Alumnus gives to enhance College's commitment to working with area manufacturers

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At the same time, Benson started his own machining company operating in the basement of his home, and in 1967, it was incorporated as Reddog Industries. In 1984, Reddog Industries acquired Parker White Metal through a buyout, incorporating under the name of PHB, Inc.

PHB, Inc. has more than 1,000 employees at three facilities in Erie County, recording annual sales in excess of \$80 million. Today the company remains a full-service national and international supplier of quality products in the die casting, machining, tooling and molding industries, providing products and services to a wide variety of industries from automotive and aerospace to electronics and entertainment.

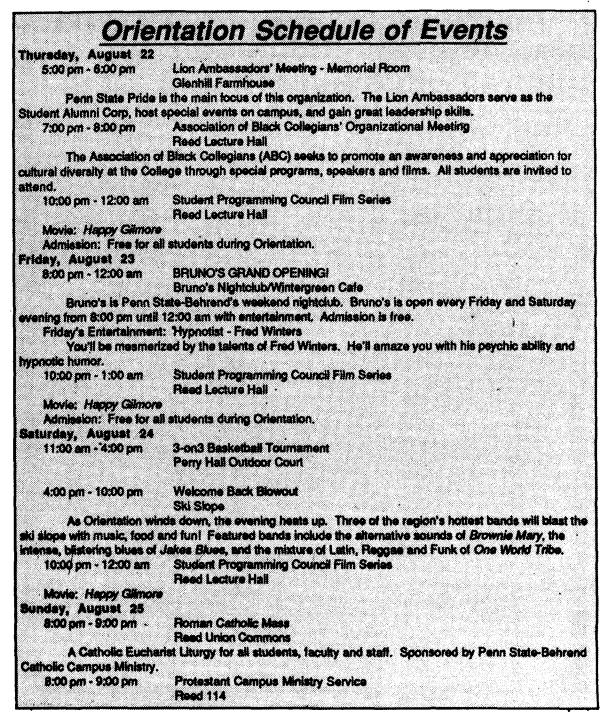
During his career, Benson was deeply committed to service activities in the Erie community. He served on the board of directors of both the United Way of Erie County and the Manufacturers' Association of and the second of the

Northwestern Pennsylvania, and held membership in the Elk Valley Rotary.

In 1995, Benson received the prestigious Penn State Alumni Fellow Award from the Penn State Alumni Association. It was a fitting award for the founder and first president of the Behrend Alumni Club.

Benson and his wife, Gerda, live in Jupiter Island, Fla., where he was recently named chairman of the board and CEO of Fuelbusters International. The company manufactures and markets a revolutionary and environmentally safe fire fighting material. With corporate offices in Atlanta, Ga., and Palm Beach, Fla., Fuelbusters International currently has 25 sales organizations throughout Asia and Europe, and 30 in the United States.

State-Behrend will Penn officially dedicate the James O. Benson Building and the Engineering Complex in a ceremony on Friday, September 20, 1996.





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