

New Library Finally a Reality

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After several changes in location, the Behrend Library has finally rested in the Academic Building.

Elizabeth Smith, director of the new Behrend Library, is excited about the change.

"Fantastic," Smith said. "I am very happy that students will have seating and elbow room to study."

Smith said that she and her staff are very excited about the challenges facing them in a larger facility. Different procedures have to be used now that the library is four times larger than before, Smith said.

By the end of the week, tables will be in place to go with the chairs already in the library.

Downstairs there are 15 personal study rooms, a printing room, dark room, and a television studio.

There are six permanent staff and 12 work study employees working at the library.

Many teachers have been moved to Academic Building offices.

As for the new classrooms, Pat Minnaugh, a sophomore, said the classrooms seem adequate, but "the rooms on the south side are cramped and don't have any windows."

Minnaugh said he would like to see chairs or something in the hallway, "to make it seem less institutionalized."

Dr. Chris Reber, Director of Student Affairs, said the Academic Building is a wonderful and drastically needed building.



Kristen Devlin/Collegian Photographer

"Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore." And at first glance, you might not even think you are at Behrend. Behrend students traverse the hallway of the new Academic Complex. Makes you wonder what Mary Behrend would think.

Reber said the space where the old library was will serve many purposes.

"The freed space in the Reed

Building will be renovated for some offices upstairs, while downstairs will be a student lounge and a performance stage."

Reber said.

He also said there will eventually be an elevator installed.

Under New Management



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So that's where Jimmy Hoffa is...: Not! Helen Crayton, bookstore manager, aids a salesman in the bookstore. The bookstore was recently purchased by Barnes & Noble.

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One of the many changes that have taken place on campus in the past few months is the transfer of the management of our bookstore.

Penn State no longer oversees the operation of the bookstore. That task has been adopted by Barnes and Noble who has added the stores on all Penn State campuses to its 250 locations.

Penn State still owns the site, but has no direct operational input.

Helen Crayton, the new manager of Behrend's bookstore says that Barnes and Noble's buying power will help bring more items into the store and will give them more freedom to offer sales and special promotions.

"There haven't been any big changes," Crayton said. "I'm

sure some people don't even realize that we have taken over."

Some minor policy changes have occurred. One change for the better is the book buy-back procedure, Crayton said. Barnes and Noble will buy textbooks from students at any time during the year. They will pay 50% of the listed price for a book that will be used again in the following semester.

The bookstore will also take

returns, offering cash with a receipt or giving you an in-store credit without a receipt.

Students can also charge books against any credit they may have in their student account, and may use Visa, Master Card, American Express, or Discover credit cards.

Another change is the absence of a work-study program. Students may still work in the store, but their employment will be handled as any other part-time job.

Some of the changes in product lines may be welcomed by many students, according to Crayton. Barnes and Noble plan to acquire more items promoting Behrend College rather than just Penn State.

The bookstore now carries more best-selling books and computer software programs, and can fulfill most special orders of books not found in the store.

There are plans to designate part of the store for Greek items. All of the fraternities and sororities will be represented and special items will be available on-order through the bookstore.

A snack-food area has been added which Crayton says was a touchy subject. She stated that trying to diversify the inventory without infringing on the RUB Desk or Wintergreen Cafe is difficult. "Some days I walk a chalk line."

Crayton said another advantage of Barnes and Noble's size and buying power is their ability to offer special promotions. Currently there is a

contest sponsored by Eastpak. The grand prize is a trip for two anywhere in the continental United States. Also, one entry at each Barnes and Noble location will be awarded an Eastpak backpack.

There is also a \$1500 scholarship to be won from Fujifilm and a \$1000 prize from GEAR for designing a sweatshirt.

Crayton said changes will take place gradually as the new management gets to know the students and their needs more thoroughly.

Crayton spent the past seven years managing the bookstore at Penn State's Fayette campus and three years prior to that at the Shenango campus.

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