

# Administration Building Was Behrend Summer Home



The Behrend Administration Building as it looks today, and much the same as it looked when occupied by the Behrend family.

(Editor's Note: This issue of THE NITTANY CUB commences a series of articles about the history of the original buildings of the Behrend estate.)

The present administration building, dormitory, and cafeteria was formally the summer house of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Behrend. When the Behrends first purchased the old Schilling farm or Glenhill Farm as it was called, the few buildings on the farm looked far different than they presently do.

The farm house which was located on the site of where Mr. Kochel's office is was remodeled and expanded shortly after the farm was purchased. In Mr. Kochel's office is an oaken beam approximately 1½ feet square which is supposedly one of the original beams of the old farm house.

The present reception room and adjoining lobby once was a patio. This was enclosed to make an office for the secretarial staff shortly after Mrs. Behrend donated the Glenhill Farm to The Pennsylvania State University.

The Memorial Room was originally Mrs. Behrend's music room. It was furnished much the same as it is now, but it had a harp in the corner alcove.

Some of the world's most prominent people visited the Behrends at their summer home. Lowell Thomas was one of the frequent guests and was a very close friend to the late Ernst Behrend.

Some of the unique facts concerning the building was the specifications by Mrs. Behrend that the cables leading from the lightning rods to the ground were to be so constructed that they could not be seen. Another thing is that the tile on the fireplaces was all imported from Holland and all apparently hand painted for no two pieces of tile can be found that are exactly alike.

Still another fact was the thorough investigation by Mr. Ernst Behrend of ways to keep the swimming pool from cracking. Four ways were proposed and these are: (1) Drain all the water out of the pool; (2) Drain out all the water but eighteen inches; (3) Add a log boom and (4) Lay four foot strips of wood from the patio into the pool. Number three has been used and thus far no cracking has occurred.

In the next issue we will tell more about the main building.

## Oxford English Dictionary Acquired by Behrend Library

Hi! This is "Oogie," your Behrend Campus Library bookworm, with the latest scoop on all the library news. This time Miss Shumacher has asked me to announce the recent acquisition of the **Oxford English Dictionary** for the Behrend Library. Comprising twelve volumes and a supplement, this unabridged dictionary is considered by many to be in a class by itself.

The stated purpose of this work is "to furnish an adequate account of the meaning, origin and history of English words now in general use, or known to have been in use at any time during the last seven hundred years." An attempt has been made to treat each word in the following manner:

1. To trace its historical development through its various changes in meanings up to its present signification.
2. To illustrate this development through quotations.
3. To etymologically analyze each word.

Containing some 414,825 words, plus 26,000 in the supplement, and 1,827,306 quotations, the **Oxford English Dictionary** makes some of its illustrious multivolume predecessors seem small in comparison. Because of its overwhelming superiority over other dictionaries in the number of quotations, in the O.E.D. alone can be found the complete bi-

ography of every word in the English language. Only words which had become obsolete by 1150 and some slang are excluded.

Louis Shores has said that "no library can be considered scholarly without possessing the **Oxford English Dictionary**, which serves other fields than English language and literature. To the student of any subject in which the history of word usage is important, this dictionary is basic." Certainly every student at Behrend is privileged to have this great set of books to work with.

Some of the other books recently acquired are:

### Language

A French review grammar by Carter.

### Science

Basic mathematics for science and engineering by Andres.

The atom and its nucleus by Gamow.

General chemistry by Lunder.

Rocks and minerals by Pearl.

The planet earth by Scientific American.

Weather by Lehr.

Prehistoric life by Raymond.

### Applied Science

An introduction to the engineering profession by McGuire.

A course in electrical engineering by Dawes.

Industrial electricity by Dawes.

Direct current circuits by Morecock.

## Recent SGA

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these claims are true," said McAllister. "But they relate only to items which require administration approval. If it must be ratified by the administration, the S.G.A. can only support it." It was concerning this matter, claims McAllister, "that the author of **S.G.A. Asleep** (from the previous issue of **THE NITTANY CUB**) was hasty in some of his assumptions."

McAllister then went on to cite a number of the recent accomplishments of the S.G.A. He noted that the Activities Schedule was planned, set up, and sanctioned by the S.G.A. New and longer hours have been established for Erie Hall. A definite time schedule was determined for the cafeteria. The bowling alleys and the ping-pong and pool tables have been made self-sufficient under S.G.A. direction.

These were but a few of the many accomplishments of the S.G.A. mentioned by McAllister. At any rate, they tend to indicate that the Behrend Campus S.G.A. is not so asleep after all.

Engineering drawing by Zozora.

### Mechanical Drawing

A manual of engineering drawing for students and draftsmen by French.

### Literature

Humorous introduction for emcees by Brings.

See you next issue, "Oogie"