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Behrend welcomes alumni back to campus

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On September 30 through October 2, the 146 students from 1948 and all alumni are invited back to Behrend to participate in the 2005 Alumni Reunion. Penn State Behrend was first established in 1948 by Mary Behrend in memory of her husband. At the time, Behrend had 146 students enrolled in the college. Today, Behrend boasts over 21,000 alumni.

The events for the weekend will include a Pioneer Reunion for alumni that attended Behrend within its first decade from 1948 to 1958. The Alumni Reunion is held in conjunction with Parents and Families Weekend and the programs planned are for all ages. The weekend is packed with activities such as: The Alumni Reunion Reception, Sunday Brunch with the Dean, family fun carnival and jazz concert, a free picnic lunch, athletics hall of fame dinner, Penn State Creamery ice cream, Alumni Nine Hole Golf Scramble, horse drawn trolley rides, tours of the new Behrend Arboretum, open house in astronomy at the Mehalso Observatory, popular faculty seminars: "Classes you may have Missed," and much more.

All of this could not take place if it weren't for the Board of Behrend Alumni Society. They have been hard at work, planning this weekend for months. The weekend has everyone involved in the activities. "This is a weekend that offers not only Behrend hospitality, but family fun as well," said alumni relations coordinator Rebecca Grimaldi. She added, "With something for everyone, the weekend is sure to be fun."

Planned for Saturday, October 1, several of the alumni groups will be getting together. These groups include the resident assistant alumni, political science alumni and School of Science alumni.

Also, in recognition of the program's twenty-five years, the communications alumni will celebrate their silver anniversary reunion.

Alumni also have the opportunity to catch Behrend athletics at its best. Saturday afternoon, Alumni have the chance to watch Behrend's soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and baseball teams in action. Also, there will be the Athletics All-Sport Tailgate underneath the tent at the playing fields, and the Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, taking place October 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.--- in the Reed Union Building's McGarvey Commons. Tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner can be ordered through

the Athletics Office at 814-898-6180.



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Past Alumni sit outside the Logan House enjoying the sun and catching up on events since college.

"Come to renew old memories and make some new ones," said Grimaldi. "We look forward to seeing you there!"

PSUnited Way reaches out to victims

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As a salute to New Orleans, the PSUnited Way Student Team will be throwing a Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday, September 27 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Reed Wintergarden. The PSUnited Way Student Team has set a goal for the students of Behrend to help raise \$3,500 to contribute to the United Way. All funds collected will be sent to the Hurricane Katrina Response Fund to help address the needs of those individuals and families affected by this tragedy. This is becoming a growing need due to Hurricane Rita that is headed towards the area.

In addition, student organizations are encouraged to create their own fundraisers in support of United Way during the week of September 26. The Welcome Weekend Carnival on Saturday, October 1 is a good place to offer such events. Also, starting September 27 through September 29, student volunteers will be needed to help sell Mardi

Gras beads outside of Bruno's and inside Dobbins. Volunteers are also needed to collect donations (canning) in the commuter lots. These can be great ways for students who are not involved in a club or organization to lend a hand. If you are interested in

The United Way system includes approximately 1,350 community-based, independent United Way organizations, all governed by local volunteers. It is also the only community fundraising effort that is officially sponsored by Penn State University. Last year, United Way of Erie County reached its goal of raising \$5.5 million. It hopes to do even better this year and has set a goal for \$6 million. This is the first year that the student-run campaign has been in conjunction with the annual faculty/staff program.

As people know, Hurricane Katrina has caused destruction in the Gulf towns. Thousands of people were left homeless and in dire need of help. Local United Way organizations are coming together to coordinate and fund social services in order to help evacuees all over the country. Your donations will be used to help rebuild homes and communities along the Gulf Coast, as well as help communities that are hosting displaced families.



helping in these tasks, you can sign up at the Reed Information Desk. The deadline is September 29. For more information on how you or your group can help PSUnited Way to reach their goal, contact Kelly ShROUT in the Smith Chapel or your nearest PSUnited Way volunteer.

Pennsylvania dreamers come to Behrend

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From September 29 to October 27, The Institute on the American Dream of Penn State Erie will be holding a Speaker's Series entitled "Great Pennsylvania Dreamers." This Institute seeks to "define, analyze and compare concepts of individual, ethnic and national American dreams, seek their origins and evaluate who wins and who loses under the various definitions." It is a tall order to summarize

such a powerful concept as the American Dream, but director of the institute, Professor Charles Brock, provides a clear focus to the Speaker's Series.

Professor Brock explains, "The overall purpose is to expose some really interesting people from Pennsylvania to Behrend and Erie. Obviously, Penn and Franklin, as our 'Founders,' are crucial. Both were American dreamers in the original sense - liberty, equality, prosperity."

William Penn and Benjamin Franklin will be the subjects of the first dialogue, entitled "Creators." The dialogue will be presented by Barry Grossman, professor of history and political science at Mercyhurst College. The next dialogue, entitled "Industry," will be held on October 6, focusing on Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest men of his time and John McLuckie, the leader of one of the largest strikes in history. It will be held by history Professor John Rossi of Behrend.

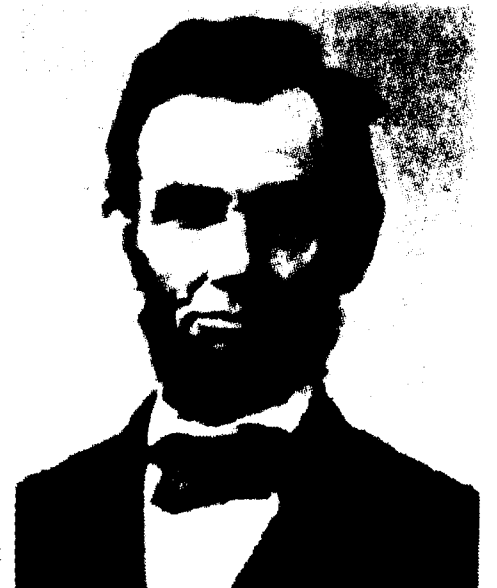
Paula A. Treckel, Chair of History at Allegheny College, will be conducting the third dialogue on October 20, "Power," which will

focus on John D. Rockefeller, ruthless businessman of the late 1800s, and Ida Tarbell, whose expose on dishonest business dealings helped bring about the investigation and dismantling of Rockefeller's Oil trust. The final dialogue on October 27 will focus on Joe Paterno and Joe Namath, aptly titled "Football." The "Football" dialogue will be led by Phillip K. Iobst, Lecturer in Management here at Behrend. Joe Paterno and Joe Namath may seem out of place among the subjects of the other dialogues, yet such is the purpose of the dialogues: to demonstrate how they epitomize the American dream.

Again, Professor Brock elaborates: "[Paterno and Namath] are two of the finest athletes in America and came from humble backgrounds - as did most of the others. So they are American dreamers in that they came out of poverty and rose up by their strivings."

Last year's series of dialogues provided by The Institute on the American Dream focused on "The American Dream and Fundamentalism" and was obviously successful enough to warrant

a continuation of the institute's objective: to evaluate the American Dream. The process will continue next year and, at the moment, the subject is planned to be centralized around Professor Brock's upcoming book, "Presidential Theologies," which he will lecture on in Oxford this winter. Yet, in the true fashion of the type of knowledge The Institute on the American Dream attempts to convey in their insightful dialogues, it is subject to change.



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