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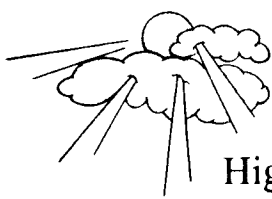
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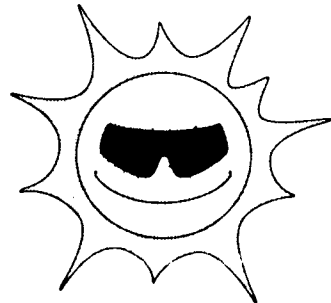
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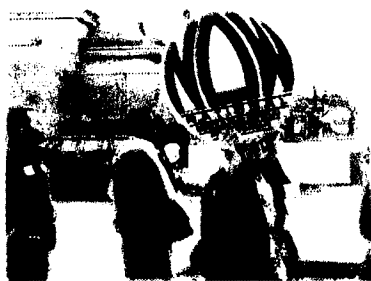


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BACK THE NIGHT
Behrend and Gannon's
Women Today groups team
up to hold successful march
in downtown Erie.



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HAS A WINNER

Stephanie Falcone's
submission for her trip to
her lakehouse in
Minnesota wins her \$250.

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Leaving an indelible mark

- A final chat with Dean Lilley
- Colleagues remember
- 21 points of growth



Lilley's departure comes after 21 years of improvements

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

Imagine walking from one end of the Penn State Behrend campus to the other. Along your stroll, you notice there's no Hammermill Building, no Academic Building, no apartments, no Almy or Ohio Hall, no suites, no playing fields, no ARC, no Logan House and no chapel. You realize that your walk is relatively short and you run into few people along the way.

The walk you just took is the same one that Provost and Dean John Lilley made 21 years ago. The actual walk that you take today is a result of 21 years of growth and development under Lilley's leadership.

"It was a very quiet place," said Lilley about his earliest experiences at Behrend. Enrollment was around 1,700 students, with only 500 resident students. The campus was confined to 405 acres, as opposed to the 750 acres it has secured since Lilley's arrival.

The model for growth began immediately after Lilley's arrival, when he and some colleagues wrote a plan called, "The Grand Plan for Behrend." After this plan was set, Lilley met with Don Alstadt from LORD Corp. for more guidance. The two men spoke for four hours, and when they were finished, Behrend's future was much more clear in

LILLEY'S LEGACY

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UNIVERSITY RELATIONS PHOTO

Dean Lilley presided over 20 years of Commencement ceremonies during his time at Behrend. His last ceremony will take place on May 12 on the Reed Lawn. Lilley, however, will be back in December to watch his son graduate.

Student project leads to bomb scare



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

Students are forced to evacuate the Reed Union Building when a suspicious object was spotted by the west entrance of the building. The object was found to have been a student's model submarine.

by Rob Wynne, Liz Hayes,
and Christine Kleck
wire service editor, news editor,
and associate editor

Approximately 300 students were evacuated from the campus buildings as Behrend administrators alerted local law enforcement officials that a small, bottle-shaped object wrapped with tape and wire - possibly a bomb - was sitting behind the Reed Union Building at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

In the end, the object detonated, but by means of the City of Erie Police Bomb Squad. "Well, it turned out to be a rocket model," said sergeant Tom Stankiewicz, the officer in charge of the bomb squad. "No one ever said it was a 'bomb;' it was just suspicious-looking."

"What we're looking at is a device-replica of a space shuttle with black tape and wires wrapped around it and the word 'ballast' showing on part of it," said Senior Associate Provost and Senior Associate Dean Dr. Jack Burke during the time of the evacuation.

A student has since come forward, claiming ownership of the "device." The student said that it was a model submarine he had been using for an oral presentation, given in class

shortly before the model was found. The student claims that he did not intend to disrupt the daily operations of the university, and that the object was never intended to look like a bomb.

Bill Donahue, manager of Police and Safety Services, said that the student came forward on his own accord. Donahue also said that the incident had nothing to do with what is happening at University Park. As far as Donahue is concerned, the matter has been settled to his satisfaction.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, staff members noticed the object outside of the side entrance of Reed, along the pathway that goes to the west side of campus. Standard emergency protocol was then followed. Students in the Reed Union Building were evacuated to the Lower Reed Lot while Police and Safety checked the building. Students were allowed back in the building after approximately 20 minutes.

However, about 10 minutes after being allowed back into the Reed Building, the fire alarms sounded and students and personnel were

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Wynne to start a new era for the Beacon

Snyder steps down after two-year reign as editor-in-chief

by Liz Hayes
news editor

Dean Lilley will not be the only person stepping down at the end of this year: Jason Snyder, the *Beacon's* current editor-in-chief, and Dr. Robert Speel, associate professor of political science and advisor to the *Beacon*, will also be vacating their positions.

"Deciding to step down from the editor-in-chief position was one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make," said Snyder, who made the decision to step down at the beginning of this past semester.

"I'm worn out from the weekly grind, which makes this the perfect opportunity to pass the job on to someone else with fresh ideas," said Snyder.

Snyder, a junior majoring in communications, has been the editor-in-chief for the past two years. During his first year at Behrend he was the sports editor.

"When I signed up for the newspaper writing class here, I had no idea that I would move up so quickly. I saw a position was open

as sports editor, my favorite section at the time, so I asked about it and was brought aboard."

Rob Wynne, a fourth-semester history major, will be taking control of the reins this summer.

"I'm looking forward to a smooth transition, and although Jason is leaving, we have many talented veterans remaining that make up a great team."

Wynne served as the wire service editor this year and auto page editor this past semester. During Wynne's first semester he was a staff writer for the paper, and during his second semester he was an associate editor in charge of writing the staff editorials for the editorial page.

"It's a big step up from wire-service editor, but I'll try to fill Jay's shoes as best as I can."

"Rob is a perfect fit for the job. He is committed in continuing to work off of the framework that has been set, while still striving to improve," said Snyder. "The *Beacon* has been left in good hands with Rob and his new staff."

Wynne has various goals for the *Beacon* next year. Much of the



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

Jason Snyder, left, and Rob Wynne, right, meet with the *Beacon* Advisory Board to officially appoint Wynne as editor-in-chief.

present layout will probably remain the same, with small stylistic and content changes. He would like to stress a more error-free and easier-to-read newspaper. By working with the *Beacon's* new production manager,

Dave Richards of the *Erie Times-News*, he believes this goal will be

BEACON CHANGES

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Two suspects investigated for equipment thefts

by Jeff Miller
managing editor

This past semester Behrend has been subjected to five data projector thefts. These are the projectors that are suspended from the ceilings of many classrooms and are used with PowerPoint and other programs. Police and Safety Services, with the help of the Pennsylvania State Police, have followed the leads in the case and have two suspects.

"With the help of a citizen we were able to identify two very strong suspects. An informant came forward with information that wasn't firsthand. So we back-tracked it to gather enough evidence," said William Donahue, manager of Police and Safety Services.

Due to the ongoing investigation Police and Safety is unable to release

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