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Top Administrators To Leave Behrend



Miller Brewing Company's presentation to Director Kochel of a \$200 check for the athletic fund.

In an unexpected move, Behrend Director Irvin Kochel announced on January 31, his decision to leave Behrend College and accept an administrative position within the Penn State System. His announcement was coupled with that of Dean of Faculty, Dr. Thomas Fox's decision to return to the Main Campus and Penn State President John W. Oswald's creation of a single dean position consolidating the offices of the Director and the Dean of Faculty.

Mr. Kochel will serve as Assistant Vice President to Dr. Richard E. Grubb, the current Vice President. Mr. Kochel will hold the third highest Administrative post. His major responsibilities will include Student Aid, Career Development and Placement and Managerial services. His services will be made available to 52,000 students.

Mr. Kochel, a native of Boyerstown, Pa., earned his B.S. and M.D. Degrees from Penn State. Before coming to Behrend in 1954, he worked in Administrative posts at the Schuylkill and Harrisburg Campuses of Penn State.

Mr. Kochel, who is a World War II Veteran, holds the rank of Associate Professor with the University.

During his 25 year stay at Behrend, Mr. Kochel has been involved with the growth of Behrend from a one year center to a four year college.

"When I came here 25 years ago," claims Mr. Kochel, "there were the original Behrend

Buildings," Turnbull, the Theatre Studio, the Faculty Office Building, the Administration Building and Erie Hall. By the Fall term of 1954, enrollment had peaked to 223 students; the first time the number exceeded 200. Mr. Kochel described this as a "good omen" and that fall Behrend Center had its first sophomore class.

Irvin Kochel's main goal when he came to Behrend a quarter of a century ago was to develop it into a 4 year college. He recalled that when he first viewed the Behrend Hills, he told his wife, "That would be a great place to build residence halls". Since 1954, 2 campus buildings have been constructed. The estimated value of these facilities has increased from 918,000 dollars in 1954 to 3,023,000 at present.

"Every building on this campus has been built by community funds, federal funds and state funds," Kochel said.

His activities in and around the Erie area include: a post as the director of the National Bank of North East; Chairman of the Lake Erie Newcome Society; membership to numerous Boards of Directors; a listing in the "Who's Who in American Education", and in 1970, he was chosen "Man of the Year" by the Wesleyville Rotary Club.

Mr. Kochel feels that he will leave Behrend in a very "Solid stable condition." He hopes that Behrend's academic progress will "reflect a continuous high quality." He maintains that change is inevitable and believes that Behrend "ought to retain the

flexibility to meet the demands of our community."

Director Kochel's remarks concerning the recent consolidation of his office and that of the Dean of Faculty's were favorable. "I think it's good to have a single Dean, good internally." Running Behrend College was described as "demanding" and he further stated "I wish my successor well."

Dean Thomas Fox who will also be leaving in September, has been at Behrend since March 1974. Previously, Dr. Fox was a faculty member of University Park's Economic Department. He received his Bachelors Degree from Kansas Wesleyan University. Then, at the Maxwell Graduate School of Civic and Public Affairs of Syracuse University, in New York. Dr. Fox earned his M.D. and PH.D. in Economics and completed extensive graduate work in Public Administration.

His total commitment to work on the transition from a commonwealth campus to a college prevented him, "from teaching students and remaining active in my own profession." When Dean Fox arrived on Campus the College was loosely constructed under the direct jurisdiction of the Main Campus. As he put it, "there were no Academic Divisions or Academic Administration." In reference to his six year stay at Behrend, he proclaimed, that "they were the most exciting years of my career." He felt that the type of experience found in many large universities were found on a

smaller scale at Behrend. He oversaw the structuring of Behrend College from "ground zero" and was the youngest Dean U.P. has ever appointed.

The new Dean, he said will have the time to make "further improvements and refinements. I think the new person will find his job exciting and dynamic."

Regarding students and faculty he has many high regards.

"Behrend has a very fine student body, a very talented student body." "I think Behrend has the strongest faculty in the Erie Metropolitan area, frankly, the teaching is excellent."

Within six months the officials will conduct a nationwide search for the new position. The procedure should yield a new administrator in time for the 80-81 academic year.



