

We have a what?

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The Northwestern Pennsylvania Energy Center (NWPEC) moved from Lawrence Hall to Carriage House West on Monday.

More of a problem than where to put the desks or if the carpet matches the curtains, is the lack of students who know there is an energy center on campus, Center Director Claudia Brown said.

Brown hopes that by moving next to the Health and Wellness Center will make the NWPEC more visible to students.

The Energy Center is one of seven Pennsylvania Energy Offices in the state. Indiana University of Pennsylvania has the only other one located on a university campus. The others are located at a variety of host agencies including non-profit agencies and regional planning departments.

Its main purpose is to educate all of the public on energy-related

issues, Brown said.

Brown believes that because the Center is located on campus, it is dually beneficial to the NWPEC itself and students.

"Being at Penn State has some unique benefits for us, especially access to information and professor expertise," Brown said. "Penn State, in turn, gets in on research projects for professors and students."

Within the facility is an energy library that students can use to do technical writing or research papers and speeches.

"Not only do students use the Center, but the public does as well," Brown said.

Brown thinks that one disadvantage of the move to the new location is the hindering of public accessibility.

NWPEC is given funding from the federal and state governments, while Penn State gives the Center rent-free space and equipment.

The energy office funds research and development

projects, like development of an alternative fuel for vehicles, Brown said.

Aside from funding projects, the NWPEC assists business and industry in cutting energy costs as well as helping architects design more energy efficient houses.

The Center shares space in Carriage House West with the Ben Franklin Technology Center, but they are not connected to each other.

The space in Lawrence Hall where the Center used to be will house the psychology labs.

The Center provides a chance for employment to Behrend students. Over the past eight years, 30 students have worked there.

This year, they are looking for two work study and one wage payroll student to work part-time.

"The jobs for students usually involve communications or clerical work," Brown said.

Handicapped persons' services

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The handicapped students of Penn State-Behrend are receiving the most possible assistance from the University, Special Programs Counselor Gerald Spates said.

"The needs of handicapped students are reviewed individually," Spates said. "Funding from University Park usually helps to correct equipment and materials."

On Tuesday, a civil servant inspector made a periodic check to see if accessibility to buildings, rooms and other areas is adequate for every handicapped person.

The new plastics complex and Academic Building will provide elevators to make them more easily accessible. The renovations to the Reed Building including adding an elevator.

Spates is trying to have illuminating strips on steps and walk areas before winter for those who are visually impaired. Special needs students also are allowed parking facilities close to building ramps for easier entering and exiting.

Whenever a student requires any form of assistance, whether in or out of the classroom, volunteers or work study students are available to help.

Spates went on to add that the phrase "special needs students" also covers any form of learning disability including dyslexia. Counselors aid students in learning to overcome or work with disabilities. Tutoring is always available and volunteers or work study students can be found to help in any way that is

required.

Counselors, instructors and the entire Behrend staff are doing all the can to assist needs whether it's changing meeting areas, providing tape recorders in classes, moving desks, lateness in reaching classes, or just being there, Spates said.

University Park and Behrend work together in supplying equipment and renovating areas to accommodate the individual needs of the handicapped or disabled students.

Spates also mentioned that if a student has a temporary disability to call him at the Special Programs Counseling Office at X6111. He said they will try to find a fellow student to help if possible.

Speaker Series preview

by Paul Lorio
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The Speaker Series at Penn State-Erie has twice won the prestigious Distinguished Lecture Award from the National Association for Campus Activities.

David Shields, Jr., Student Activities Director and the Series Coordinator, believes that the success of the Series is based on the lectures and the lecturers. The lectures are free and open to the public. All lectures start at 8 p.m.

The Series kicks off on Thursday, October 7th with the first of three debates. This debate will take place in Erie Hall and includes the Russian journalist

Boris Notkin with the former Deputy to the United Nations, Ken Adelman discussing the issue of "America and Russia: After the Cold War, What Lies Ahead?"

