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Due to Thanksgiving Break, the Beacon will not be putting out an issue next Friday, November 24. Have a nice holiday and we will see you on December 1.



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Dr. John Beaumont presents "Building a Bridge Among Faculty, Students, and Industry during Provost's Speaker Series."

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Child Care Center to close in 2001

by Katie Galley
editorial page editor

When the Eastside Access Highway cuts through Behrend in summer 2001, it will run directly across the existing site of the Behrend Child Care Center. When students return for classes in the fall, it's possible that on-campus child care will no longer be available.

Located on Station Road, just half a mile south of the entrance to campus, the Penn State Child Care

Center is in danger of losing not only its current residence, but a new one too. While it has been decided that the current center is being closed down this summer, it has not been decided if it is going to be rebuilt in a new location.

The decision whether or not to open a new center will ultimately be made by Provost and Dean John Lilley. He will not be making the decision on his own though; Lilley will be getting input from a Faculty Committee as to whether or not it is in the best interest

of the College to keep the center open.

The Committee, which is chaired by Associate Professor of History Dr. John Rossi, is meeting to look into whether or not the college should provide on-campus child care to students, staff, and faculty. The committee will take into consideration the financial costs of replacing the center with a new one, and what other projects could be done on campus with the money that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is providing the University for use of the

land.

PennDot will give Behrend \$900,000 for the use of the land that the center currently stands on. However, the estimated cost of building a new center is 1.2 million dollars, and Behrend still owes \$450,000 to University Park from the purchase of the existing center. Director of Student Affairs Ken Miller reports that while a new location has been picked out for a new center and blueprints have been drawn, there is just not enough money to construct a

new center at this time.

However, Miller insists that the University is not simply tearing down the center while not considering a new one: "we have been actively working on this problem all summer, drawing up plans for a new center and trying to find donors, it simply is a funding issue." At this time there have been 22 prospective donors, seven of which

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GOOD AS GOLD

Soccer star Chastain speaks at Behrend

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

United States women's soccer player Brandi Chastain spoke to a large audience of Behrend students, young athletes and parents on Thursday, November 16, 2000, as part of Behrend's "The American Dream in the New Millennium, Speaker Series." Chastain spoke about being unselfish, following your dreams, and making an impact on the people around you.

Chastain opened her speech by passing around her Olympic gold medal from the Atlanta Games in 1996 and her silver medal that she recently won in Sydney. She said that her medals are a way to thank the people that supported the women's soccer team these past years.

Chastain began by telling a story about a 6-year old girl that went to a local elementary school to sign up for a sport that she never played before. The girl walked onto the field with her socks pulled up to her knees with plastic soccer shoes covering her small feet. The girl "fell in love

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PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

Brandi Chastain, a member of the United States national soccer team, spoke at Behrend on Thursday. Chastain, most commonly known for her game winning goal against China in the 1999 Women's World Cup, spoke about following dreams, making a difference, and teamwork. Here, Chastain shows off her Olympic gold and silver medals that she won in Atlanta and Sydney. She passed her medals around in appreciation for the support women's soccer has received the past few years.

Behrend traditions kept alive

Campus community starts holiday celebrations with 13th annual Dinner for Six Strangers

by Christine Kleck
associate editor

Members of the Behrend Community were recently welcomed to enjoy the thirteenth annual "Thanksgiving Dinner for Six Strangers." On Tuesday, November 14, over 140 students, faculty, and staff joined together to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community in the Reed Union Building Commons.

Several years ago, when the idea began, faculty, staff, and administrators invited members of the Behrend community to their own

homes for a Behrend Thanksgiving celebration. Due to transportation problems in getting home for the holiday and the increasing popularity of the event, the tradition became one that the school took over. Several years ago, the dinner was moved to campus where everyone could be together. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities with a meal prepared by the Behrend Housing and Food Services, this event has become a popular and very meaningful tradition for many.

The evening began with a welcome and a nametag from one of Behrend's

many Lion Ambassadors. Then, at 5:30 p.m., all were invited to socialize in the Wintergarden. Various cheeses, crackers, punch, and cider were served to the guests as they mingled. This activity encouraged the faculty, students, and staff in attendance to meet new people and hopefully make some new friends in the Behrend community.

Around 6:00 p.m., all were invited to find their designated table. The number that appeared on each of the guest's nametags corresponded with the table at which they were to enjoy their meal. Six seats at each table

made for a chance to meet and socialize with five other people throughout the course of the evening. The Lion Ambassadors one by one invited each group to the buffet table. Salad and the traditional turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce were all part of the holiday buffet. Upon completion of their dinners, the guests were each given a piece of pumpkin pie to top off the meal.

As the last of the dishes were

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Theta Phi sanctioned over hazing violations

by Mike Frawley
managing editor

The Behrend chapter of Theta Phi Alpha was put on probation this past May and received serious sanctions from their parent organization for hazing that occurred during the last school year. The national office imposed this probation and sanctions after various students came forward and reported that they had been hazed as part of their induction into the sorority. The names of the people involved in this incident are being withheld by the University due to pending judicial review.

The current Theta Phi Alpha president at Behrend, Megan Horanic, refused to comment on the situation. Recently a group of Theta Phi Alpha sisters submitted a letter to the editor dealing with hazing (*Are you a hazer?* 11/3/00) which was printed at the request of Linda Lombardi, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Theta Phi Alpha is the newest sorority on campus, having had a chapter at Behrend for the past five years. Theta Phi has a "Meet the sisters of Theta Phi" party planned to take place in the Backroom on Monday, November 20, 2000 at 8:00pm.

Shawna Pelasky, coordinator of Greek life at Behrend, informed Theta Phi Alpha's national office of these hazing allegations, and after an investigation, the national office stated that, "[the] Gamma Alpha chapter is not implementing the My Sister, My Friend program correctly and that its sisters fail to understand that hazing is not allowed under any circumstances." The national office then placed Theta Phi Alpha on probation from May 2000 to July 2001.

The national office also imposed a series of fourteen sanctions on the Behrend chapter. Failure to comply with any of the sanctions could result in the closing of Behrend's Theta Phi chapter. The entire executive board from last year was removed from office, and no one on that executive board is allowed to hold office during the term of the probation.

The chapter was also required to take part in various educational programs. All members are required to sign a "I Will Not Haze/I Will Not Be Hazed" form both semesters of this academic year. And most significantly, the chapter is not allowed to take a Pledge Sister class for fall 2000,

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