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## Lilley accepts post

**BEHREND**-Dr. John M. Lilley, provost and dean of Behrend College, was elected to the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He will serve on the board for three years. Lilley is the only member of the board from Pennsylvania.

The AASCU is composed of more than 400 presidents and chancellors from public colleges, universities and higher education systems in the United States. Lilley was elected at the organization's annual gathering held in November in Tucson, Arizona. Constantine Curtis, Clemson president, was installed as chairman of the board at the same meeting.

The association is a resource for participants on matters ranging from the US budget to intercollegiate sports. AASCU monitors public policy at the national, state and campus, and promotes broad public understanding of the essential role of public higher education. The organization gives college and university leaders a unified voice in a variety of areas.

During the November meeting, Lilley presented a paper as a part of the meeting's focus on partnerships within and



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outside the member institutions. Lilley's paper was entitled *A Small University Approach to Partnership Building for Economic Development*.

During Lilley's fifteen years at Behrend, industrial partnerships have been a major part of the college's success. In 1993, the college received a 42.6 million

Technology Reinvestment Grant from the federal government. Reflecting Behrend's commitment to economic revitalization of northwest Pennsylvania, Lilley has overseen the creation of four-year programs in business, science, engineering and technology programs, as well as the MBA

program at Behrend.

More developments are on the horizon. They include the recently announced knowledge park. "The park will enable companies that depend on well-educated employees to do research and development in a sort of think tank environment and also give Penn State-Behrend students and faculty the opportunity to learn and perform in real life situations," said Lilley.

Along with these developments are planned increases in population growth. Behrend currently serves about 3,200 students. Plans are now being considered to increase that number to 4,000. There is no timeline set, but ten years is an accepted estimate to reach that number, according to Lilley.

In addition to his educational contributions to the community, Lilley has held leadership positions with several organizations in the Erie area including the Erie Philharmonic, the Rotary Club, Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, United Way of Erie County and the Erie Conference on Community Development.

## Gov. Ridge meets Behrend

by Kyra Kindon  
Collegian Staff

Over the winter holiday, Governor Tom Ridge met with Behrend administrators to discuss Penn State's and the Behrend College's contributions to economic development in the northwest Pennsylvania region. Dr. John M. Lilley, provost and dean, Dr. John Burke, associate provost and dean, and Dr. Robert Light, associate dean of graduate studies, continuing and distance education, met with the Governor at Behrend, in the Prischak Building.

During the meeting, research and instructional programs at PSU were discussed with Ridge. "We discussed how Behrend's programs represent the Erie area and feed economic development," explained Burke.

Discussing what contributions PSU and the Behrend College have made in the region, provided Ridge with a better view of the University. "This fact finding session allowed the Governor to take a comprehensive look at

Penn State," said Lilley.

The state's higher education budget was brought to attention, highlighting the need for funding for projects at Behrend.

Two new buildings are under consideration at Behrend; they are a multi-purpose athletic building, which would make Behrend meet NCAA standards, and a research and development building.

The buildings have been approved, one eight years ago, but funding has not been made available.

The proposed knowledge park near Interstate 90 was a topic of discussion. The knowledge park will give students and faculty the opportunity to learn and perform to industry standards, while providing local industry with well-educated, potential employees.

"These facilities will benefit the college, as well as, the

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## King remembered

by Doreen Foutz  
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"Voices of a Dream" was the theme for Penn State Behrend's annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Day.

The Behrend College hosted various events which began with the showing of "The Power of One," a powerful movie taken from the autobiography by Bryce Courtenay that follows the life of a boy of English descent living in South Africa, and his battles for dignity and civil rights.

"About 50 people saw the movie. Everyone who saw it really liked it," said Jaquett Wade, Coordinator of Residence life and Human Relations programs.

Dobbins Hall hosted a family breakfast on January 15 at 7:30 a.m. "Dr. King began his last day by sharing a meal with his family. We thought this would be a good way for our community to begin its own celebration," said Wade.

Mary Beth Peterson, director of the Career Development Center, Diane Nowacinski, college

registration coordinator, Nicole Buther, junior Political Science major and Joe Mottillo, senior Communications major, spoke briefly. "Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an important day, and that's what I wanted to tell people," said Buther.

"The family breakfast was pretty awesome in that it started our day out in a family gathering, a spirit of unity, a spirit of likeness in thought, particularly about Dr. King and his life," Wade said. "The family breakfast has become a significant part of our King celebration, and I hope that long after my tenure at Penn State it will still be here because it is fitting and special."

When the breakfast began three years ago, only 35 people attended. The number has risen dramatically to over 80. "Now people know about the breakfast and want to be part of it because it is special. It is exciting that now I don't have to beg people to get up at 7:30 in the morning," Wade said.

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