Dean Thomas Fox

Anti-War Group Registering Conscientious Objectors

The Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors has announced that they are registering individuals who are opposed to participation in the military.

Larry Spears, director of CCCO's Youth and Conscientious Objection Campaign says, "The need for young people to go on record as conscientious objectors has never been greater than it is today."

According to Spears, "There is a very good possibility that Congress will pass a bill, after the 1980 elections, requiring the mandatory registration of young people with Selective Service. Young Americans should think about whether they could participate in the military."

Spears says that the CCCO has already registered several thousand young people through its conscientious objection card. "These cards are available from CCCO, P.O. Box 15796, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. They simply state, "Because of my beliefs about war, I am opposed to participation in the military."

According to Betty Alexander, a National Selective Service Spokesperson in Washington, the cards should carry a lot of weight in convincing a draft board of an objector's sincerity. "It sounds like a rational approach," she said. "It shows the applicant is not experiencing a late crystallization of beliefs."

"The (CCCO) are a very organized group. They know a statement made at this time would carry a lot of weight. If the draft is reinstated and a young

man can prove he went on record in a time when he was not in danger of going to war, then it might have some influence on his board."

"The usefulness of this card," says Spears, "is that it provides a record of an individual's opposition to war and the military. Under current Selective Service regulations, an individual who is called up for active duty will have only 10 days to put together his or her claim. This CO card will help

demonstrate to the military the thousands of young people who will not serve in the military even if the nation reinstates the draft."

CCCO was founded in 1948 as the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors and is a national agency for counseling young Americans facing the prospect of military service.

Write: CCCO-An Agency for Military and Draft Counseling, P.O. Box 15796, Philadelphia, Pa 19103, or call: 215-568-7971.

Reserve Duty For ROTC

Army ROTC students in the four year or two year program at Behrend College may elect to serve in either the Army Reserve or Army National Guard upon graduation and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant, according to Cpt. Schneider, Asst. Professor of Military Science.

"This is an important consideration for many of our students," Cpt. Schneider explained. "Since it allows them to select the Reserve Component of their choice to complete their military obligation and begin their civilian careers at the same time." ROTC Scholarship students, however, are required to serve four years in the Active Army to fulfill their military obligation.

"It's like being able to do two things at the same time. A student is able to serve his

country in a meaningful way while getting started on his own personal civilian career and receiving pay for both," Cpt. Schneider added.

Another important factor of the Reserve Forces Duty option is that, in most cases, the new Second Lieutenants are assigned to a Reserve unit located in or near the town or city in which they live and work. "The new graduates meet other men and women in the Reserve units who are already actively involved in their communities and these contacts are more important both socially and in a career sense," Cpt. Schneider added.

When a cadet enrolled in the Advanced Course, he or she may have the option of electing to serve in the Army Reserve or National Guard. However, students may compete for service in the Active Army as well.

Culture Comes To Behrend

The Alard String Quartet performed at Behrend on January 29. Their concert consisted of three pieces: "Quartet in D minor, k. 421," by W.A. Mozart; "Second String Quartet", by Hall Overton; and "Piano Quintet", by Ernest Bloch. The Mozart quartet was the first and only piece played by the foursome written by a classical composer. This very traditionally styled work made a fine introduction to the next two pieces.

Overton's "Second String Quartet" was the first of their contemporary renditions. This piece, written in 1954, displayed liberal use of chromatic invention, harmony, and melody. Similar to this piece (in mode), was Bloch's "Piano Quintet." Here, the Alard Quartet was

brilliantly assisted by Phyllis Triolo at the piano. The Behrend debut, part of their tour of all Penn State campuses, was definitely too well performed for our more than humble community.

Pantomime, visited Behrend on February 5, in the form of Dan Kamin. Dan opened the door of his wall of silence so that he could show and explain to the audience many of the aspects of his art, pantomime.

Dan's material, which is comically oriented, ranged from hitch-hiking to the president portrayed as a narrowly escaping lightroper. Some favorites were his dance, the sermon, his magic show, and improvisations. After his performance here, he set off to finish his tour of Penn State campuses.