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Faculty member recognized for excellence

Dr. Edwin Masteller selected by *The Journal of the Kansas Entomological Society*

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"Don't know much about history, don't know much *biology*...": The words may have been sung by Sam Cooke, but biology students Jill Bejarano, left, and Suzanne Confer, right, wouldn't have used them to describe Dr. Edwin C. Masteller.

Asst. V.P. speaks at Behrend concerning Student Affairs

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Dr. Thomas Eakin, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs, visited Behrend campus yesterday, March 3.

Eakin's responsibilities stretch across the University. He provides leadership, consultation and support for Student Affairs programs throughout the Penn State system. Eakin works with campus staffs and professors "behind the scenes." More importantly, he feels, he is helping campuses balance their

money and decrease their expenditures.

Behrend is not a CES (Commonwealth Educational System) campus because of its four-year majors. CES campuses have only two-year programs. Eakin stopped here in Erie to compare Behrend to CES campuses.

Eakin's goal is to spend one day at all University campuses throughout the academic year.

Concerning his goals for CES campuses, Eakin stated, "The first year is dedicated to getting a better understanding of the problems. We are trying to take

our time to get a better understanding of all points of view."

While at Behrend, Eakin talked with Dr. Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs, and met with the Counseling, Student Activities, Residence Life and Human Relations staffs. Eakin also met with Provost and Dean Dr. John M. Lilley, and student leaders.

Also on his agenda were tours of the Career Development Center and the Carriage House, which is a proposed site for the new Health and Wellness Center.

Eakin obtained his bachelor's degree from IUP, and his master's and doctorate degrees from University Park.

Eakin came to Penn State seeking employment for only three years. Three years has now turned into 22.

"It's a new part of my life...I feel I've made a positive contribution," claimed Eakin.

In his spare time, Eakin plays golf, squash and reads.

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