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From the farm to the boardroom:
McGarvey is Behrend's example of success.

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McGarvey gives advice on life

1992 Alumni Fellow. Speaks

Gary Johnson
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After attending Behrend over forty years ago, Dr. Ray McGarvey, founder and chief executive officer of Country Fair Incorporated returned to be honored as the 1992 Alumni Fellow.

The award is the most prestigious given by the Penn State Alumni Association and it gives the recipient the opportunity to share his or her knowledge and experience with the students in a classroom setting.

McGarvey is impressed with today's students. "We used to concentrate so much more on learning facts. Facts change and it seems to me from the classes I've visited, there's been an emphasis on learning how to think, how to analyze and I think those are talents that will do you well," commented McGarvey.

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--Dr. Ray McGarvey

the times. You must keep in mind that when I went here, there were only 130 students. We had a paragraph on something, now you (Behrend) have a course on it."

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When asked about what his advice to students would be, he said that "you've got to decide what you want to do with your life, then you must implement discipline. Most importantly, you must have drive and determination in your life."

McGarvey grew up on a farm, working in the fields, playing in sports, and going to school. He and his family then moved to Erie and he graduated from Academy High. He has developed a feel for Erie and seems to care about what happens to it.

"The people of Erie don't have unlimited resources, and can't live like they have unlimited resources. We've got to be efficient with our resources, because they're not unlimited."



Though McGarvey has been successful with small business in his career, he doesn't recommend it for everyone. "It takes a real independent spirit, you've got to be prepared to worry about it night and day. It's a commitment. It's a way of life. But if you're adventuresome and you have an idea and you think you see a need, there's a lot of opportunity out there," he added.

McGarvey said that "education must keep up with

Looking Ahead

Future Committee Reveals Plan

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The Collegian

Last Thursday Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean, presented the plans Behrend's Future Committee has prepared to submit to the University's Future Committee in the event that budget cuts must be implemented.

Lilley opened the forum with the introduction of Behrend's Future Committee. Behrend faculty, staff, and students make up the planning committee.

The committee includes John Lilley, John Burke, James Kurre, Bidley Brooks, Daniel Frankforter, Roland Larson, Cathy Mester, Chris Reber, Richard Progelhof, Tesha Nesbit and Anthea Raymond.

The Future Committee stresses that the possible budget cuts are just scenarios. Three scenarios, "A", "B", and "C", were presented to the audience of almost 200 people, who filled the Reed conference room for the presentation.

Plan "A" would cut 10% of Behrend's permanent budget. Scenario "B" would reallocate 2.5% of the permanent budget to be redistributed in areas of the college other than those from which the original cuts were implemented. An additional reallocation of 5.5% makes up plan "C".

Lilley stresses that the scenarios might or might not happen.

"These scenarios are looking at the long-term opportunities for Penn-State Behrend," said Lilley.

During the open discussion Lilley explained the process used in constructing the plan for the implemented cuts.

The plan Behrend will submit to the University Future Committee, outlines six situations which will explain why Behrend should be exempt from any possible cuts.

"We are prepared to tell them that we are the best."

--John Lilley, provost and dean

Behrend is the most underfunded aggregate unit within the Penn State system. Behrend has an operating budget which is less than its income. A percentage of money collected at Behrend is returned to University Park and is spent in other areas of the University.

The committee at Behrend stressed in their plan that Behrend has reached high quality standards and is extremely efficient and lean in its operating processes. They will show the college is understaffed relative to other colleges in the University system.

John Burke, associate provost and senior associate dean, said "Our intention is to not lose anything. We want to show how underfunded we are relative to everyone else."

"Any faculty cuts (at Behrend) could be drastic" said Lilley. "It could cut out a whole major (within Behrend's curriculum)."

Behrend is a still-developing institution and the majority of the programs are new.

"The College does not need reshaping as the (University) Future Committee process suggests," said Lilley.

"We (Behrend) are very focused on our implement programs," said Lilley. "Comparatively, Behrend has far fewer major programs than many other area colleges, and it is much more in-depth in its view and coverage of the major."

"Any budget reduction at Behrend would have a serious impact...more of an impact than any other areas of the University," he said.

Behrend has implemented new programs in science, science and engineering technology and business at a far more rapid pace than competing colleges.

The college does not have large numbers of retirements or significant organizational slack from which to draw funds to meet the reduction target.

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Barbara Franklin, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, speaks at the presentation ceremony at the Reed Conference Room.