

## Question of the Week

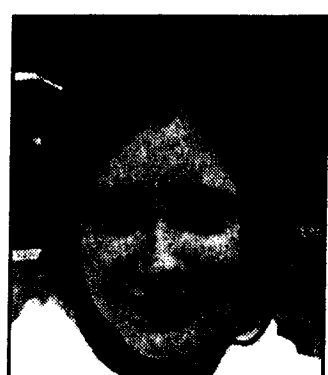
by Courtney Straub,  
news editor, and  
Heather Peterson,  
staff writer

*"What is your favorite Crayola crayon color?"*

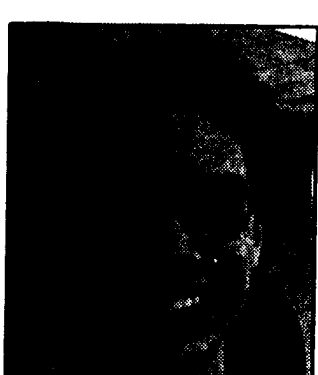
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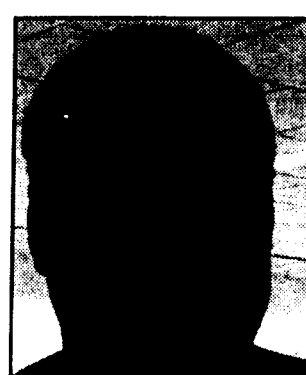
"Red"  
Jessica Savnika  
Management, 09



"Turquoise or Teal"  
Melissa Greene  
Education, 01



"Royal Blue"  
Nigel Schneider  
Mechanical Engineering, 03



"Red and Royal Blue"  
Michael McElrath  
Computer Engineering, 03



"Crimson"  
Tony DiPlacido  
Creative Writing, 07

## Shingles and showers: Sampogna speaks from her soul

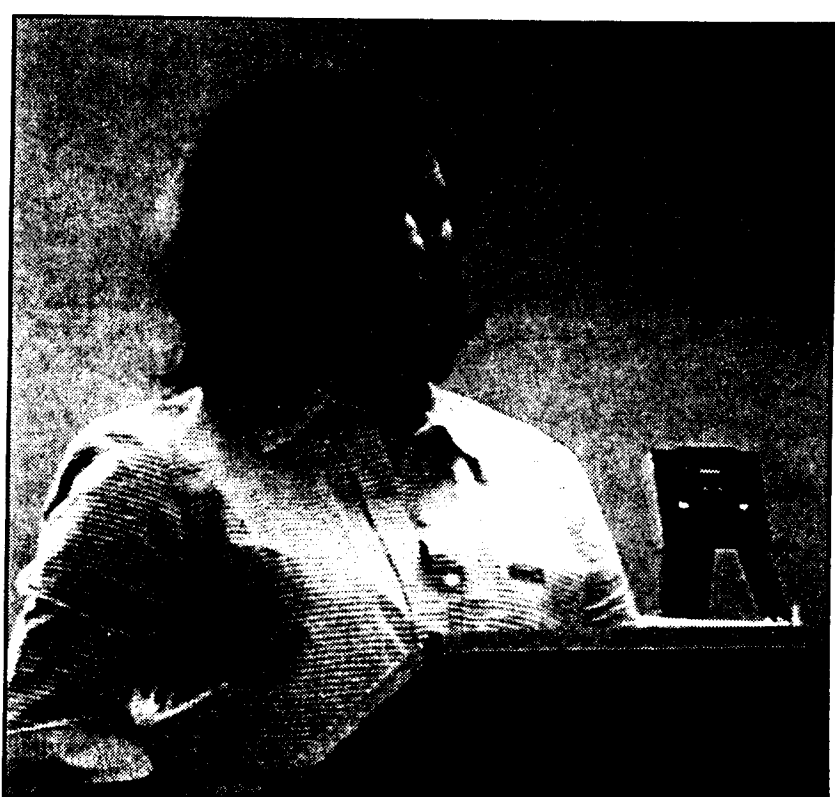


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Robin Sampogna reflects on her experiences building homes for the needy.

by Lauren Packer  
editor in chief

Think of a time in your life when you gave your best effort and didn't ask for anything in return.

Robin Sampogna, senior accounting major and resident assistant, asked the audience to reflect on that sentence at the end of her presentation at the first Soup for the Soul this semester. Sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry and the Protestant Campus Ministry, Soup for the Soul provides time for the campus to come together for reflection and of course, soup.

The theme of the event, held Thursday in the living room of the Smith Chapel,

centered on inspirations. Sampogna's story not only provided gales of laughter from the many students, staff and faculty in attendance, but also filled the room with warmth.

For the past seven years, Sampogna and her parish have been traveling to Kentucky to build and remodel homes for the needy and homeless. The houses Sampogna builds are one floor with five rooms.

"If you compare these houses to the houses these people used to live in, it's a large improvement," Sampogna said. "You come back and you try to explain it to other friends and family members, and they don't really understand. It's

just a story to them.

