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Audience members were invited to take a close up look at Chastain's Olympic medals.

CHASTAIN

from the first time she kicked a ball," said Chastain.

The girl was coached by her father who never followed soccer in his life. He would check out books to learn about the game. She said that this girl actually "became a goalie...for about five minutes." From that point on, the girl decided that kicking the ball was much more enjoyable than having the ball kicked at her.

The girl improved and developed an attitude that she was on top of the world after being named the Freshman College Player of the Year. It was then that an event happened that changed this girl's life. Two knee injuries in two years sidelined the growing soccer star, putting her in a position that she had never encountered before.

The story was the story of Brandi Chastain. After those injuries, Chastain learned about being a teammate and learned how to cheer her teammates on.

She would go on to make the national U.S. soccer team, where she realized that she was there "to represent the U.S. and the nation and the ideals of all the people in the country." She stressed the effort it took and asked the audience members with dreams and aspirations the national team's phrase, "what are you doing when nobody's looking?"

Chastain admitted she spent a lot of time cheering from the sidelines in her early years on the team, but said that wasn't what was really important. She continued stressing teamwork.

During the speech, Chastain called upon two audience members to join

her on the stage. She challenged one girl to lift a pebble with one finger. When she was unsuccessful, she told both girls to try and lift it. When they succeeded, Chastain shared her thoughts on teamwork saying, "one finger cannot lift a pebble, but if each uses one finger together, I'm sure they can lift that pebble."

Her idea of teamwork initially was sparked by her grandfather. Chastain shared a story of how her grandfather would give her a scoop of ice cream for every goal she scored. She got two scoops for every assist.

Chastain's first success on the national team came when the women won the first ever World Cup in China. Much to her surprise, the women's game didn't catch on in the United States and even more surprising she was cut from the team shortly after. She tried to express to the audience what it was like "to be a World Champion and then to be cut off the roster."

Her career moved to Japan where she joined a pro team. She then returned to the United States where she was the assistant coach at Santa Clara University. The national team's head coach finally returned Chastain's phone calls and gave her another chance to be a member of the team.

Chastain's need for redemption overtook her life. She said, "I ran, ran, and ran some more. I played soccer into the darkness." She added, "nothing was going to stop me. I wanted to be on that team. I needed to be on that team." Shortly thereafter, Chastain was on the team.

From that point on, Chastain won a gold medal in Atlanta, and a silver medal in Sydney, Australia, this year.

But Chastain's moment came in 1999. After initial plans of putting the 1999 Women's World Cup in smaller stadiums in the United States, Chastain and the national team told the organizers, "we have to have more vision, we have to be more courageous. We want it big." And it was.

Chastain booted the winning penalty kick in front of thousands of fans in the Rose Bowl. She remembered the eruption of those in attendance and reminisced of times when she would dream of sinking the winning shot when she was a kid. Only this time, it was kicking the winning goal, and it wasn't a dream.

Chastain concluded her speech by challenging those in attendance to make an impact in the world. She told a story of a man and a woman that were walking toward each other on a beach. The man saw the figure coming towards him, picking some objects up and throwing them into the water one by one. When they got closer, he saw that the beach was covered with hundreds of starfish. The woman was picking up the starfish and throwing them back into the water.

He said, "there is no way you can make a difference to all those starfish."

She picked up another one and said, "I just did to that one."

The event concluded with an autograph signing and questions from the audience.

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HAZING VIOLATIONS

preventing Theta Phi from admitting new members until the spring.

Theta Phi was also referred to the Behrend's Panhellenic Judicial Board for disciplinary action. The Judicial Board was presented with and reviewed the sanctions imposed on Theta Phi by their national office and deemed that no further disciplinary action was necessary. The president of Panhellenic, Erin Baker, said, "Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils are totally against haz-

ing in any way, shape, or form."

All clubs and organizations on campus are required to follow the anti-hazing policy set by the university. According to the university, hazing is any act or situation that intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of admission or maintaining membership in any organization or group associated with the University. Hazing can

take many forms, including wearing a special pin or uniform or being referred to in a derogatory fashion.

