

# Plans for 50th anniversary celebration progress

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Last Friday morning, the planning committee for Behrend's 50th anniversary held their second meeting. The forum began with discussion of a theme for the year long celebration. With no new suggestions added, the idea previously offered at the first committee meeting, "Penn State Behrend at fifty, a golden opportunity" became the established theme.

Next, the focus was on the Medallion Dinner which will take place on August 28th of this year. This dinner will be the event to kick off the entire celebration. Ideas for a speaker at the Medallion Dinner are still up in the air. Peggy Bach, the Manager of Special Events at Penn State Behrend, presented a list of various names, mainly historians and authors, for consideration to speak at the dinner. One name that was given particular mention was Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of *No Ordinary Times* and the only woman on the list. A suggestion was also made that a current Behrend student could receive an award at the dinner.

There was some discussion on who will be included in this dinner. Anne Marie Welsh, the Manager of Publications and Public Information at Behrend suggested that it be, "an invited

occasion, not a faculty or student affair, for community leaders."

There was mild disagreement over this issue among committee members. Gerrie Lilley, who acted as committee chair in Tom Hagen's absence said, "Every time we do an event at Behrend, we are absolutely challenged about who to include."

The actual date that the Behrend College turns fifty is on October 30th 1998, which is known as "Founder's Day." There was no discussion of a particular event to take place on this day. International Paper, formerly known as Hammermill Paper, which is another of the Behrend family's significant contributions to the Erie community, will be celebrating its centennial in May of '98. However, there was no talk of incorporating this in any way with Behrend's 50th anniversary.

Another project the planning committee addressed was an event known as the Lantern Tours, which will consist of small productions displaying reenactments of the Behrend family history. These tours will most likely take place in late January or early February of 1999, under the guidance of Behrend's Theater Director, Tony Elliot. The targeted audience for the tours will be members of the commu-

nity, students and perhaps alumni. Anne Marie Welsh recommended that students who wish to see the tour should not have to pay a charge for tickets or possibly get them at a discount price.

Plans for an All Class Reunion were also addressed. The event may run into some conflict as University Park is planning to have an All Class Reunion for next year as well.

Some other things were brought up and touched on lightly at the end of the meeting. For instance there was talk of a formal dance next year, which would be mainly a student-faculty event. Chris Rizzo, Director of Student Activities, pointed out that "[A formal dance] was always Mary Behrend's dream."

There were also suggestions for a lapel pin or a charm to commemorate the occasion, and for a student photography and drawing contest with a 50th anniversary theme to it. Some prices were debated on commissioning a statue, probably a bust, of Mary Behrend, and one last possibility discussed was an ice cream flavor served at the creamery at University Park to be named in commemoration of Behrend's 50th anniversary.

## Parking continued

Dabrowski, 04 MIS, says, "It is a real pain to have to park far when your only visiting someone to pick up a paper and to say hello." Dabrowski understands that it wouldn't be fair to the residents to have to walk farther.

John Ream, director of operations, understands these views. Ream stated, "Lots are used as efficiently as possible. Before, students couldn't use certain lots. There was a time that the Dobbins lot was not accessible to the Dobbins employees. Now the staff of Housing and Food Services have a place to park. Ream pointed out that they pay for their permits as well, so they should have a place to park."

Ream wants everyone to use the lots as efficiently as possible, from the commuters, to the students, to the staff, and to visitors. On the issue of towing, Ream simply states, "Where is the line, either you tow or you don't tow." Donahue pointed out that that was the only way to keep control.

Donahue and Ream share the same idea that without a fine or tow, people will continue to park, wherever they please. It isn't intended to be inconvenient, but whether it be guests or residents, the regulations must be enforced. Police and Safety want students to understand that it up to the host to ensure that there guests don't get tickets or towed by finding out the appropriate information ahead of time.

## Question of the Week

What should the U.S. do about the Iraq situation?

"We should do whatever the government feels necessary."

-Kelly Danson, 06, English

"Nuke 'em."

-Joe Lloyd, 02, Engineering

"We should go to war again."

-Mike Holmes, 04, Accounting

"Leave them alone."

-Michelle Downey, 04, Accounting

"Kidnap Saddam."

-Jeremy Brown, 02, DUS

"I don't know what's going on."

-Jake Schoenfeld, 04, PLET



photo by Jason Blake

Turnbull through the trees: business students and professors will have the opportunity to use the new CAAIS system when registration begins next month.

# CAAIS makes the advising process more convenient

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For all the problems faced in the past by both students and faculty regarding advising and academic planning, a remedy has been developed. The Penn State Comprehensive Academic Advising and Information System (CAAIS) has been set up as

a supplement to the student/advisor relationship. Behrend College Registrar Robert Schenker is strongly in support of the new system, saying, "I feel it is important for both students and faculty to become familiar with this new tool that is being provided to them."

Some of the options CAAIS will include are extended hours of aca-

ademic advising to be used at the students' convenience, access for students to summaries of their academic records, and up to date academic information. The system will also help students predict what their prospective GPA's will be.

CAAIS also offers benefits to the faculty and advisors. It provides a list of advisees and summaries for

advisee academic plans. This menu is only available to the advisors.

The system also provides references to things like school policies and rules, curriculum programs, career assistance and administrative offices. CAAIS has an OASIS feature which allows students to view their end of semester grades, their degree audits and transcripts as well as course descriptions and availability.

On Thursday, February 26th, there will be a team coming from University Park to present the CAAIS system by holding three workshops open to both faculty and staff. The first is from 8:00 am - 9:15 the second is at 11:00 am - 12:15 pm and the third will be 2:30 pm - 3:45.

*"Take a Bite Out of Eating Disorders"*

**Penn State-Behrend participates in National Eating Disorders Awareness Week!!**

*The program begins*

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Reed Lecture Hall**

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***Kathy Iorio's presentation***  
***"Your Attitude and Fitness"***

- ✓ ***Free Screenings and Confidential Interviews***
- ✓ ***Student Voices***
- ✓ ***Come and learn how you can help a friend with an eating problem***

***Screening and interviews also available***  
**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at noon at Bruno's**



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Killed by a drunk driver  
on September 3, 1994,  
on Huntsville-Brownsferry Rd.  
in Athens, Alabama.