

A LOOK BACK AT 1997-98

Erie resident Ted Junker named chairman of Penn State Board of Trustees

On January 16th the Penn State Board of Trustees elected Erie resident and Penn State alumni, Edward "Ted" P. Junker III as their Chairman. Junker is a retired vice president of the PNC Bank Corp and has served on Penn State's Board of Trustees for the previous 12 years. The last two were as the board's vice chairman. His term as chairman will last through 1998.

Junker, his wife Barbara and their three daughters all obtained degrees from Penn State. Because of this, Junker carries with him a fondness for Penn State and feels in a way indebted to the university. Junker, who is excited about his position of his appoint-

ment, "I'm pleased and I'm honored and I'm challenged. The latter is my favorite because I enjoy being challenged."

Junker graduated from Penn State in 1960, and he followed up with a graduate degree from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Today, Junker is a distinguished member of the Erie community, who serves, as a member and treasurer of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, he is a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Erie Conference on Community Development.

As a resident of Erie, Junker has been involved with and done much to the benefit of Penn State Behrend. Last year he donated two million dollars to the Penn State Behrend Ath-

letics Department. In addition to this, he and his wife Barbara have established the Edward P. and Barbara F. Junker Leadership Scholarship, which has been endowed to the college, meaning that it is made available to students on a yearly basis.

Junker has also served for many years on the Board of Fellows which is like a Board of Trustees or an Advisory Board working specifically for the Penn State Erie campus. Anne Marie Welsh, Manager of Publications and Public Information said of Junker, "In the community, he has been so involved politically that he has been a tremendous help for Behrend over the years."

Both Junker and John Lilley Pro-

Anonymous donor gives \$20 million to School of Business

by Mark Greenbank
associate editor

"20 million dollars! Wow!" These were the words of Dr. John Magenau Wednesday, head of the School of Business, after the announcement was made that the Business Department had been given a gift of \$20,000,000. A large portion of the student body, as well as faculty and staff members showed up due to rumors being spread that a large monetary gift was being presented. To help make the announcement, Dean Lilly was accompanied by Graham Spannier, President of Penn State, Ted Junker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Penn State, and Dr. John Magenau. News had also spread around campus that a surprise guest would be in attendance although Joe Paterno might make an appearance, but, the special guest

however was the Penn State Lion Mascot who appeared and added to the atmosphere and the feeling of Penn State pride.

Before the actual announcement was made, a choked up Dean Lilly thanked the overwhelming number of people who attended the presentation. Several key individuals were then recognized for their continual support of Behrend College. After numerous rounds of applause and praise the ceremony began. The donor, who actually gave Behrend the monetary gift has thus far wished to remain anonymous. The 20 million dollar award was for programming in the Business Department. These funds will go toward undergraduate and graduate student scholarships, research for the Business faculty, and the money will also benefit the library and related

facilities and equipment. Graham Spannier stated that, "this is a spectacular milestone for Penn State and Behrend College. This will enhance Behrend's role in the Commonwealth, and will further encourage the integration of teaching and outreach to students." Ted Junker remarked, "we need more classroom space, office space, and athletic facilities. This money greatly helps, and is an inspirational beginning." Just before everyone sampled the celebratory punch and cake, Dr. John Magenau gave praise by saying that the money "is the chance to bring the best of students, technology, and faculty to the School of Business and to Behrend." Magenau then concluded the ceremony by saying, "thanks to John Lilly for his efforts today and every day that he makes to the college."

Behrend becomes Sea Grant College

by Melissa Roberts
staff writer

In October of 1997, Behrend College was chosen to be Pennsylvania's first sight for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Sea Grant Program. The Sea Grant Program involves any state that borders an ocean or one of the Great Lakes, and the program focus in Pennsylvania will be Lake Erie's Watershed.

Dr. Robert Light, Associate Provost at Behrend, will serve as the program's director for the first two years. Light is very qualified to undergo this commitment because of his ten years of research administration experience and Ph.D. in Ecology. Dr. Light says, "The Sea Grant program's short term goals are to create public awareness and provide research funds for faculty, also to get some students involved in doing background research. The program's long term goals mean more money for research opportunities and helping other colleges in the area."