Sampogna's story continued as she told of a child from whom she drew a great deal of inspiration. Tyler Roberts, a 5-year-old recipient of a new home provided her with a touching experience.

"No one warned me that he was really clingy and that he really likes people," Sampogna said. "He was driving me absolutely insane for about the first two hours, but all he wanted to do was help."

By the end of the week, Tyler was covered in Spackle from helping. I told him to go home and take a bath. He replied, 'Robin, I don't have a bathtub. I've never taken a bath before.'"

Sampogna and Roberts stuck a deal that he would be the first one to take a bath in his new home. A year later, she called Roberts and he did it. He was the first one to take a bath in his new home.

"I ended up realizing that I take a lot of things for granted. I go now every year to give of myself and my time and effort. But I definitely don't expect anything in return. However, every year I go I am surprised with how much I get in return"

The members of the parishes spend eight to nine days every July fixing homes in Kentucky.

"The program started 17 years ago with one parish traveling to do small odds and ends jobs. It has now grown to over 150 people going every year," Sampogna said. "It has definitely grown throughout the years. It now includes five parishes from the tri-state area."

With such a large group, a majority must sleep outside in tents every night,

even through the thunderstorms. hose with allergies were afforded the luxury of sleeping indoors.

However, no one escaped the shower and bathroom situations. With only a handful of indoor showers available, most were forced to use the outdoor showers and bathroom facilities for the week.

"I wasn't too keen on taking two minute showers, the freezing cold well water and the 110 degree weather for eight days," Sampogna said.

Because of her dislike for the shower facilities, Sampogna became affectionately known as the "shower-wench."

"I was the first one to take a shower and then I would sit outside and time the remaining people. It gave me a chance to meet all the people who were working

on the various different house-sites that I otherwise might not have got to meet," Sampogna said.

At the construction sites, Sampogna put on her tool belt and climbed to the roof of the house. She admits that roofing and placing shingles was the part of construction that she liked the best. Sampogna even brought a shingle she found along the road enroute the Smith Chapel and used the shingle as a prop in her speech.

The final questions for discussion Sampogna asked the audience to reflect on: "Was it worth your time and effort? Did you receive anything in return?"

"It was worth my time and I received so much more than I ever could have asked for. I have a new, larger family. We are all brothers and sisters," Sampogna said.



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Guadalupe Alvear, Gretchen Wolford, and Marie Jeanne Goodenow (right to left) enjoyed this semester's first Soup for the Soul.

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## Office of Admissions hosts fall open house

by B.J. Shields  
staff writer

This weekend an estimated 800 visitors are expected to converge on campus for one of three yearly Open House events organized and hosted by the Behrend Office of Admissions.

"Each of the three events has a different audience," said Donna Fuller, Admissions Counselor. "This fall session is geared towards high school seniors," she said.

The Admissions office also holds Open House events each spring and summer.

"At February's Open House, the audience is comprised mostly of high school seniors who have applied and been accepted for admission, said Fuller, "and in the summer, most of the attendees are in their junior years of high school."

The activities occurring at each of the sessions are directed toward the different audiences involved. Most of the prospective students attending this particular Open House have a serious interest in enrolling at Behrend and are basically looking for more information on the school before applying. Many may have already decided to apply to Behrend, but are attending the event to find information on financial aid

resources or to gather necessary information in regard to completing the admissions process.

"It takes hundreds of people, literally, from every single club, organization, department and academic school to make a successful event," said Fuller. "And fortunately, over the years, we've had a positive influx of participants to the point that just about everyone on campus is represented."

This level of participation across campus will ensure that prospective students and their parents will have no difficulty in finding answers to their inquiries of the school. Currently enrolled Behrend students are asked to be involved by assisting visitors with directions and inquiries, and "everyone should pay special attention to keeping the campus clean and debris-free," said Fuller.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with check in at the Reed Union Building Wintergarden Atrium. After check-in, the audience comprised mostly of high school seniors with their friends and families will have the opportunity to attend information fairs or take guided tours of the campus and the residence halls. Presentations and demonstrations by the various academic schools will be taking place across campus as well.

Much of the information available at the event is centered at McGarvey

Commons, where prospective students can visit booths manned by representatives from the Office of Admissions, the Career Development Center, the Division of Undergraduate Studies, the Office of Financial Aid, Student Activities Office and other student support staff. Additional faculty from the Schools of Business, Humanities and Social Sciences and Science will also be present at the Commons to answer the many questions of the visitors.

At Roche Hall and the Engineering Complex, faculty will be on hand from the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology. Displays and demonstrations will also be available. Prospective students will also have the opportunity to take tours of the Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics and Biology labs in their respective buildings.

Junker Center will have its own open house as well, where information can be obtained on intramurals, recreation and the athletics department. The Health and Wellness Center will also be open to visitors.

In addition to all of these activities, separate academic information seminars will take place in classrooms across campus, where prospective students can get a better idea of what Penn State Erie the Behrend College has to offer.