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Strangers become friends at 'Dinner for Six Strangers'

Behrend presents Second Harvest with 2,283 food items

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This past Tuesday, November 17, Behrend held its Twelfth Annual "Dinner For Six Strangers" in the Reed Commons, a traditional holiday celebration at the college. The idea behind the meal is to present students - and faculty - with the opportunity to meet new people on campus, and to partake of some holiday atmosphere.

Historically, the dinner was created in order to provide a sense of community for those who would not be able to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at home with family and friends. Faculty and staff would invite students to their own homes for Thanksgiving, sharing their home and family with those who would be

sible, and the "Dinner for Six Strangers" as we know it was born.

The meal consisted of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, done Housing and Food Services-style. Dinner included turkey with cranberries, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and corn, topped off with pumpkin pie and coffee.

More than 150 students, faculty, and staff participated in this year's dinner, including Dr. John Lilley, Provost and Dean. Tables were intentionally integrated so that as few people as possible would know the people they were sitting with. As Sarah Edwards said, "It's amazing how over a simple meal strangers can become friends."

Also present at the dinner was Suzanne Cascio, executive director of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. Toward the end of the dinner, Sarah Edwards, "Feed the Need" coordinator, presented Cascio with a tally of 2,283 items of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. During the presentation, representatives for the organizations participating in the food drive followed Edwards on stage to receive recognition for their efforts. Participating organizations included Joint Residence Council, Lion Ambassadors, Multi-Cultural Council, Science and Success Fresh-

man Seminar, Society of Undergraduate Economists, ROTC, Reality Check, Delta Sigma Pi, Lambda Sigma, and the *Beacon*.

Collection boxes for the food drive had been placed around campus earlier this month. Each participating organization placed boxes in three different buildings, including residence halls, Erie Hall and the Academic and Reed Union Buildings. People were then encouraged to donate as much food as possible into the boxes. And donate they did. As earlier stated, the total of food items reported to Cascio was 2,283 items. However, as boxes are still in several of the buildings, the total has now risen to over 2,300 items - doubling Behrend's goal of 1,000 items. As Edwards stated, "When college students are giving their last package of ramen noodles, it's more than a donation - it is a sacrifice!"

After the presentation, Cascio proceeded to speak to those present at the dinner of hunger in the United States, and particularly in the Erie area. The Second Harvest Food Bank serves 11 counties in northwest PA. Not only does the Food Bank

collect food from area food drives, but it also strives to prevent food waste by working with the food industry. The Food Bank collects food that has been deemed unsalable by the quality control departments of food distributors, but is nonetheless wholesome, completely edible food.

The "Dinner for Six Strangers" and the "Feed the Need" food drive kicked off the giving, holiday season for those participating here at Behrend. According to Edwards, "'Feed the Need' proves that if organizations come together on our campus, amazing things can happen."



Sarah Edwards, coordinator of the "Feed the Need" campaign, presents Suzanne Cascio, from The Second Harvest Food Bank with the tally of food items collected. Also in the photo are representatives from the organizations who aided in the campaign.

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without during the holidays. However, as the student body grew in the late 1980's, this setup became unfea-

included Joint Residence Council, Lion Ambassadors, Multi-Cultural Council, Science and Success Fresh-



