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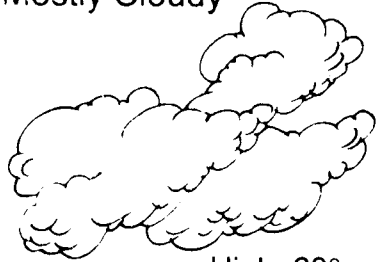
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Friday's forecast:
Mostly Cloudy



High: 60°
Low: 35°

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It's okay to talk to these strangers

Annual Dinner for Six Strangers celebrates Thanksgiving early

by Liz Hayes
news editor

Members of the Behrend community came together Thursday night to celebrate Thanksgiving at the annual Dinner for Six Strangers in the McGarvey Commons.

Kris Motta Torok, assistant director of Student Activities, began the evening by explaining the history of the dinner. Many years ago, before Interstate 79 was constructed, many students were stuck on campus during the holidays. Faculty and staff would invite students into their homes to share Thanksgiving dinner with their families.

As the school expanded and the student body grew, this practice became impractical. The dinner then moved on campus and everyone was invited to share one dinner together. With the intent of fostering new relationships, students, faculty, and staff were randomly assigned to tables so everyone could meet someone new. And the modern incarnation of the dinner was born.

Housing and Food Services provided a buffet-style dinner featuring all the usual holiday fare. Table by table, people were asked to take their turn at the buffet tables, set up in the Wintergarden. Housing staff then served dessert — pumpkin pie, of course — and coffee.

Abby Long, the service chairwoman of Lambda Sigma, took to the stage to thank the organizations who participated in the third annual Feed the Need food drive. Participating organizations included: the Beacon, Alpha Phi Omega, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, The Behrend Concert Choir, Almy, Niagara, and Lawrence Hall Councils, the Lion Ambassadors, Commuter Council, Reality Check, Zeta Beta Tau, Lambda Sigma, the Lion Entertainment Board, Beta Beta Beta, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Long said the campus raised 1,400 items of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania, the beneficiaries of the food drive. The drive began early in November, with organizations placing collection boxes around campus. On Nov. 10, students participated in a Breakout Day, during which they canvassed the neighborhood for four hours, asking for donations.

Feed the Need will culminate Saturday with a free concert featuring the band Mass Chaos.

Long then introduced Karen Seggi, the executive director of the local Second Harvest bank. Seggi proceeded to define the goals of Second Harvest and to inform the audience of the statistics on hunger in the Erie area.

Seggi said the bank's goal is two-pronged: it wants to provide food for those in need, and also to prevent waste of edible food.

The local branch of Second Harvest serves 11 counties in Pennsylvania and is assisted by 270 non-profit agencies, Seggi said. She added more than 890,000 people, or 11 percent of Second

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PHOTO BY ROB WYNN

John Kerwin, assistant professor of communications (front left), and Loretta Brandon, public information assistant (front right) lead the way down the buffet line at Thursday's Dinner for Six Strangers. The dinner was held in the McGarvey Commons, but the buffet was set up in the Reed Wintergarden.

Leyden predicts global future in light of Sept. 11

by Paige Miles
managing editor

For the second time this year, the Penn State Behrend Speaker Series took place on the same day as a major plane wreck in New York City. But, luckily, Monday's lecture was not canceled and Peter Leyden took the stage as planned.

Leyden came to Behrend to speak about how the attacks on Sept. 11 will affect the future of the world. Leyden, a renowned journalist and intellectual historian who now works for Global Business Network in San Francisco, stood in front of an audience in McGarvey Commons and gave his presentation, "What's Next? New Views on the Next Decade."

Leyden, equipped with a black iBook and PowerPoint slides, began his speech with pictures of fire-engulfed Twin Towers, an image he claimed everyone in the modern world has viewed at this point, calling them "images seared into our global consciousness."

He then showed the rubble in New York after the collapse of the Towers, and last showed the Towers intact. "These towers symbolize to terrorists many things: the World Trade Center, Wall Street, Western Civilization itself," Leyden said. "We should not underestimate these images."

Beginning with "The Negative Scenario," Leyden described the type of detrimental effects terrorists have and can impose upon the United States and the world.

"The terrorists have taken on the basic infrastructure of the global economy," said Leyden, using e-mail



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Peter Leyden, an intellectual historian, thinks the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 could have a positive effect by "pulling the world together."

and airplanes as an example. He continued by mentioning that only two percent of cargo containers are inspected in any way in airports, thus opening up the future possibility for more terrorist attacks via airplanes.

However, Leyden believes the attacks could have a positive effect for the future. "[The attacks] could have extraordinary benefits to the world. They could pull the world together," said Leyden.

He used the example of how political parties have pulled together, along with the general population. In the future, Leyden predicts many will shift their belief systems. "Our future is going to be a highly integrated, highly connected future," he said.

He also suggested the possibility that no change will result from the attacks.

Leyden broke the next section of his presentation, "The Framing," into three categories that represent "how we frame what happened on Sept. 11." He began with war. "Bin Laden wants to use the language of war," said Leyden. "He wants Holy War."

In the next section, rebellion, he commented the terrorists' actions are a "backlash against the global system." The backfire is caused by people who are locked into no future, he said. "They rage against the system of which they don't feel a part," said Leyden.

"[The attacks were] a crime against humanity," said Leyden in the last section of the three, crime.

For the remaining portion of the lecture, Leyden displayed a diagram with four arrows intersecting each other. Each extension represented a different facet of the future, including societal, spiritual, civilization, environmental, cultural, technological, economic, and geographical factors.

Leyden gave facts and quotes

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Pizza with manager of Housing and Food Services

by Erinn Hansen
staff writer

Randy Geering, Penn State Behrend's newly hired manager of Housing and Food Services, was the guest of honor at Pizza with the Provost, which took place on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Niagara Hall lobby. The event was a question and answer session with students held by Dr. Jack Burke, interim provost and dean. All were welcome to attend, not just students living in the residence halls.

The purpose of this session was to provide a time for students to share what was on their minds concerning certain issues on campus. "It allowed students to discuss their concerns about the campus, so that people, [including members of the] administration, can take action," said Geering. This question and answer session was similar to the one held by Dr. Graham Spanier, president of the University on October 2.

Four major issues were discussed. The first was why there are no bars on the windows of certain rooms in Niagara and Lawrence Hall, windows that access the lounge on the roof of these residence halls. The reason there are no bars, according to Geering, is because these bars are not the best solution, in case of an emergency. For example, if there was a fire and there was nowhere else to go, students would want to use these windows as

an escape.

The second issue discussed was the Blue Bus. Prior to last year the Blue Bus took campus-bound students around Erie free of charge. Last spring the Student Activities Council evaluated the costs and the number of riders on the bus. The committee found ridership was low, considering the cost of upkeep. Also, the bus was getting run-down and would eventually have to be replaced, which would have been very expensive.

"The Activities Council felt that the Blue Bus was not a good way for funding," said Chris Rizzo, director of Student Activities. Because of these factors, the Blue Bus was discontinued.

Another major issue discussed was why Pro-Engineer, a computer software program, could not be used in the computer lab at Behrend. Pro-Engineer cannot be used because even though Behrend has an agreement with Microsoft, the campus is limited in how many licenses it can have.

The last major issue discussed was parking. Students were concerned about limited parking is at Behrend, and what can be done about it. One solution mentioned was building a decked, multilevel parking lot, which would create more spaces for students and faculty to park. However, this project would be very expensive to

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