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## Behrend expansion continues Recent land donations add to master plan

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Behrend has recently acquired additional parcels of land to add to its master plan.

"Behrend has slowly been working towards a master plan that was approved by trustees almost five years ago," said John Lilley, provost and dean.

And although that plan has been altered, the scope is still to expand the Behrend campus from I-90 to Station Road to Cooper Road.

The parcel most recently donated is the Mack Estate. It is approximately eight acres of land located on the corner of Cooper and Station Roads. An anonymous benefactor approached Behrend officials and donated \$500,000 for the purchase and renovation of the estate.

The mansion on the estate will be historically preserved and restored, while benefactors will be asked to donate antiques for the restoration. It will be used for dinners, presentations and other student and faculty activities.

"I want it to be a direct and immediate part of our programming," said Lilley. He also stressed the fact that one of Behrend's nicest qualities is its beautiful campus setting and the Mack Estate would only add to it.

The land around the Victorian home will be renovated and used for physical education and intramural athletic fields. There is a portion of land between the present campus and the Mack Estate that Behrend does not yet own, the Blue Bus and vans will be used to transport students to the fields. However, future plans include building sidewalks to connect the two areas.

Another recent acquisition will also help to further athletics at Behrend. A c-shaped section of land to the north, west, and south of Kanty Village will be used for

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## Brown discusses "Threats to the Global Ocean"

Sailing the Caribbean, diving in the South Pacific, and whale-watching off the coast of Maui sounds like a perfect vacation.

For David Brown, however, it is demanding work involving research that measures the precarious balance between the world's oceans and human interference.

Brown, a member of The Cousteau Society and the crew of Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau's legendary Calypso, spoke about "Threats to the Global Ocean" last night in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Among other issues, Brown examined the increasing demands of too many people on natural resources and the lingering

damage to Alaska's coastline caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Brown has worked as a researcher and photographer on projects off the coast of New England, the Virgin Islands, and Australia's Great Barrier Reef. He also has explored the world's great river systems, including the Saint Lawrence, the Mississippi, and the Amazon.

He soon will rejoin the Cousteau crew for their upcoming "Rediscovery of the World" expedition, which will document and interpret humankind's current relationship to the global ocean and its inhabitants.

## Suites made accessible Easier access for emergency situations

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Newly constructed suites southwest of Dobbins Hall will soon be more accessible to fire departments responding to possible emergencies.

John Ream, director of operations at Behrend, said "We have agreed to make additional accommodations to make their (Brookside Fire Department) job easier."

The Brookside Fire Department requested the changes after recent drills at the suites indicated there were problems gaining access to the new suites.

Improved access for Tiffany, Tigress, and Porcupine halls involves constructing an asphalt ramp at the F-Lot cul-de-sac, removing a street light and trimming trees near Dobbins.

Parking spaces near Dobbins have already been marked off, enabling fire engines to drive from the parking lot to the sidewalk.

Most of the improvements will be finished in the next few weeks and will only cost a few hundred dollars, Ream said. The removal and installation of the street light could take longer to finish because a new light must be ordered.

A sprinkler system would also help minimize risk and damage during a fire, but was not installed in the suites because government and insurance agency codes did not require them.

"There are no state or township laws that require it," said Brookside Fire Chief Robert Martin. "They're nice to have though." He also said students living in the suites are not endangered without the installation of sprinkler systems.

Ream said the buildings went through a lengthy occupancy approval process.

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