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LILLEY LEAVING

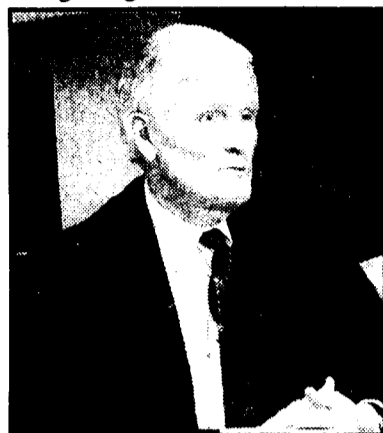
deans, faculty, students, alumni, and Interim President Stephen McFarlane. He also traveled to the Las Vegas campus of the University of Nevada system and met with more members of the UN community.

This past Tuesday the five university system regents unanimously voted for Lilley, despite opposition from a 14-member advisory panel. Those in favor of Lilley's nomination cited his fundraising abilities and community presence as qualities in his favor. Those opposed questioned whether he would be able to make the transition from representing the 3,800 students at Penn State Behrend's campus to the 15,000-student UNR.

"The Board has a very good history of hiring excellent presidents of our institutions, and Dr. Lilley is no exception," said Thalia Dondero, Regents' Chair at UNR. In response to the opposition, Lilley says he will "listen, talk, listen, talk..." He doesn't plan on entering UNR with a plan, but does plan on listening and learning before he makes any decisions.

The seven members of the Board of Regents were expected to approve Lilley's appointment at a board meeting last Thursday.

The University of Nevada, Reno, is the oldest of the seven institutions in Nevada's public system of higher education. UNR has 10 schools and colleges — agriculture, biotechnology and natural resources, arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, human and community sciences, journalism, medicine, and mining and graduate studies.



Dean Lilley makes the announcement that he is leaving

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Las Vegas

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MEHALSO OBSERVATORY

Lilley welcoming the audience to the dedication ceremony, took place at 5:30 p.m. The introduction was followed by a short speech by Michael Perkins, a physics major at Behrend and president of the Astronomy Club.

"I thank you for the benefit of viewing Uranus and Neptune, which I had tried to do last summer; the older telescope gave me some blurry pictures, so I wasn't sure if I was looking at the right thing," Perkins said. "Thank you very much for the new telescope, the sharper imaging and the CCD; this will hopefully make it easier to spot these planets."

The donation from the Mehalsos family included a new refracting telescope and rotating observatory that are controlled by computer.

"The telescope is computer-controlled for imaging work," said Dr. Roger Knacke, director of the School of Science. "This is a nearly first-rate astronomical facility that we have at Penn State Behrend now."

The charged coupled device (CCD) records and saves pictures from the telescope. Other adjustments made were fully handicap-accessible walkways and doorways to the observatory, and a scholarship that will be awarded to science students.

"The Mehalsos also created a scholarship that will be instrumental in instructing students as well," Lilley said.

Following the ceremony was a tour of the new observatory and a dinner honoring the contribution from the

Mehalso family.

Dr. Robert Mehalso, president of his own company, Microtech Associates, has had what Dean Lilley describes as a "remarkable career," beginning here at Behrend in 1961. He graduated from Penn State in 1964 and went on to become, as Dr. Mehalso said, "a serious scientist and entrepreneur."

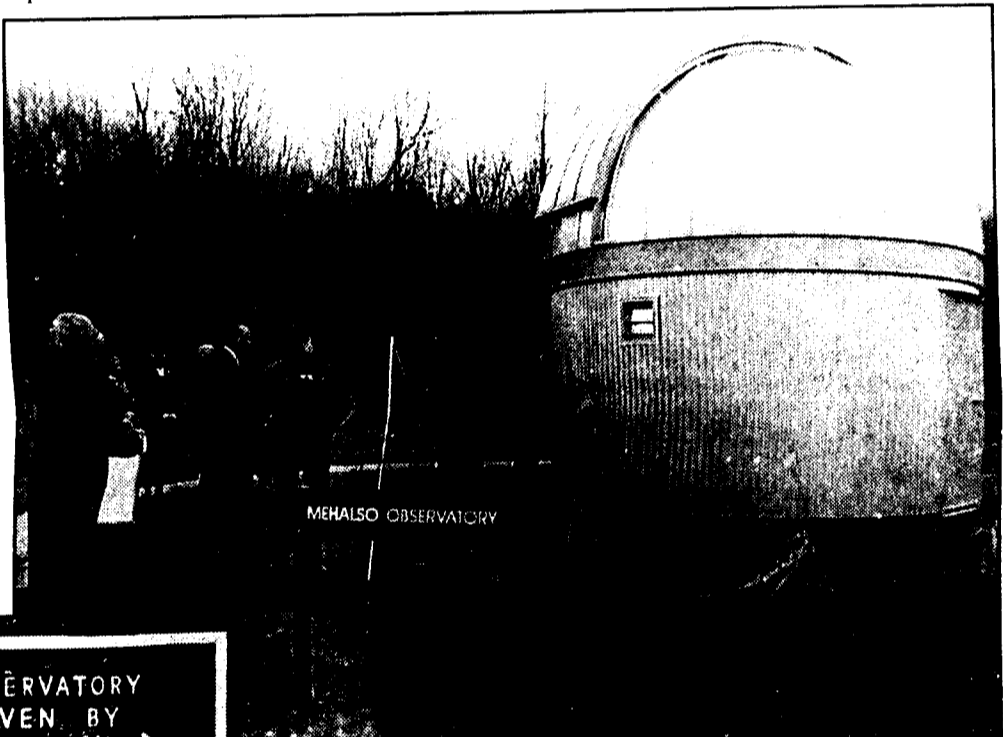
"My first exposure to astronomy was when I was a young boy," Dr. Mehalso began during the dedication ceremony. "There was a tree in our front yard, and by the position of the shade of the tree, I would know exactly when my dad would arrive home from work."

