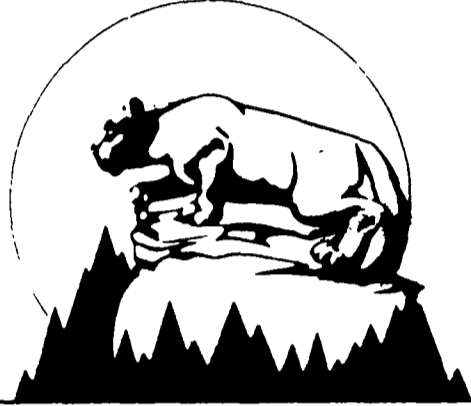


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## The Penn State-Behrend Tradition

The Behrend College of The Pennsylvania State University is located on a picturesque four-hundred-acre estate on the outskirts of Erie. Penn State-Behrend is more than a name; it is a history, a tradition, a future, and a heritage of concerned and farsighted people. A committee of Erie citizens was formed after World War II to investigate the possibility of establishing a public community college. The committee decided that Erie's needs would best be met by a branch campus of The Pennsylvania State University. Mrs. Mary Brownell Behrend, wife of the deceased Ernst Behrend generously offered the Glenhill Farm estate as a gift in memory of her husband.

In 1896, Ernst Richard Behrend founded the Hammermill Paper Company with his father and brother. Three years later, he was appointed president of the company, a post Mr. Behrend held until his death in 1940. Mr. Behrend, who was active in community affairs, was Erie's only citizen to be awarded the Distinguished Service Certificate by the American Legion, Pennsylvania Department. Mrs. Behrend also received many honors, and in 1958 she was one of the first individuals to be awarded the Penn State Medal in recognition of her "outstanding contribution to higher education."

The first class of 152 students entered the Behrend Center in 1948. These students were able to complete only their freshman year at the center; but in five years the curriculum was expanded to include the sophomore year and two associate degree programs. Erie Hall, the first new building at the center, was constructed entirely with contributions from a community fund drive in 1953.

In the University reorganization of 1969, the Commonwealth Campus system was established

and the Behrend Center became the Behrend Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. After eleven years of operation, the campus boasted 2,000 alumni and an enrollment of more than 300 students, doubling the enrollment of 1948.

The decade of the 1960s and early 1970s saw much construction on the campus. In 1962, the Otto F. Behrend Building was dedicated to Dr. Otto Behrend, Ernst's brother. In 1968, the J. Elmer Reed Building, named after the head of the committee which developed a public higher education institution in Erie, was erected, and in that and the following year the Niagara and Perry residence halls were opened. During the summer of 1970, the Edwin W. Nick Building, containing laboratories and classrooms was completed north of the Otto Behrend Building. A residence hall, Lawrence Hall, and a food service building, Dobbins Hall, were opened in 1971 to accommodate the increasing number of students.

In 1971, with a total enrollment of more than 1,200 students, the first junior class of approximately 35 students was accepted at Behrend Campus. The following June, the Behrend Campus graduated its first three baccalaureate students; two of them had completed all of their course work at Behrend. Approximately 1,500 students were enrolled in 1972 and 15 students were graduated in the baccalaureate programs. Students were offered two baccalaureate majors: the B.S. in General Arts and Sciences and the B.A. or B.S. in Science.

On January 20, 1973 by an act of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend Campus became The Behrend College, the only Penn State campus to receive college status within the University.

In 1973-73, 31 baccalaureate students graduated from the

Behrend College out of an enrollment of 1,579.

In 1973-74, the associate degree program in Letters, Arts, and Sciences was added to the existing associate degree offerings of Electrical Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Business.

Many new programs were added to the curriculum in 1975-76: an associate degree program in Nursing and the Army Reserves Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and several baccalaureate majors.

At the baccalaureate level, Penn State-Behrend now provides a significant educational alternative within The Pennsylvania State University system for students to complete B.A. degrees in Communications, Economics, English, General Arts and Sciences, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Science; or B.S. degrees in Accounting, Bio-Science, Business, General Business, History, Management, Mathematical Studies, Physical Science, and Psychology Studies. The Bachelor of Philosophy degree, tailored to an individual student's needs, permits a program of studies to transcend the somewhat more conventional baccalaureate programs.

Penn-State Behrend is an educational community which combines the personalization and flexibility of a small college with the academic resources of a major land-grant university. This unique combination enables 1,800 undergraduate students to achieve their personal and academic potential.

## Welcome From The Dean

Welcome to The Behrend College and The Pennsylvania State University. Like you, Penn State-Behrend not only is, but Penn State-Behrend is becoming. I hope you enjoy the excitement of change which characterizes both of you.

Many students are principally concerned about a career. They should be interested in not only a first, but a second or third as well. If you are destined to change careers 2.3 times, you can reasonably ask how to prepare for that world of career change. A major is very important, but it may not be as important as the acquisition of certain skills and insights.

What I have in mind specifically are such skills as critical thinking, quantitative reasoning and public speaking. I would particularly emphasize the ability to write with clarity, subtlety and persuasiveness, and a knowledge of the world and its cultures through the study of modern languages, history, the arts, the social sciences, and other avenues. That kind of education will assure you of a good chance for not only a first but a third career.

## President Oswald's Message

Dear student at Penn State:

This student handbook is a reference bulletin for you in many aspects of your life at Penn State. But undergirding this publication is an important attitude or philosophy which is a part of official policy. At Penn State we care about your individual experience, activity, and development during your college years. We endeavor to balance the extensive individual freedoms of university life with your understanding and acceptance of responsible citizenship in a university community. Therefore, this handbook will



So rather than pursue narrow vocational interests, pursue a major AND the broadest education possible in the humanities and the sciences, both social and natural. As new fields develop in the future, you will be ready for them.

My final advice is to take advantage of this wonderful environment. Go to the beach this week, go to the gorge, go to our camp, use all 425 acres. Also go downtown. Plan to attend concerts at the Warner Theater, and this winter go cross-country and downhill skiing. Make the best of this beautiful campus and region year round. You're at a special place — make the best of it.

provide information about many policies, services, and opportunities affecting your life at Penn State. But each one of you has the ultimate freedom to make as much, or as little, of your life here as you wish. These are probably the most crucial years of your life in determining your lifework, your habits of inquiry, your adult choice of values and ethics. For each of you I wish a fulfilling satisfying, and enriching experience at Penn State.

Sincerely,  
John Oswald  
President

This handbook has been prepared to provide students with a reference to the information and regulations regarding student life at Penn State-Behrend. The Policies and Rules for Students (Commonwealth and Other Branch Campuses) is also published by the University as a reference concerning system-wide information, regulations, policies and rules which pertain to all students and faculty. These two publications have been designed to be used by students to become acquainted with University wide information as well as local campus traditions, rules, and activities.  
The Student Handbook is published by the Student Affairs Office.