

Behrend organizations recognized by Second Harvest Food Bank

by Libbie Johnson
staff writer

The Second Harvest Food Bank, the largest nonprofit food distribution organization in northwest Pennsylvania, honored 16 of Behrend's student organizations for their work throughout the year to increase public awareness of hunger.

On Wednesday, October 18th, the 12th annual Bread Box Awards were held at the Food Bank, located at 1703 Ash Street, from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bread Box Awards honor those groups and individuals who do projects for the Food Bank. The main award is an actual bread box given to one of the first place winners. The winner keeps the bread box for one year. The bread box is then returned and awarded to the next year's winner. Each year, a new plaque is added to the bread box.

According to Sue Cascio, Executive Director, the following organizations were recognized: National Society of Black Engineers, Catholic Campus Ministry, Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Sigma Pi, Joint Residence Council, Lambda Sigma, Lion Ambassadors, Multi Cultural Council, Office of Student Activities, ROTC, Reality Check, Science Seminar Class, Society of Undergraduate Economists, Tau Kappa Epsilon, The Beacon, and Theta Phi Alpha.

Cascio said a panel of judges scores each project on the originality of the event, the number of people educated about hunger and the Food Bank, and the amount of food and dollars raised. Finalist awards were distributed in eight categories: Business, Organization, Church, Individual, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and College/Technical School. First and second place awards are assigned in each category.

"Penn State Behrend's projects were considered as a whole, and took second place in their category. Gannon University won first place," Cascio said. The Behrend organizations received certificates.

Penn State also received the Bread Board of Honor. This award recognizes those who consistently support the Food Bank. Penn State has been honored with this award since 1995.

Allison Jawdy represented Reality Check, Behrend's service organization, and Lambda Sigma, Behrend's sophomore honor society, at this year's Bread Box Awards. She said, "it was very humbling, to see how many people throughout the community volunteer their time and energy to help support others in the community. I was very honored to be recognized as one of those people."

Cascio appreciates Behrend's commitment to the Food Bank. "The support of the students and faculty at Penn State Behrend shows a generous and caring spirit in the people there. I know you are all very busy with your studies and social activities, yet there is great participation in events that benefit our neighbors who are facing hard times. Thanks for all you do for the Food Bank."

About 400 people attended the Bread Box Awards. Cascio said about 85% were from organizations who participated in projects. All projects combined raised \$115,805 and 263,092 pounds of food. Behrend raised \$674.39 and 2,535 pounds of food.

Brazilian alumnus visits Behrend

by Liz Hayes
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Mr. Bob Mangels and his wife Sandi visited Penn State Behrend on Thursday, October 12, to meet with Behrend students, faculty, and staff. He made a stop at two business classes taught by Dr. Diane Parente, assistant professor of management, and also joined several Schreyers Scholars and members of the Behrend Honors Program for dinner at Logan House.

During the dinner, the Mangels entertained those present with stories of life in Brazil, and the differences encountered there as compared to American life. Mr. Mangels is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and his wife, though originally from the United States, now lives there with him. One difference mentioned was the greater likelihood of Brazilians to be multilingual, whereas a great many of Americans are not. Mr. Mangels himself speaks four languages. Mrs. Mangels recounted a story of how her children, raised in Brazil and accustomed to attending an international school where many of the students spoke a variety of languages, would seem almost arrogant when they encountered their American relatives. Her kids would ask the Americans what languages they spoke in order to find out which they had in common and what one would be the most sensible to converse in. The Americans, of course, only knew American English and therefore were rather confused by the question.

Other differences included the method in which tax systems are set up in the two countries, how businesses are run, and how poor versus upper class areas are distributed. The Mangels explained that in Brazil, the higher class neighborhoods are more likely to be in the center of the cities, with the slum areas spread out in pockets around the city. This greatly differs from the American trend, where lower class neighborhoods tend to be located in the inner cities, and wealthier people in the surrounding suburbs.

Dr. John Gamble, professor of political science and international law, and Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean, brought up the possibility that the reason for this distribution difference is that in America we have a much more extensive roadway system which allows higher class people to escape the city when they want, then return for

work, while lower class people cannot afford to do so. In Brazil, the road system is much less developed, so the wealthy have no choice but to stay stationary for greater periods of time.

Mr. Mangels also brought up several misconceptions that Americans often have about Brazil. The most common, he said, was that many think the language spoken there is Spanish, when it is actually Portuguese. Americans also cite the wrong city as the capital of Brazil quite frequently. One popular answer is Buenos Aires, which, according to Mr. Mangels, Brazilians really dislike, because this city is the capital of Argentina, a country Brazil has not traditionally been on good terms with. Another common answer is Rio de Janeiro, a Brazilian coastal city. The actual capital is Brasilia, located in the center of the country.

Aside from Dr. and Mrs. Lilley and Dr. Gamble, others at the dinner included Dr. Chris Reber, associate provost for advancement and university relations, and several honors students. Also present were students Jared Hawk and Brendon Raraigh, the former and current Robert and Violet Reed and Marilyn and Max Mangels Scholarship recipients. This scholarship was created by Mr. Mangels' parents and grandparents.

Mr. Mangels is an alumnus of Behrend, as is Mrs. Mangels. In fact, the two met in the Glenhill Farmhouse Memorial Room while both attended the campus. Mr. Mangels joked that he fell in love with his wife because she was one of the few Americans who knew what the actual language of Brazil was. Mr. Mangels' great-grandfather was J. Elmer Reed, for whom the Reed Union Building is named.

Mr. Mangels is currently the president of Mangels Industrial S.A. in Sao Paulo. Also, he was recently the president of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), an organization for company presidents under the age of 40.

"The dinner was a very interesting and enriching experience," commented Jared Hawk. "Not only did I learn a lot about the Brazilian business world, but I also walked away with a glimpse of life after college." Brendon Raraigh added that he enjoyed learning of the differences between the United States and Brazil. "The two countries are a lot more different than I had thought."

Greeks on parade

During the Alpha Sigma Alpha Date Auction, which was held on Tuesday, October 3, in the Reed Commons the sorority raised \$1,500. This money will be donated to the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center, which is "an organization founded by ASA that works to promote the growth and development of children with special needs," commented Jess Manno, president of the sorority.



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The Greeks strutted their stuff to the tune of \$1500 raised for charity at the ASA Date Auction.

Manno added that "the Date Auction is a terrific way to raise a large amount of money in a short amount of time. I am very pleased with the campus participation this year. We had a more diverse representation than ever before, both participating and watching."

The highest sales were for Mary Beaumont, at \$150, and for Brian Katzenmeyer, at \$100.



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