Glenhill Farmhouse retains nostalgia

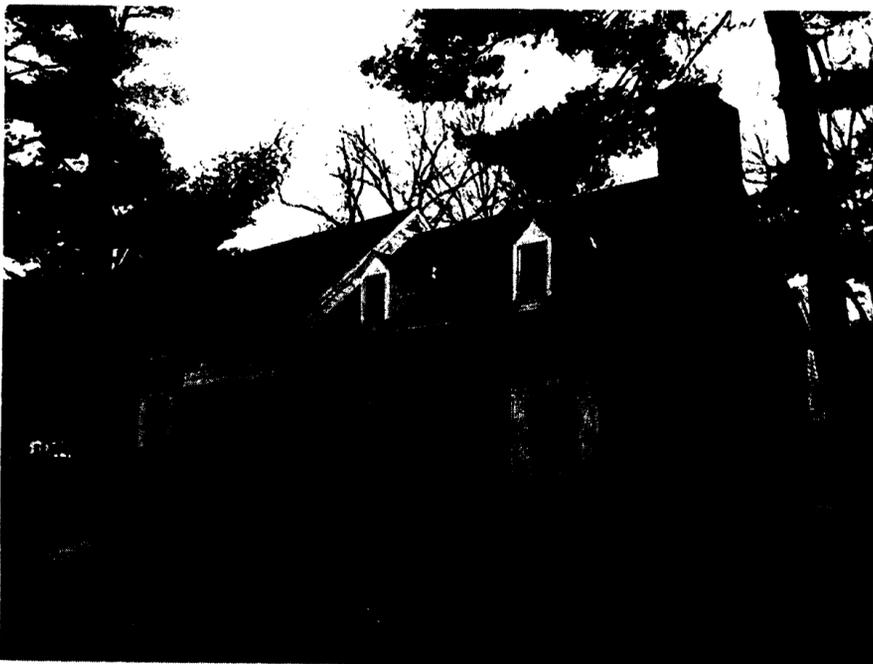
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As students of Behrend, you walk to classes everyday and pass the same buildings, but have you ever stopped to think about the history behind the campus?

Although Penn State Behrend has existed as a college since 1948, the buildings on campus date back much further than that. Benjamin A. Lane, associate professor of English and Dean of Student Affairs emeritus at Penn State Erie, compiled an informal history of Behrend in his book titled *Behrend Remembered*. A brief history is needed in order to understand the campus in its present state.

Ernst Behrend was incredibly involved in the Hammermill paper factory, and in the early 1900s it was customary for businessmen to live where they worked. Ernst, along with wife Mary, son Warren, and daughter Harriet, lived in a house on the Hammermill grounds which offered Ernst the chance to supervise what was going on at the plant and to form good working relations with the other employees.

In the mid-twenties, the Behrend family began thinking of building another residence. Then, in 1929 they lost their son Warren in an automobile accident. During this sad time in their lives, Ernst and Mary



The Glenhill Farmhouse at Behrend.

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felt that spending time at a country estate would be a great retreat, so they bought Glenhill Farm on the suggestion of J.C. Ainsworth, a close family friend. In the beginning, the Behrends just visited the estate on the weekends, but by the late twenties Glenhill be-

came their permanent home.

Many renovations were done in the time that the Behrends resided at Glenhill. For instance, the pool, now fenced in beside the farmhouse, was added and complete by 1932. Ernst really enjoyed swimming, so the pool

was heated to accommodate his desire to swim, even in the winter. Mary Behrend released her artistic abilities by remodeling the house. The original farmhouse is the core of the current building and the wings were added on to provide space for the staff

and more room for the family.

The Behrends did not just want to use Glenhill as a retreat and estate, they also wanted to utilize the land as a working farm. They had numerous sheep, sixteen horses and a plethora of dogs. In order to keep such an establishment running, the Behrends employed a fairly large staff including maids, gardeners, cooks and a butler.

In 1940 Ernst Behrend died due to an illness and Mary began spending more of her time at her Greenwich, Connecticut, home, all the while thinking of a way to preserve the Behrend family name in the Erie community. After Penn State expressed interest in the property to serve as a branch campus, Mary realized that donating the land and buildings to the college would be the perfect memorial for her husband, and it was dedicated as the Behrend Center on October 30, 1948.

Today, the Glenhill Farmhouse contains the admissions office, the financial aid office and other administrative offices. So the next time you are walking to class, stop for a minute to think about the history behind the buildings you pass and the paths you cross. For more history behind the campus, Behrend Remembered is available in the bookstore and library.

Students voice opinions about housing

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On November 17, 1999, Housing and Food Services met with the students of Niagara residents, and Housing and Food Services explained the housing contract process thoroughly.

Many questions were asked by Niagara residents, and Housing and Food Services explained the housing contract process thoroughly.

The process begins when on-campus students return from the holiday break and receive their housing contract in their on-campus mailbox.

Housing contracts will then be accepted at the Housing and Food Services office January 17-21. Housing contracts will then be stamped with a date and given a chronological number. A computer program will then draw a random number and that is how the lottery spaces will be chosen.

The main thing to remember when submitting a housing contract is to hand your contract in with your future roommate(s) contract(s) and to make sure that the number of people living in the living space accommodates the size of the room.

If your housing contract is not submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 21st then you will be placed on the waiting list.

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