

# Beacon

Erie, PA 16563

October 22, 1998 Volume XLVII No. 9



## Behrend receives \$1.4 million donation for athletic fields

By Will Jordan  
news editor

On Saturday, October 17th, Dr. John Lilley, Behrend provost and dean, announced a gift of \$1.4 million dollars. The gift was donated by a couple who wishes to remain anonymous. The gift was used in the development of 20 acres into four regulation soccer fields which will be used for a variety of intramural sports. "The gift was used to finalize the creation of the fields," said Brian Streeter, Athletics Director. The first use of the new fields will be in the Spring.

A key component of the gift was

the 75,000 pound steel bridge which spans Trout Run. Trout Run is the creek that is in the Gorge. The bridge was brought to Erie from Minnesota by a 125 foot truck. A crane which was brought in from Pittsburgh and assembled on site was used to place the bridge.

Besides the bridge, a walkway from the southwest corner of the Erie Hall parking lot all the way to Logan House has been constructed. In the next two weeks, workers will be putting up lights to light the pathway at night.

The gift also went toward renovating a barn on Station Road. Once renovation is complete, the barn will be used as a storage facility for cer-

tain departments as well as intramurals.

Streeter said, "This is very exciting. The construction of the new playing fields will expand intramurals and athletics as well. The construction of the fields will be a connection between the campus and Logan House."

Anne-Marie Welsh, Manager of Public Information, said "65 percent of the student population is involved in intramurals. They are the most popular activity next to going to class. The new playing fields, in a direct way, affect many students. The gift has been a nice continuation of momentum toward the athletics department."

## Behrend tries to manage underage drinking



Bill Donahue, Manager of Police and Safety Services

photo by Andrea Zaffino

## Founders Day celebrates Behrend's 50th

By Shannon Weber  
staff writer

This year the campus is celebrating its 50th anniversary on the eve of Founder's Day. It will be held Thursday, October 29, 1998 from 5 to 6 PM. This celebration will be held in the Reed Union Building Wintergraden. It's a private celebration for faculty, staff and students.

The ceremony will be hosted by John and Gerrie Lilley and the Lion Ambassadors. The one-hour program will include remarks and a presentation by Richard Sayre, and his brother, William, the grandsons of Ernst and Mary Behrend.

The choir will perform, and a special showcase of artifacts will be on display. The anniversary video will also be shown. There will be refreshments.

A video time capsule is being produced to commemorate the 50th anniversary. The taping will begin at 4:30 PM in the Reed Union Building Wintergraden. Individuals, groups or colleagues are encouraged to leave a message on the time capsule video.

The area between the Reed Union Building and the Glenhill Farmhouse will be lit with luminaria. Lantern tours of the campus will be available to those who are interested in learning more about the history of the college and of the Behrend family.

So where did this name "Behrend" come from anyway? On March 10, 1869, Ernst Behrend was born to Moritz and Rebecca Behrend in Coeslin, Germany. There were seven children including Ernst and Otto, his brother, in the Behrend family.

Moritz Behrend had become a highly regarded operator of six paper mills. He hoped one day to send his sons to America to establish another paper mill. This dream finally became a reality for the Behrend family on February 22, 1896. In the summer of 1898, the ground was broken for the Hammermill Paper Factory here in Erie. Less than a year after the factory was built, Ernst became president and Otto became vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Okay, so what about Mary? While Ernst Behrend was working in the paper mill, Mary Brownell of Providence, Rhode Island, had completed finishing school in New York City. Miss Brownell was honored by a former classmate at a dinner party. Mary decided to sit next to Ernst. Two years later Ernst and Mary were married at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie.

In 1909 their son Warren was born. Their daughter Harriet was born two years later.

Ernst, Mary and their family decided to live on the grounds of Hammermill until they purchased

Glenhill Farm. Mary remodeled the farmhouse on many occasions. There were thirteen fireplaces in the farmhouse.

From the beginning, the Glenhill Farmhouse has been the central administration building. During the early years it included a guest room for visitors from University Park. The bedrooms in the house were used as dormitories and as housing for a few female faculty members. The kitchen and dining room were used to prepare and serve students and faculty meals.

Mary Behrend was interested in art. Many of her works hang in offices around the campus. She often gave her paintings and other crafts, including miniature dollhouses, to charities which they could auction off as fundraisers.

Ernst Behrend passed away September 22, 1940. Eight years after his death, Mary Behrend decided to put the farm on the market. Officials from Penn State made a visit to determine whether the property would make a suitable setting for a campus.

