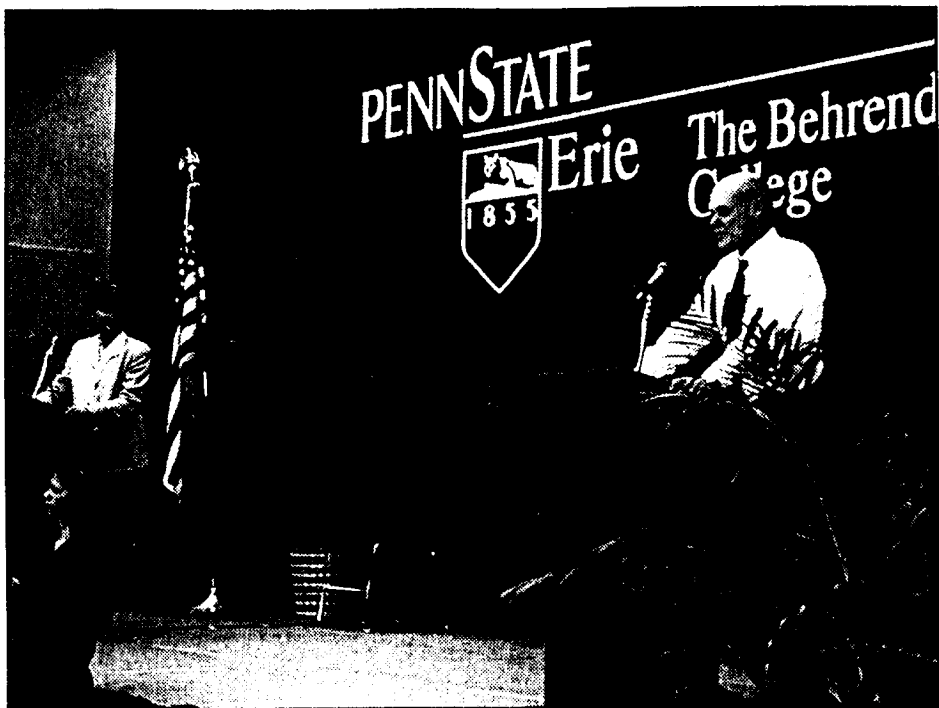


Behrend Speaker Series

Politics, finance, and a little bit of humor

Carville vs. Buchanan: "A Look at American Politics"



On Tuesday, November 9, James Carville went head-to-head with Angela "Bay" Buchanan in the debate, "A Look at American Politics," held in the Reed Commons at Behrend.

Democrat James Carville, who is currently serving as a senior political advisor to President Clinton, has managed numerous political campaigns throughout the United States. Carville, along with his wife Mary Matalin, wrote the bestselling political memoir *All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President*. Recently, he has been working on Mexican and Israeli campaigns.

Bay Buchanan began her political career as the national treasurer of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns in 1980 and 1984, and later became the Treasurer of the United States. Buchanan has served as the campaign chairman for both presidential campaigns of her brother, Pat Buchanan. She was recognized by *George Magazine* as one of the top 20 political women in the nation.

The day's activities began with a press conference at 3:45 in Reed 114. Several representatives from the local news media were in attendance and they had the opportunity to ask the participants questions.

Many disagreements between Carville and Buchanan received big laughs and applause from the audience. They did, however, see eye-to-eye on one thing: the American public is too apathetic about politics, and it needs to get involved.



Franken fills Erie Hall with political humor

On October 6, 1999, Al Franken spoke to a large crowd in Erie Hall. Franken spoke of many political issues that affect college students today.

Franken, best known for his work on Saturday Night Live, has also worked on many other projects that have established him as a premiere political comedian and satirist. He has appeared on many national talk shows as well as taking time to write movies.

Throughout Franken's day at Behrend, he answered many questions from students on many different topics ranging from students' political activity to his days on Saturday Night Live.

The people in attendance at Franken's speech, entitled, "An Evening with Al Franken," even got to see Franken's most famous SNL character of Stuart Smalley during the question/answer section.

Jane Bryant Quinn talks finance

Jane Bryant Quinn, a syndicated columnist for the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, spoke at Behrend on April 4. She was the final speaker this year in the Provost's Speaker Series, "Taking Charge: Politics, Finances, and Personal Freedom." In her speech, "The Economy and Your Money.com," Quinn touched on such topics as the ever-growing stock market, the boom on technology stocks, and the recent Microsoft antitrust decision.

The speech was given at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Wintergarden to a full lecture hall of students, faculty, staff, and guests. Quinn was on campus for other events as well that day, including a press conference at 3:30 p.m., a question and answer session with students, and a dinner at Logan House before her speech.

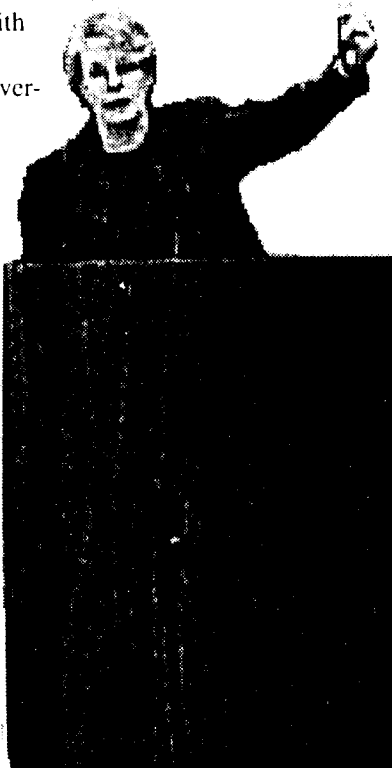
Quinn's speech, which was simulcast by Behrend's radio station WPSE, was very well received by the audience.

