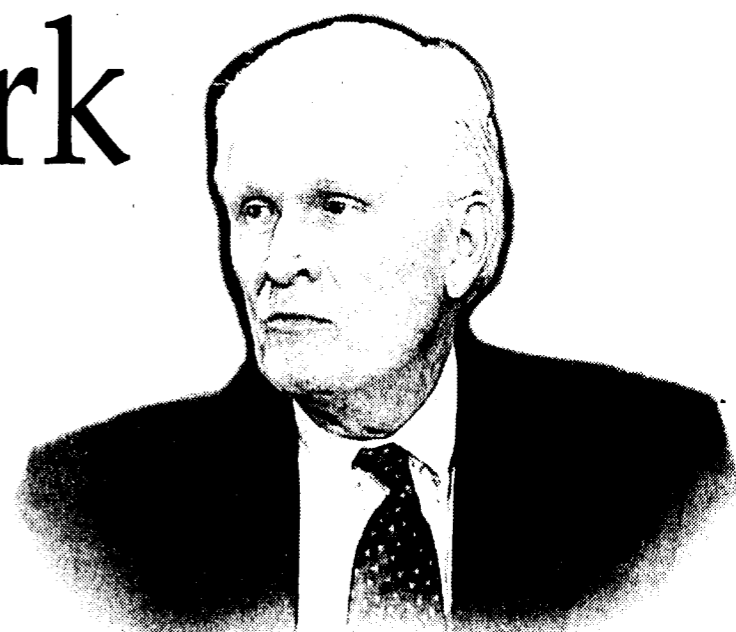


Leaving an indelible mark

A look back at Provost and Dean John Lilley's vision for a good today and even better tomorrow...



LILLEY'S LEGACY

Lilley's mind. During the talk with Alstadt, Lilley learned more about the focus of a land-grant college and its role in providing a more stable economy in the region. Lilley also learned about Behrend's purpose as a research-oriented college. When this vision was established, the only roadblock was cost. "From then on, it's just been a matter of trying to put the money together," said Lilley. Upon Lilley's arrival, he had very little experience in raising money. "I never raised any money in my life," said Lilley. "I just looked around and said, 'I don't have any choice.'" Lilley raised some money: \$65 million to be exact.

"Most of our money came from very generous alumni, but we've had such generosity from people in this community who are not Behrend alumni, who believed in our mission," said Lilley.

"Behrend is truly implementing the University's research and land-grant mission," said Lilley. "We've added some wonderful buildings that I'm very proud of. We've grown faster than the University could keep up with us."

The most recent success is one of Lilley's proudest. "The most exciting professional thing recently was the day that the Governor announced the \$30 million for the REDC," said Lilley. "Professionally, it was one of those days that's about as good as it gets."

Lilley realized the importance of the REDC to the future of Behrend, which made him "tenacious," in his own words, in getting the funding for that building. "There's nothing I had to work harder for to get than that \$30 million. And I would have never, ever taken this job [Univ. of Nevada, Reno] if that hadn't been secured," assured Lilley.

"I could not have left without absolutely knowing that Behrend's future, and the future that I could have given to it, would have been secured," added Lilley.

Even with the material growth that Behrend has secured over the past 21 years, Lilley is more proud of the people that surround him. "I would be absolutely foolish to suggest that there aren't many other people who did a great job preparing," said Lilley.

"I am most proud of the quality of the faculty, and staff and students. If you were to look at the scholarly records back then and the scholarly records now, they are pretty different." This difference comes from the cleaning up the college has done in changing a system with three divisions of study, to four schools. Lilley feels this change has made things run much more smoothly.

Joe Paterno has visited campus several times since Lilley was hired. The meeting shown here occurred in the early 80s. Paterno last visited Behrend in the summer of 2000.



Lilley also helped Behrend earn more of an identity during his time at the college. One of his first moves when he arrived at Behrend involved changing the campus mascot from Cubs to Lions. "I just said, 'look, this is silly. We're not the Cubs. We're not some diminutive. We should be the Lions.'"

Research done at the time justified Lilley's decision to change the name. "The lion that is the basis for our mascot was a real mountain lion that roamed from Maryland all the way to Michigan. There was a lion that had been at University Park that wound up in the Pittsburgh area for some reason, and stayed there for quite some time," said Lilley. "It hit me like a ton of bricks. I thought, 'well, if that lion roamed from Maryland to Michigan and roamed Mount Nittany, you know it roamed the Behrend woods.'"

From that point on, Behrend athletic teams and the entire Behrend community began to call Behrend's mascot the lion. "There was no call of action. I just said we're the Behrend Lions and we went after it," said Lilley. Professionally, Lilley's job at Behrend has been full of successes. Lilley's personal life wasn't always that way. He was divorced after he joined the Behrend community, leaving a sadness within him. "During that sad time, I have a whole long list of heroes who were extraordinarily nice to me when they could see my sadness over a marriage, that after 25 years had dissolved."

"But then there's new life and opportunities and new love and new things that you just couldn't have imagined." His new love came when Ted Junker, Penn State's former Board of Trustees Chair and Lilley's friend, introduced him to his current wife, Gerrie. The two have been married for 13 years and

Lilley would challenge anyone who says you have to be young to fall in love. "It's even better when you're older," said Lilley.

Lilley knows a lot about getting better. Behrend's improvement exemplifies that. But Lilley stresses the importance of being future-oriented and to not be satisfied with what the present holds.

"I am cheerfully dissatisfied. Nothing is ever good enough, including me and everybody around us. We can all be better, and that's our business. To make sure that all of us get better."

"Behrend has an extraordinarily bright future," said Lilley. In the making, are projects such as the chapel and carillon, something that Lilley regrets not being able to see happen. Lilley is also very excited for the REDC and the possibilities of future varsity athletics taking place on Behrend's land near Kanty Prep on East 38th Street.

Lilley's new job as president of the University of Nevada, Reno offers some of the same challenges that Behrend has offered throughout his stay. Both schools are land-grant colleges, which has proven to be an area of strength for Lilley. Lilley is aware of the challenges and is excited to take on the broader mission that the University of Nevada, Reno presents.

"After 21 years, I leave with a heavy heart," said Lilley. "It's just a classic bittersweet moment."

"Since last Thursday night, I've taken a whole new look at it [Behrend campus]. I'm looking at it this week with new eyes, with a new sensitivity, because it's going to disappear from my daily life, but it won't disappear from my mind."

"I'm not, in any way, checking out on my love and affection for the Behrend Lions. I will always watch this place very carefully with a great sense of pride."

"I think I'm one of the luckiest people in the world, to have been given this opportunity." Penn State Behrend is lucky for having been his home.

Members of Behrend's administration were asked what they will miss most about Dean Lilley. Here is what they had to say:

"John has been our 'dean of deans,' one of Penn State's most experienced and talented leaders. The University of Nevada, Reno has landed one of the top university administrators in the nation. We will miss John greatly at Penn State. His energy, style, talent, and accomplishments will be remembered with great fondness."

-Dr. Graham Spanier, Penn State President



"I suppose what I'll miss most is the example he has set for all of us to work very hard for a cause that has meaning and importance in our lives, to have vision, and to be caring and civil. He's an extraordinary leader and mentor, and I shall miss him greatly."

-Dr. Chris Reber, Associate Provost for Advancement

"First impressions can stay with a person a long time. I vividly remember the interviews with a younger John Lilley back in 1980. I knew he would be our new Dean. He always said, 'I'll stay at Behrend as long as I'm still having fun doing this job.' Well, he was still having fun! But someone offered him a more challenging playground."

-Robert Schenker, Senior Registrar



"I will miss John's incredible ability to press, urge and encourage students, faculty and staff to stretch their abilities and realize today's realities were yesterday's dreams, so keep dreaming and strive to make your dreams tomorrow's realities."

-Ed Mulfinger,

Associate Director of Housing and Food Services at University Park



"Dean Lilley provided dynamic, absolutely dedicated leadership to the campus. He deserves much credit for its growth and development since 1980. His successors will be challenged to maintain the momentum of the last two decades."

-Dr. Roger Knacke, Director of the School of Science

"John is truly a visionary in his thinking, and that is a trait that is very rare. He literally looks decades into the future in terms of his vision for what Behrend can become."

Dr. Jack Burke, Senior Associate Provost and Senior Associate Dean



"His directness. John seldom minces words. You know where he stands and what's on his mind. The biggest change on campus? There will be more cookies available at meetings. John has a tremendous sweet tooth and his ability to chow on cookies is legendary."

-Ken Miller,

Director of Student Affairs

The following timeline takes a look back at the highlights of the past 20 years. With all of the growth that has occurred at Behrend in the two decades of Dean Lilley's reign, one tends to wonder just what was here before the Dean arrived...

Dr. John M. Lilley from Kansas State University was selected from 140 candidates as the new Provost and Dean of Penn State Behrend.

The economics and general business majors were added, and political science was revised. The Economic Research Institute of Erie was established.

Plans to construct new housing for 300 students were announced. Ground was broken for the Hammerrill and Zurn Buildings. Plans for a new fitness center, at a cost of \$5.5 million and scheduled to open in 1987, were announced.

The School of Business and Division of Humanities and Social Sciences were created. Behrend was awarded \$9.6 million from the state for the Library and Academic Building. Dean Lilley chaired the University's Council of Academic Deans.

The college celebrated 40 years. The new plastics lab opened its doors. Behrend adopted the Diehl School. Dr. Bob Light was named associate provost and associate dean.

Erie Hall was renovated. The Stair Tower was built, and ground was broken for the three residence suites. Music at Noon: The Logan Wintergarden Series began.

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Dean Lilley hired Dr. Jack Burke as the associate dean of the college (Burke is now senior associate provost and senior associate dean and will serve as interim dean until Dean Lilley's replacement has been chosen).	Dean Lilley announced a \$9 million fundraising drive for capital projects and scholarship endowments. GE donated \$500,000 to fund the Computer Center.	Discussion on adding a plastics major began and a committee was formed to raise funds for equipment. The Hammerrill and Zurn Buildings were dedicated. The MBA program was launched and Dr. John Magenau was hired.	The plastics engineering technology program was initiated. Dr. Chris Reber became Dean of Student Affairs. The PSB Alumni Society was established. Plans for a Bookstore addition to the Reed Union Building were drawn.	WPSE radio went on air. A new master plan was created, calling for the renovation of the Science Building, more housing, and added parking. The fitness center's price tag increased to \$7.5 million.	The 17-year old ROTC program was discontinued. The Penn State Educational Partnership Program (PEPP) began. Mrs. Kay Logan presented the former Mack estate (now Logan House) as a gift to the college.	The plastics program was accredited by ABET, making it only one of two accredited programs in the country. Housing renovated Dobbins Hall and the Child Care Center was opened. Behrend's annual faculty research grants topped \$1 million for the first time.	The Engineering Complex was completed. Women's soccer became a varsity sport. The international studies minor was approved.	Logan House renovations were completed and the building was dedicated. Bruno's was also renovated. Almy Hall opened, and the state approved \$10 million for the fitness center (up from \$7.6 million in 1989).	The Smith family announced that it would fund a chapel and carillon. ROTC returned. Ohio Hall opened its doors, and Governor Ridge visited to dedicate Knowledge Park. Dr. Clare Porac was named director of the School of H&SS. Behrend held its first All-Class Reunion.	Behrend's Speaker Series was deemed the most Distinguished Lecture Program in the nation. The Division of Science and the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology were created. Dr. Knacke, director of the School of Science, came to Behrend. Ground for the Engineering Complex was broken.	The college dedicated the Library and Academic Building, finally giving the library a permanent home. The women's basketball team won its first NCAA tournament game.	Behrend's first study abroad program was led by Dr. Stephen DeHart. The Engineering Complex was dedicated with the help of donors Jim Benson, Richard Fasenmyer, the Lorangers, Hoop Roche, Joe Prischak, and Bill Witkowski.	Behrend celebrated its 50th anniversary. The School of Business received a donation of \$20 million, Behrend's largest donation ever and third largest in Penn State history. The site of the ARC was dedicated and ground was broken for Knowledge Park.	Men's basketball made it to the NCAA Elite Eight Tournament for Division III. GE Transportation Systems donated the six-ton locomotive cab. Dr. Robert Simoneau was appointed director of the SEET. Planning continued for the linkage of Behrend's campus with the Eastside Access Highway. Behrend is ranked as one of the country's "hot" and "trendy" colleges by Kaplan/Newsweek. Governor Ridge returned to release \$30 million in state money for the funding of the Research and Economic Development Center, adjacent to Knowledge Park.