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Behrend Center—Pennsylvania State College

STUDENT "STATER'S STRUT" SCORES SUCCESS

Large Crowd Attends Ceremony Dedicating Behrend Center of Penn State College

Faculty and Students Mix

Participate in Behrend Center Dedication



Behrend Center of the Pennsylvania State College was dedicated Saturday at ceremonies held at 3 p.m. on the campus, located on Station Rd. near Wintergreen Gorge. Shown above at the dedication are: (left to right) Mrs. A. C. Sayer, daughter of Mrs. Mary Behrend; Mrs. William Brust, sister of the late Ernst R. Behrend; Judge William E. Hirt of the Superior Court; Mrs. Mary B. Behrend, donor of the estate; and James Milholland, of Pittsburgh, president of the college board of trustees, Edwin W. Nick, president of the Erie advisory board of Behrend Center, presided at the dedication ceremonies. Speakers included Mrs. Behrend, Mr. Milholland and Judge Hirt. Invocation and benediction during the official ceremonies were given by the Rev. E. Maclay Gearhart, pastor of the Luther Memorial Church and a longtime friend of the late Ernst R. Behrend.

Late Saturday afternoon a large group gathered here at the college to hear and see the impressive dedication ceremonies.

Mr. Edwin Nick, president of the Erie Advisory Board, was in charge of the program with the opening address being given by Judge William E. Hirt. Judge Hirt expressed the hope that some-day the present Behrend Center of The Pennsylvania State College might be known as the Behrend College of The University of Pennsylvania. He also stated that he believed, "Penn State had outgrown its swaddling clothes". Also mentioned was the fact that there are 9000 students on the main campus with another 4000 students at the different centers. Judge Hirt continued, saying "I know that I speak for the community in telling of her affection and admiration we all hold for Mrs. Behrend. Her gift will pay ever increasing dividends far beyond the value of the property. Mr. Behrend was not merely a maker of paper, but he also was a creator of men. He realized that in no other country is there anything like America for educating its children."

Mrs. Behrend in paying homage to her late husband the co-founder of Hammmill Paper Company, explained that she was certain that both she and her daughter were only doing that which Mr. Behrend would have wished. Continuing she stated "I could have sold this property many times to those who wanted to use it for gambling or similar purposes, but when officials of The Pennsylvania State College made the offer to purchase the home that we held so dear, I knew that my husband had always felt that it meant more to him to see young folks come along than it did to make profits, and I realized that in our gift we would perpetuate what he had carried forward for nearly half a century here."

Mrs. Behrend said that for many years they came to the site of the college for picnics, hikes in the woods and other recreation. The late J. C. (Doc) Ainsworth had shown them the place and that they decided to make it their home, "for we always liked young folks around us and now that it is being used for the greatest thing in the world, education, we are happy."

James Milholland, of Pittsburgh, acting president of the board of trustees of The Pennsylvania State College, outlined the present plans for the Erie center and said that there was no reason why the program could not expand in the future, not only those taking college courses, but also for the night schools and other extension work now housed there.

Those taking part in the ceremony were the Administrative Head, T. Reed Ferguson, Capt. Roger W. Rowland, New Castle; E. Lowrie Humes, Meadville; J. E. Holtzinger, Altoona. From the board of trustees were J. Orvis Keller, assistant to the president in charge of extension education, and David M. Pugh, director of extension education.

Dr. E. Maclay Gearhart, of the

The first Hallowe'n celebration at Behrend Center was the "Staters' Strut," a barn dance.

Although the actual party was Saturday night, the fun started the night before. Early Friday evening a crew of ambitious students and instructors gathered in the student lounge to decorate for the dance. Everyone was occupied with instructors gathered in the student lounge to decorate for the dance. Everyone was occupied with his own tasks; there were Jack O'-Lanterns to be made, signs to be printed, crepe paper ribbons to string, and leaves to be distributed. There was even a scarecrow! By the end of the evening the lounge had taken on a new look and was all ready for a square dance.

By eight thirty Saturday evening the lounge was filled with gals and fellows dressed in dungarees and sports shirts or sweaters.