"I don't know what is going to happen with the Dow Jones tomorrow, or next week, or next year," Quinn joked with the audience.

She discussed the ever-growing role of the Internet in our economy, both as a new way to do personal investment and as a new place to invest money.

The stock market is continuing to grow at a tremendous rate, and a large part of this growth is due to the great amount of investment being done in new technological stocks, she said.

"Expansion is slowing, but is still expanding," Quinn said.



Behrend students in search of MLK's "Promised Land"

1968-2000: 32 Years After Dr. King — Have We Reached the Promised Land?

This semester saw numerous celebrations at Penn State Behrend in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, which officially was on Monday, January 17, 2000. Numerous campus organizations came forward in sponsoring honorary events that focused on the life, death, accomplishments, and, especially, the dreams of Rev. King.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, the college sponsored a Candlelight Vigil, which kicked off the week's celebrations. The Vigil was held in the Reed Commons and began at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Dorothy Smith, president of the Erie chapter of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was the night's highlighted speaker, expressing her opinion that while America is on its way to the "Promised Land," it still has a way to go before seeing the light.

On Monday, Jan. 17, the day's events began early with a symbolic breakfast in Bruno's. Dr. King traditionally began celebrating his day of birth with a breakfast held with friends and family. Behrend emulated this tradition with its own breakfast, held from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m., hoping to generate a communal spirit.

The events continued on Monday with a Writers Session from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. with guest Sonia Sanchez. Sanchez is a frequently lauded poet, activist, and lecturer, and is well-known in international circles. A group of about 15 students gathered in Reed 114 to listen to Sanchez' advice on writing and anecdotes of her childhood in New York City.

Shortly after Sanchez spoke at the Writer's Session, she appeared as the featured speaker at the All-College Celebration in the Reed Commons at 4 p.m. Sanchez entertained the audience for almost the entire allotted time, speaking of her views on not just racial equality, but also on economic equality and the elimination of excessive wealth and materialism.

Ending Monday's events was a dinner at the Logan House with Sanchez. Students, faculty, and staff packed the mansion, which was filled just about to capacity with close to 40 participants, including Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley.

The last event of the week's celebrations was the MLK Forum, held in the Reed Lecture Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The Forum was led by a panel of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The panel of six included Dr. Robert Speel, assistant professor of political science; students Nick Carter and Melissa Davis; Tammy Furesz, Residence Life coordinator; and Gary Horton, assistant to Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchione.

Initially, each member gave his or her views on the current trends and situations for underrepresented groups in American society. After all panelists had presented their views, the audience, as well as the panel, was given the opportunity to comment on or call into question some of the views brought forth. One of the main issues addressed was the validity and usefulness of affirmative action.

Dinner for Six Strangers kicks off holiday season

On November 17, 1999, 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 without during the holidays. However, as the student body grew in the late 1980s, this setup became unfeasible, and the "Dinner for Six Strangers" as we know it was born.

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.

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



Behrend plays bring down the house

Teibele and Her Demon

The Studio Theatre presented *Teibele and Her Demon* last November at Behrend. *Teibele and Her Demon* is a passionate, mystical story which takes place in the 1880s. The



play is set in Frampol, a small and detached Polish/Jewish village.

The story revolves around Teibele (played by Wendy McGaughey), a Jewish woman whose husband has deserted her. Because of this, Teibele is left hanging, unable to divorce or remarry. She spends time obsessing over religion, mysticism, and the Jewish folklore about demons and spirits.

Alchonon (played by Thad Esek), an unemployed, unfavorable scholar, deeply loves Teibele from a distance. Because of the many barriers that keep Teibele from him, he comes to her in darkness, disguised as a demon, and captures her heart and soul: The demon (Alchonon) at the right moment tells her that he must leave her and orders her to marry Alchonon. Teibele, who is in love with the demon, and not Alchonon, is torn between a deep passion and a realistic guilt.

This is a very superstitious and mysterious play. It tries to capture a completely different world—a dark, alluring, mystical place. Tony Elliot, the director of the Studio Theatre, described the play as "very sexy."

Criminal Hearts



The spring production in the Studio Theatre was *Criminal Hearts*. The story begins in Ata Windust's apartment. Ata is a very nervous and problematic individual with several bizarre habits. She can't seem to keep quiet about her emotional problems for more than a couple of seconds, making anyone near her an unwilling psychiatrist. She is mostly distraught over her ordeal with her soon-to-be ex-husband Wib Windust (played by Ryan Widrig), a very prominent man who seems to be responsible

for Ata's current state of mind.

Ata (played by Jamie Lojewski) soon befriends Bo (Molly Means), a female burglar, who has broken into Ata's apartment and is subjected to her ramblings. Bo decides that she wants to help her out for Ata's sake as well as for her own personal profit. Along with Bo's accomplice, Robbie (Bruce Waller), the three soon hatch a plan for revenge.