

# Budget crunch hits Behrend

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Even though the second \$131,000 would come from the operating budget, no new charges or even increases in current fees are expected. Tuition increases next year are dependent upon the

that they could be expanded later in the semester if needed.

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The five percent cuts "have the impact of a 12 percent reduction in funding," Thomas said because the fiscal is now more than half over, and funds have been committed.

Thomas also noted that with the cuts, University funding for the 1990-91 fiscal year is just under the amount Penn State received in 1989-90.

Only three states rank lower than Pennsylvania in funding higher education.

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**-Dr. John Lilley  
Provost and Dean**

governor and are not connected to current operating budgets.

He added, however, that the biggest losses will occur in operating hours of the library and computer center because of lack of funds for wages. Lilley said that hours are being cut now so

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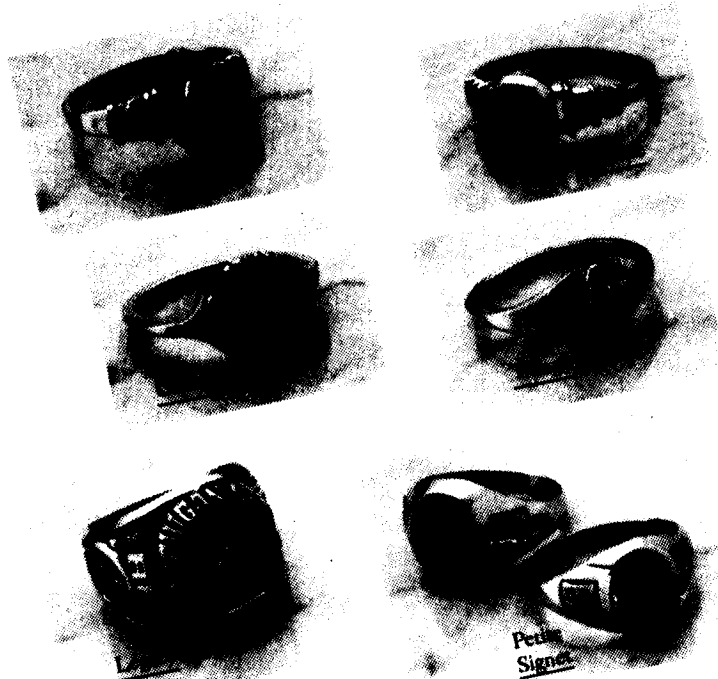
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