"I am appreciative of the education that Behrend has given me, and I wanted to pay

back Behrend a hundred times," Dr. Mehalso said. "John [Lilley]'s getting pretty excited over here," he added with a chuckle.

As a gift to the Mehalsos, Dr. Knacke presented "heartfelt thanks" for the new equipment for funding the observatory and scholarship for the science students. A photo of the new

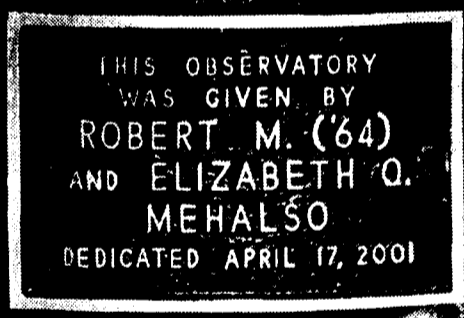
telescope, alongside two pictures taken by the new telescope of the moon's craters and the moons of Jupiter, complemented the framed mosaic. A commemorative plaque, remembering the dedication of the Mehalsos, has been mounted at the base of the new telescope as well.



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ABOVE: The gathering at the Mehalso Observatory dedication ceremony braves the unnaturally brisk weather to explore Behrend's latest addition. LEFT: A plaque commemorating the dedication was affixed to the observatory.



SHAGGY



PHOTO BY ANN MARIE HAVEY

The crew worked diligently during the day on Thursday to get Shaggy's stage set up to specifications.

Elizabeth Livezey, a member of the hospitality committee, described RikRok as being "totally awesome, he was talking with us in his dressing room and hanging out with us." The consensus of the staff when speaking with RikRok was that he was very conversational and he joked with committee members.

RikRok finished at about 9:00 p.m. Shaggy's performance began 15 minutes later.

Shaggy played his three most popular songs one after another: "Angel," "Mr. Boombastic," and "It Wasn't Me." Shaggy played for 60 minutes, but his audience began to leave after hearing the first three songs. Acoustics in the ARC made it difficult to understand Shaggy; therefore, when he played less popular songs, members of the crowd claimed they tuned out.

"Shaggy behaved more like he was performing a chore than entertaining an audience, especially with showing up late and ignoring the staff," said Meggan Allan, ticket sales committee member.

Some students did enjoy the concert. "The concert was entertaining, but when I no longer recognized the

music I became bored," said Sarah Crawshaw, a Mercyhurst College student.

Preparation for the concert began at 7 a.m. The production crew began assembling the stage. This team of approximately 30 Behrend students was led by Jeff Moore. Throughout the day they were busy setting up sound equipment, lighting, and the stage. Hospitality decorated Shaggy's, RikRok's, and Ray' Von's dressing room Wednesday night to prepare for the show. For the concert staff, Thursday consisted of running errands for RikRok, such as them buying grapes.

"The committees did an excellent job," said Kris Motta, assistant director of student activities.

There were 2,500 tickets sold for the concert. This was composed of 1,854 student tickets and 346 faculty/staff/community tickets. Additional tickets were distributed for committee members and ticket giveaways at radio stations.



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ABOVE: Although photo-taking was not allowed during the concert, Shaggy's opening band posed before the concert. RikRok is made up of Chris, Tony, Brian, and RikRok himself (starting from left).



LEFT: The only photo allowed of Shaggy was the one released by his publicity agency.

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