A professional caller from the Erie district was here to teach some dances and games.

The students helping at the refreshment stand were kept busy handing out cider and doughnuts. Everyone paused there to regain some strength for the next number.

Some of the faculty members decided to start a trend by throwing kernels of corn from one end of the room to the other. The movement spread like wild fire. Soon everyone was merrily tossing corn at every person within his reach. We nominate Mr. Demp for champion corn-thrower of the year!

The dance was over at 11:45, it was not forgotten as abruptly as it ended. Long after the last dance, our ears still rang with, "... swing your partner, circle four. ... dive for the oyster and run away home!"

Pigskin Party Is Planned for Week of 20th

All aboard! The pigskin convoy takes off for the Smoky City with about fifty members of the faculty and student body aboard Saturday morning on the 20th of this month as they head for the annual rock 'em sock 'em football game between Penn State's Nittany Lions and the Panthers of Pitt. Student and faculty cars will leave the Center at 9 a. m. for those taking part in the trip. All riders are to chip in for the gasoline for the journey. Anyone offering transportation should contact Miss McBeath (not McBeet) in the office some time this week.

Lutheran Memorial Church, Mr. Behrend's pastor, delivered the invocation.

Assisting Mr. Nick were those who served on the original Behrend Center Committee: Robert C. Reed, Bertram E. Claridge, Mary B. Behrend, W. Pitt Gifford, N. A. Carlson, H. C. Mitchell, Dr. C. Herman Grose, G. R. Fryling, Allyn Wright, J. A. Zurn, H. L. R. Emmet, Ellis T. Knobloch, Dr. Paul H. Henkle, J. E. Reed, Marion A. Nagle, Rev. G. Weir Hartman, Harold S. Ogden, and C. Dean Klahr.

William Nelson Is Elected Student Council President

The official 1948-49 Student Council met for the first time on Tuesday, October 27. At this important meeting William Nelson, representative from Physics and Chemistry, was unanimously elected president. Bill is a native of Erie, and he and his wife now live in an apartment on Vermont Avenue. He is a graduate of Erie East High School, where he was president of the Student Council.

Bill will be assisted by: Tom Pearce, Liberal Arts, vice-president; Judy Norton, Education, Secretary and Ed Kittka, Engineering, treasurer.

The other members of the Student Council that were elected by the students from their various curriculums are: Wes Pfirman, Engineering; Janet Brown, Agriculture; Gibb Brownlie and Jim Mullard, Liberal Arts; and Dunc Zimmerman, Mineral Industries and Physical Education.

BACK THE NITTANY CUB!

Fitts Is Dead!

By Marilyn Garden

On the night of November 2, 1948, at approximately 12:30, the sharp snap of a mousetrap marked the death of Fitts, a furry little mouse who had been living in the dorm for two weeks.

Fitts' presence was first noticed a fortnight ago when he was heard running across the floor of the room he chose to call home. Several days later it was discovered that he was living in a built-in mouse hole. It was formerly a telephone connection, and the hole Fitts used as a door was so small that he could just squeeze through. You can see where he got his name.

At first Fitts was quite a nice little mouse. He tried to be as quiet as possible and he was seldom seen. But--alas--his freedom went to his head. He started to make noises at the wrong time, he ate pop-corn which had fallen on the floor, and finally, the straw that broke the camel's back (and Fitts' too!) was the fact that he was seen at eight o'clock one morning, watching one of the girls read her history.

The question was discussed and weighed in an unbiased way. It

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Technical Courses Are Offered by Erie Penn State

By Nan Bierman
Pennsylvania State College offers courses to men and women who are high school graduates, or who have gained enough experience in the business-world to equal a secondary school education. The applicant is given an interview to determine if he is eligible for the night courses. There is no college credit given, but after the completion of enough units, an industrial certificate is awarded. It may take up to five years to get a certificate by attending.

BOOK STORE HOURS

Monday and Wed. 2:30-4:30
Tuesday and Thurs. 1:00-2:00
Friday 3:30-4:30

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