"The Clinton Report Card" will be held in Erie Hall on November 3rd. On one side will be Edward J. Rollin who served in three of the Republican presidents' administrations as a strategist. Debating Rollin will be Bob Beckel who is a political columnist and Walter Mondale's national campaign manager during his campaign for the presidency.

Actor Darryl Van Leer will start off the new year by reenacting two of Martin Luther King Jr.'s most powerful

speeches. The program is called "Martin Luther King Jr.: The Norm of Greatness," and will take place on January 17th in the Reed Lecture Hall.

On January 27th, also in the Reed Lecture Hall, the Series will host "An Evening With Maya Angelou."

The program called "Health Care 2000: Managing the Future" will take place on February 15th in Erie Hall. The speaker is Dr. Louis Sullivan. The debate on April 7th in Erie Hall will include former Idaho Senator Steve Symms and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The issue will be "The Environment vs. Jobs," and will be the last debate of the Series.

Alternative bookstore

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The Penn State - Behrend Bookstore is a Barnes and Noble leased operation. Barnes and Noble also took over many other college bookstores. Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY is one of them. Many workers from the former bookstore decided that they would resign and start their own store.

That is exactly what they did. They went to a local bank and received a loan which was the capital used to initially start the store. They decided to sell everything that any ordinary campus bookstore would sell. After this new competition started, Barnes and Noble began to offer discounts to the students. These savings were from 10% - 40%.

Lee Matott, owner of the new bookstore at Clarkson University, felt that it was unfair for Barnes and Noble to give discounts at only one of their stores just to drive away the competition. He remarked, "I strongly urge the students at your campus to try to get special deals. Obviously they are available."

When Barnes and Noble began to discount their books, it was difficult for the new bookstore to compete with the price of new books. However, they did well with selling their used books. They carried more used books than new ones because they had bought them back from the students. They paid 50% and sold them for only 62% of the original price.

The administration was not pleased with this new bookstore. They were banned from campus, and they are not allowed to see the list of the books that are going to be used. They received most of that information from the students.

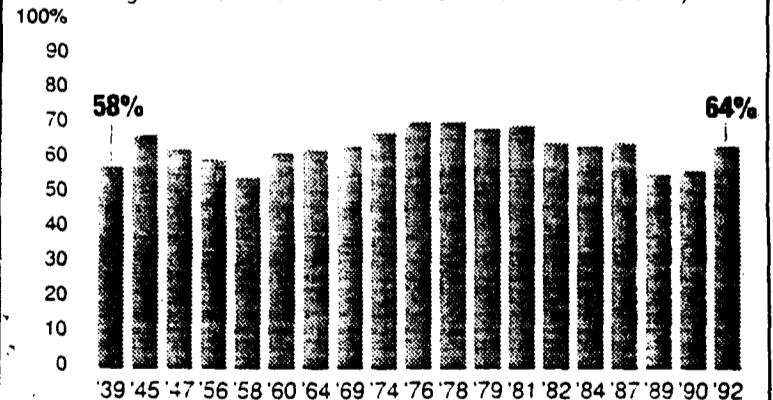
Even though it may be difficult, Clarkson University's new bookstore does not plan to close its doors. They feel that they are doing much for the students. There is less chance of both stores being out of a certain book, and of course, the students are saving money.

Matott said, "If we go away, the savings go away with us." He feels that once the competition is gone, Barnes and Noble will take away the discounts that have been offered to the students.

Alcohol in America: The legal drug epidemic

How many Americans drink

Percentage of those who consumed alcohol at least occasionally:



Who's doing the drinking

Percentage of Americans who consumed alcohol at least occasionally in 1992:	
Total	64%
Men	72%
Women	57%
Ages 18-29	71%
30-49	68%
50 and up	56%
College graduates	78%
Some college	64%
High school graduates	64%
No high school diploma	49%

Who's affected

1 in 4	— number of Americans affected by someone with a drinking problem
6.6 million	— number of children under 18 who live with an alcoholic mother or father
37 of every 100,000	— number of babies born in the United States in 1992 who had fetal alcohol syndrome

SOURCES: The Gallup Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism