

# President Expresses View on Name Change

The Collegian recently received a letter from Irvin Kochel, director of Behrend College, which was sent to him from John Oswald, President of Pennsylvania State University. The letter includes the president's comments concerning the status of Behrend College. The letter is printed in its entirety below.

Dear Mr. Kochel:

I want to take this opportunity to express my personal pleasure in the action taken by the Board of Trustees at the time of their January meeting to recognize the special status and mission of the Behrend Campus. In keeping with the Academic Policy Plan and the recommendations of the Academic Planning Task Force of the Behrend Campus, the Board of Trustees officially approved the recommendation to change the name of the Behrend Campus to the Behrend College of The Pennsylvania State University, effective immediately. In addition, the Board authorized the establishment of the position of Dean of Faculty of the Behrend College. The appointment of this chief academic officer is critical to the academic program development of the campus. The Board also approved conversion of the existing

maintenance building to a faculty office facility and authorized construction of a new maintenance building.

I am keenly aware of the significance of these actions, not only to the faculty, students and advisory board members, but also the significance of the action in broadening and strengthening the capacity of The Pennsylvania State University to serve the Commonwealth. The Behrend College of The Pennsylvania State University will provide an added educational dimension and increase the diversity of educational opportunities available through Penn State. Great challenges lie ahead as we attempt to bring into reality the unique contributions the Behrend College can make to the



John W. Oswald  
PSU President

University, and at the same time maintain the unity that must characterize the Penn State system.

Provost Larson, to whom you will now be responsible, has advised me that he intends to proceed immediately with the development of a search committee to identify able candidates for the newly created position of Dean of Faculty. This position is crucial to the future development of the campus, and I am sure Dr. Larson will be in close contact with you in connection with this and other matters.

Many individuals contributed to the development of the Behrend College to its current state, especially the dedicated faculty, staff and students of the campus. I look forward to going to Erie and to the Behrend College within the next couple of months to meet with them. In the interim, however, I would appreciate it if you would indicate to faculty and staff members and students my very personal pleasure in this significant action taken by the Board of Trustees of the University.

Sincerely yours,  
John W. Oswald  
President

## Your Chance To Dance All Night

University Park, Pa., Jan.—For those of you who have at one time said, "I could have danced all night"—here's your chance.

The Interfraternity Council at The Pennsylvania State University is sponsoring a 30-hour dance marathon, from 6 p.m. on Friday, February 3, to midnight on Saturday, February 4.

Dance partners will be competing in the ballroom of the Hetzel Union Bldg. at the University for prizes totaling \$500.

Proceeds from the event, which requires a \$10 entry fee, will go to the Sheltered Workshop of Butler, headquarters of the Butler County chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Fifty young volunteers from the Workshop will be in State College during that weekend to collect donations and to help with the marathon for those wanting to telephone donations.

According to officials of the marathon, a point system will determine the winners of the prizes, including a \$300 first prize. Points will be awarded for time danced and for money donated in the name of a particular couple. Second prize is \$100 and there will be two \$50 third prizes.

All couples taking part in the dancing will receive free T-shirts, designating them as official marathon dancers.

Information on the marathon and entry blanks can be obtained in Room 203-E, Hetzel Union Building. Entry fees must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 1.

## Editorial Opinion

# Has The War Ended?

With President Nixon's announcement of a Vietnam truce, sighs of relief spread through the campus. This long awaited compromise marks the end of a war most of us have known since our first years in grade school. And now, finally, it has come to an end for the Americans.

In recognition of the truce, Dean Lane held a meeting of peace and reconciliation in commemoration of America's involvement in the Vietnam war. For the few who were present, a sense of empathy was received from Dean Lane's reading of three moving war poems. A statement from the theme of a poem by Marinne Moore emphasized that: "We can't have peace until the causes of war are solved within us."

Accompanying the poems was a moment of silent meditation, in remembrance of the 56,000 men who were killed, 303,000 wounded and the 1,365 still missing.

As mentioned above, only a few were present at Dean Lane's peace and reconciliation meeting. It is possible that lack of publicity is to blame. But surely more than thirteen people saw the signs posted. This is not intended to be a lack of interest story on the part of the students, because on Saturday night, a group of dorm students got together and had a "peace party" of their own in Niagara West.

Elsewhere, throughout the country various ceremonies occurred Saturday at 7:00

p.m., when the war was officially over. Porch lights were turned on, peace marches took place, prayer sessions were held, and church bells rang.

For whom did the bells toll? Lists are being published of those killed in action, the prisoners of war who died, and living prisoners of war who are returning. Many servicemen are still listed as missing in action, with little or no clue as to their whereabouts. Troops are being moved out of Vietnam. Announcements are being continually made concerning military men killed before the cease fire. The North and South Vietnamese have continued fighting, but military strategists feel this is of little importance and the war will gradually end.

1973 marks the end of a long and costly war for the U.S. We should all take time out from our daily routines as students and give a few moments of deep thought to the end of America's involvement in the war and the Hell our men have known since Dec. 22, 1961, when the first American serviceman was killed in action.

It's a happy time because we're out of the war, but it's also a mournful occasion. Many have died, and the motives behind the war are questionable. Death is not a query but rather a final statement on life. We've stopped fighting, but are we really out of the war? And if so, for how long?

## Letter To The Editor Nixon Pulls Through?

Now that the peace treaty has been signed, everyone will breathe a sigh of relief and go back to their Rod Stewart records. The President came through after all, right?

Well, maybe. There have been 257 treaty violations on Monday alone. Post-war casualty figures are rolling in by the thousands. B-52 bombers are still in operation over Laos. Furthermore, the well-publicized International Commission of Control and Supervision lacks any authority or power of treaty enforcement as reported on Tuesday noon. Hotcha!

While the military forces are leaving Vietnam, Gulf Oil Corporation, Coca-Cola, I.B.M., and a host of others, including Presidential economic advisors will remain to keep their fingers in the till. Why can't we simply let

Vietnam be for the Vietnamese people instead of for the American wanton desires?

The end of the war must not cloud your vision of Presidential manipulations. Don't let the announcements of peace and prosperity he may make fool you. The Congress is becoming progressively weaker while the executive branch, the President, and the Cabinet, grows ever stronger. Last month the education budget was cut again for the third time. Up goes the tuition rates again. This week he announced he is cutting back on farm subsidies, which means the local farm families get shafted again.

Please, people, pay attention. Behrend is an institution of education: Whatever you get here is no good if you don't use it. Andy Caplan and Jeff French

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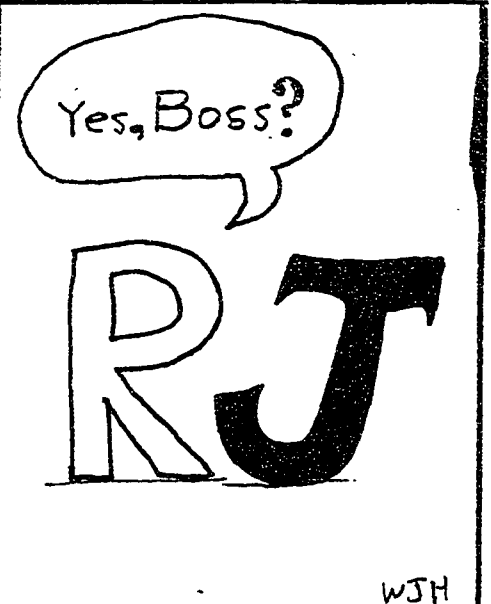
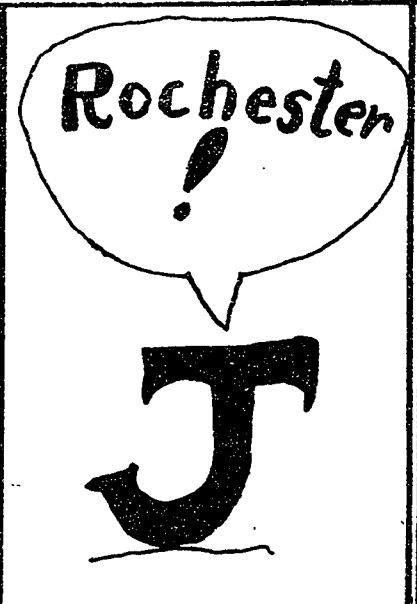
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