Some steps for the Sea Grant's program development in Pennsylvania include:

1. Establish office modeled after agricultural and engineering extension programs
2. Set up Advisory Council of influential and knowledgeable people
3. Become partner with other Sea Grant programs in the Great Lakes region
4. Recruit extension agents based on local needs and potential to assist neighboring New York and Ohio Sea Grant programs
5. Provide a modest number of development grants in support of relevant applied research projects

Pennsylvania Sea Grant Proposal Outline

The Sea Grant Program's staffing

plan includes hiring:

1. A Coastal Environmental Quality Specialist, whose job would include evaluating Presque Isle Bay Sediment Contamination, Fish Advisory Standardization, and Increased Clarity of Bay and Lake Water
2. A Coastal Tourism and Economic Development Specialist, whose job would include Recruitment, Retention, and Expansion of Coastal-and-Tourism-Related Business and Industry
3. A part-time Staff Assistant

The Sea Grant's program period is March 1 1998-28 February 2001. The program's budget for the first year includes \$159,313 from federal funds and \$122,186 from other sources (Pennsylvania Sea Grant Proposal Outline). If anyone is interested in doing research through the internet or creating a web page for Pennsylvania's Sea Grant program please contact Dr. Robert Light via e-mail at rw12@psu.edu.

Collegian appoints new editorial staff

by Andrea Zaffino
editor in chief

The year is winding down now and as students faculty and staff are getting ready to fulfill their summer plans, many of the student groups on campus are looking ahead to the Fall semester. Just last week the new members of SGA were confirmed and have begun the planning for next year. Much of the same is going on with the student newspaper, the Collegian. The first and most prominent change that most will notice is the name change of the paper to the Behrend College Beacon. The new Editorial staff is completely in place. Anne Rajotte, who was the Managing Editor for the past two semesters has been officially named as the Editor in Chief, and will officially pick up on her duties with an orientation issue in the end of August. Rajotte is excited about her position for next fall and plans to continue in the spirit of change that took place over the past year. "I plan to continue many of the changes started in this year's Collegian," she said.

Rajotte's previous position of Managing Editor will be filled by Ayodele Jones, who was a general assignment reporter in the past. "Ayodele is a hard worker and will be a great asset to the 'Beacon'." Rajotte says of Jones. Jones is pleased by the challenge she will be faced with next year. Of this she said, "This is a great opportunity for me to learn leadership skills and to gain managerial experience."

There will be two News Editors in place. Ik Chan Kang, who picked up the position at the end of this semester, will be joined next year by Will Jordan who was a beat reporter covering weekly events this semester.

The Associate Editor, Brian Ashbaugh, who was in charge of the Calendar section of the paper, will be replaced by Mark Greenbank a beat reporter who covered articles on academic programs for the paper the past semester.

The Features Editor, John Stubbs, the Sports Editor Dylan Stewart and the Photography Editor, Jason Blake will all be resuming their current positions for next semester's Beacon.

Layout Editor, Nathan Mitchell will be assisted by newcomer to the paper, Rose Forrest. Mitchell is confident that Forest will work out well for the upcoming semester. "I think she [Forest] will work out very well and the help will surely be appreciated."

The Editorial section will be enhanced with six additional columnists. However, an editor for the section has not yet been named. There is still some debate as to whether or not there is need for a specific editor to fill the position or if the contents of this page are best off debated and ultimately decided by a consensus of the Editorial board as a whole.

With everything in place on the Editorial board, the staff's current mission is recruiting competent reporters to help cover important events and issues on and around the campus.

Returning Features Editor Jon Stubbs is looking forward to his position next year, "I'm excited about writing and editing for the paper next year."

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- 1st prize - \$30 gift certificate for the PSB Bookstore
- 2nd prize - \$20 gift certificate for the PSB bookstore
- 3rd prize - \$10 gift certificate for the PSB bookstore

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Fri - 10:00am-9:00pm
Sat-Sun - 2:00pm-9:00pm

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