Mary Behrend was inspired by the hopes of the gentlemen and also moved by the memory of her husband's love of education. On June 28, 1948, the Glenhill Farm and its 400 acres were officially donated to Penn State. The Glenhill Farm was officially dedicated as part of Penn State University on October 30, 1948.

Kristie Vitron  
staff writer

Although there have only been two citations issued by Police and Safety so far this semester, Bill Donahue, Manager of Police and Safety Services here at Behrend feels that "a lot of issues of vandalism or petty crime on campus are directly influenced by alcohol." Donahue wants to remind underage drinkers that the University supports the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's laws on alcohol. If students who are under 21 are caught drunk or drinking within their jurisdiction, on campus, they are cited by the state, fined \$300 plus court costs, and lose their driver's license for 90 days. Students can even be charged with D.U.I. while driving through a parking lot. In most cases of underage drinking, Police and Safety is not

even involved.

When students are caught drunk or drinking by an R.A. or coordinator, Police and Safety is not called unless the student's health is questionable, they are behaving out of control, or they are refusing to cooperate. Instead, students are dealt with through counseling and an Alcohol and Drug Awareness and Intervention Program.

For a first time offender or a minor alcohol violation, such as having an open container or having alcoholic beverages in the dorm rooms, students must complete a drinking behavior assessment questionnaire. Students caught at this first level must meet with a Residence Life staff member to complete the questionnaire and discuss the results. Many students do not learn from their first offense.

Students who are caught for the second time or are found publicly drunk must attend an Alcohol and

Drug Awareness Workshop. Participants meet with Linda Lombardi, the Associate Dean of Students, or Roz Fornari, who coaches women's basketball. The two hour session includes group discussion among 12-15 students and a video. A \$25 fee will be billed to the student's semester bill under a Health and Wellness fee. Linda Lombardi feels, "If students do choose to drink, they need to be responsible with the choices that they make because it can impact their lives in many ways." She feels that most students leave the Level 2 workshop with this knowledge, and are rarely forced to attend the Level 3 workshop.

However, some underage drinkers need more counseling such as the Moderation Management Workshop. For another \$25 Health and Wellness

see DRINKING page 2

## SGA discusses plans for Behrend's future

Ayodele Jones  
Managing Editor

"Behrend is the jewel in Penn State's crown," said Penn State President Graham Spanier, and according to Behrend's master plan, Behrend will increase the opportunities given to students with the addition of academic and athletic facilities in upcoming years. At Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting, Ken Miller, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, provided students with an opportunity to see first hand Behrend's major development plans.

As it currently stands there are 3327 students at Behrend, 1250 of which are on campus residents, and a fact that remains unknown to people is that Behrend has more land than University Park at 728 acres. Behrend is a prime location to develop facilities which would benefit students, faculty, staff and the community as a whole. In Behrend's master plan there are various goals; they include preserving the natural beauty of the campus, creating a visually pleasing and inspiring place, establishing a land use strategy, and designing guidelines and a land acquisition strategy.

There are four main zones which will receive major advancements: athletics, academic, residen-

tial and Knowledge Park. Behrend will continue to grow in size with the additions of the new athletic facility across Jordan Road, the Research Economic Development Center which will house the Schools of Business and Engineering near Lawrence Hall, Ohio Hall in the Fall of 98 and the expected completion of Knowledge Park.

Tripp Hall, an expected additional residence hall is not likely to be built, stated Miller, because the land which it was supposed to be built on makes it difficult for construction. Miller stated the problem is "the topography of the campus is challenging when it comes to growing." Along with these new facilities Behrend will be supplemented with an increase in student enrollment, a maximum of four thousand students in the next five years.

Dobbins Dining Hall's hours will be expanded to satisfy the appetites of Behrend's growing population, and Bruno's was also constructed in case further extension of the cafe was needed. Despite the additional students, Behrend will strive to maintain its "small college feel" and the student teacher ratio will not be enlarged, since these are key factors why students choose Behrend.

The future expansion of Be-

see SGA page 2

## What's Inside

Page 2

Police and Safety:  
Urinal Flood

Page 5

SPC Movie:  
Scream I and II  
Calendar of Events

Page 4

Editorial: Problems  
with Homecoming

Page 6

Campus News  
Sorority chapter  
closes

Page 8

Barenaked Ladies  
review

Page 12

Tennis wins AMCC



Members of Sigma Tau Gamma plan their strategy for last night's tug-of-war battle as part of Greek Week activities. Story on page 10.

photo by Andrea Zaffino