While hazing is usually considered a problem only with social Greek organizations, it does happen in other organizations, and all college groups must follow the anti-hazing policy.

Any students who feel that they have been the victim of hazing can report it to Shawna Pelasky in the Office of Student Activities.

DINNER

cleared from the tables, the Service and Feed the Need speeches began. Kris Motta, assistant director of Student Activities, was the MC for the evening. The first speaker was Celine Yanosko, a student at Behrend. She talked about the service work that she has done in Baltimore. She worked in the soup kitchen at a men's recovery shelter called The Christopher Place.

Next, Brad St. Germain, also a student at Behrend, talked about his experiences working in a shelter for AIDS patients, located on New York City's Staten Island.

Finally, Nick Pflugh of the Lambda Sigma honors fraternity discussed his role in the "Feed the Need" program, which took place in the weeks before the dinner. He informed the dinner guests that his Greek organization, along with ten other Behrend clubs and organizations, collected over

1,800 packages of food.

He explained how the members of Lambda Sigma, as well as the members of the other involved organizations, helped with the Break-Out day in the community that took place on November 4. With the help of the families and communities surrounding Behrend, this year's "Feed the Need" food drive was a success.

As another "Dinner With Six Strangers" came to a close, Motta stated that she felt "the dinner is a great way to kick off the holidays, before finals get under way."



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Provost and Dean Lilley enjoys Thanksgiving dinner in the Reed Commons with several Behrend students.

CHILD CARE CENTER

have been approached regarding funding for a new child care center, and none of have elected to fund the project. A meeting with an eighth donor is being scheduled.

While Behrend will receive money from the PennDot purchase, they are unsure at this time whether they will spend all, if any, of that money on a new center. And if a private donor is not found by summer 2001, the Child Care Center will be shut down with no plans to build a temporary or permanent site. And while several students have commented that the money received should be spent on a new center, Miller reports that there are numerous projects in line ahead of constructing a new center. "There are 35 million dollar's worth of projects that need funding on this campus."

Some of the projects that the University has planned that would require more attention than a new child care center are: renovation of the science labs, solving handicapped access problems through new sidewalks and roads, continued development of Knowledge Park, the development of the Hammermill Fields across from the EKN fraternity house, and the renovation of the historic brick house on Station Road. According to a report issued by the Provost

and Dean's Office, "choices among the projects will be made based on what is most critical to the College's mission and most critical to protecting its academic programs and its tuition income."

But to the students, staff, and faculty that have children that attend the Child Care Center's programs, funding for other projects should take the back burner to this needed facility. Faculty Committee member Dr. Victoria Kazmerski, who also has a child that attends daycare at the center, says that the center is an important thing to have on campus.

"As a mother and professor, the center allowed me to return to work quickly," Kazmerski said. The center also allows Kazmerski to let her Psychology students observe the actions of the children and apply what they learn in the classroom. "We use the center for observation."

And while the Faculty Committee must make sure that all financial aspects of the projects and future projects of Behrend are taken into consideration, they will also have to look at the future of Behrend with and without on campus child care. The bottom line, as illustrated by the report issued by the Provost and Dean's Office, is "whether or not the College



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The Child Care Center is currently located on Station Road, directly in the path of the Eastside Access Highway.

should be spending significant time and money on child care, given the many other demands."

The Provost and Dean's Office has promised that the center will remain open until summer 2001.

All concerned students, staff, faculty, and community members are encouraged to voice their concerns over the future of the Child Care Center by attending any number of meetings that Behrend organizations are holding in the

coming weeks. The Women's Commission is holding its meeting on Tuesday, November 28, from noon until 1:30 p.m. in Reed 114. The Child Care Center Parent-Teacher Organization is holding its meeting at the center, located at 5650 Station Road, on Thursday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m. Anyone with comments or questions is urged to contact Dr. Rossi at jpr2@psu.edu or through campus mail at Academic Building 128.