

## Behrend prepares for budget crunch *Library, computer center to reduce hours*

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Penn State and other state-funded organizations across the Commonwealth are bracing for tough economic times in the wake of Governor Robert P. Casey's slashing of \$731 million from the state's budget. Pennsylvania faces a possible \$1 billion deficit next fiscal year.

In a letter to the University community, University President Joab Thomas announced \$12.6 million has been trimmed from Penn State's state funding.

To make up for the cuts, Thomas has instituted an immediate system-wide hiring freeze, deferred maintenance costs

and curtailed travel expenses for most departments.

Behrend has already started to feel the pinch though, having returned \$131,000 to University Park this semester in order to hire professors to teach classes.

According to Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley, Behrend may have to return another \$131,000 if Penn State's balance sheet looks shaky. Lilley said that those funds would be collected by the end of the week, if necessary. If the second phase of recycling is not needed, the money would remain at Behrend, and would be carried into the next year.

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## Study abroad trips canceled *War restricts Cairo studies*

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The war in the Gulf has interrupted the plans of many. Business ventures, job opportunities and even family vacations have been put on hold, or even cancelled, because of hostilities in the Middle East.

One of those people is Pascale Lakkis, a sixth semester political science major from Behrend. Originally she had planned to spend this spring in Cairo, Egypt, studying Arab studies, Muslim thought and Middle Eastern politics at the American University at Cairo.

Until Iraq invaded Kuwait, that is.

Soon after, Penn State administrators cancelled Lakkis' study abroad program. "I was really upset, but I know it's for the best," she said. "If Penn State hadn't have cancelled the program, though, I still would have gone."

Lakkis isn't alone. She knows of three other students who were also planning on studying in Cairo this fall. Another program cancelled because of the war is the one in Tel Aviv, Israel.

"I'm planning on going still," Lakkis added. "Hopefully things will calm down enough that I can go back next spring (1992). Egypt isn't as affected by the war

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