Patterson

explained. "The new location will enable us to centrally manage our programming."

The division's numerous programs concentrate on public programming and custom design training for businesses within the southern Great Lakes region.

"We concentrate on extending the resources within the University," Patterson said. "We work with area businesses and the University to try and bring together the available resources." Such efforts include on-site executive management training, computer training, and quality assurance training.

Recent CE programming has focused on local economic development and the protection of Pennsylvania commerce.

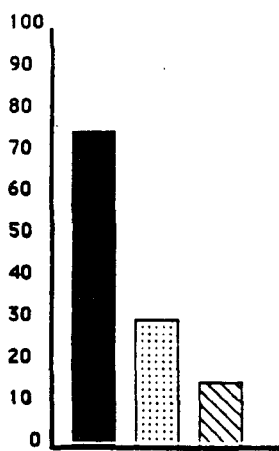
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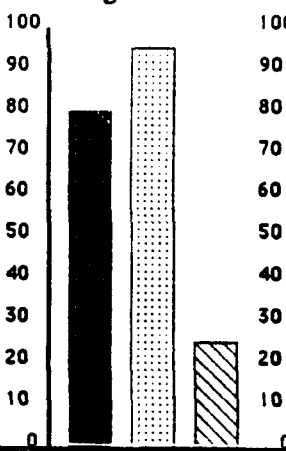
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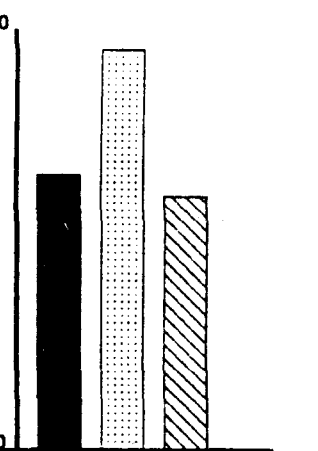
Undergraduates are not getting as good an education as they did five years ago



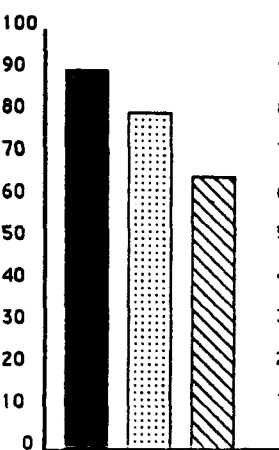
Too many students ill-suited for academic life are now enrolling in colleges



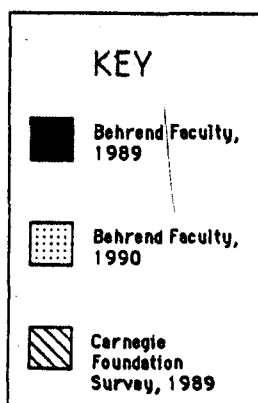
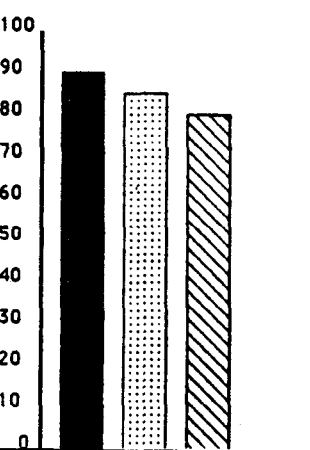
There has been a widespread lowering of standards in American education



This institution spends too much time and money teaching students what they should have learned in high school



Undergraduates have become more careerist in their concerns compared with students in the late 60's and early 70's



Today's students are less qualified

Faculty survey suggests students not ready for college

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A recent survey by The Collegian shows that almost 95 percent of the Behrend faculty believe too many students now enrolling in college are under-qualified for academic life, up 15 percent from last year.

The survey is a follow-up to a story published last February. In that story, local findings were compared to a national survey compiled by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Last year Behrend faculty consistently had stronger beliefs that beginning students in college were unprepared academically for the rigors of a college course.

The findings of The Collegian survey are by no means scientific, they are simply a means of discovering the general feeling of the academic

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