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# PENN STATE BEHREND

## Celebrating 35 Years In Partnership With Northwestern Pennsylvania

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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.

## 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 1898, 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 1959, 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 1971 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 outside of University Park to receive college status.

In 1972-73, 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 Economics, Communications, General Business, History, Management, Mathematical Studies, Physical Science, Psychology and Social and Behavioral Sciences; Directed Multi-Disciplinary 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. Beginning fall semester, 1983, three new Bachelor of Science programs will begin: Energy and Environmental Technology, Energy Science Engineering and Environmental Science Engineering.

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 Dean Lilley

You have made a very good decision. You have opted for large research-university standards but an intimate setting to make the best use of those standards. Those of you who remain at Behrend for four years will receive a Penn State degree and will have done so in an environment which fosters strong faculty-student interactions. In short, you will have the best of both Penn State worlds. Why is it important to be a part of a research university? What does that have to do with the instruction which you will receive in the



classroom and the advising and other contacts you will have outside the classroom? The University's number one commitment is to teaching, but without faculty research and scholarship, teaching suffers.

As faculty members create new knowledge within their disciplines, they enter the classroom with a fitness of mind and spirit that conveys not only the most pertinent information but an excitement about discovery. You may be fortunate enough to be able to assist them in their research.

Whatever you plan to do after you leave Penn State-Behrend, take advantage of the best which is Penn State while you are here with us. We offer you an outstanding faculty and a friendly atmosphere in one of the most fantastic physical environments one can find anywhere.

Make sure you take the bus to downtown Erie to the Philharmonic, to the Civic Center and its popular music and sporting events and to the ski slopes only twenty minutes away. A golf course is across the street and some of the region's most popular beautiful beaches at Presque Isle await you. Most importantly, explore the 400 acres of Penn State-Behrend and make the best possible use of it in all seasons. We offer you a unique environment for your education, and we urge you to make fullest use of it. Best wishes.

## Pres. Jordan's Message

It is a pleasure to welcome the class of 1987 to Penn State, and to comment on the purposes of student life. This book is a reference which we think you will find useful in your many-faceted life at this university.

The Penn State family is concerned about your individual development here, and thus about the quality of all the experiences and activities which contribute to that development. We want you to realize the individual freedom and responsibility which are the hallmarks of a community. This book will help you to do that. It is our hope that you will find it a useful and enjoyable reference throughout your college years.