

THE HISTORY OF BEHREND

Toward the end of World War II, a group of Erie citizens formed a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a college for the community of Erie. They determined that the most practical and useful kind of institution would be a branch campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

One of the main problems the Committee faced was where to house the college. Mrs. Mary B. Behrend, wife of the deceased, Ernest R. Behrend, founder of the Hammermill Paper Company, made available her 420 acre estate which the committee offered to purchase. After deliberating twenty-four hours, Mrs. Behrend decided not to sell the estate but give it to The Penn State University for the establishment of the Behrend Campus.

In 1948, The Behrend Center of the Pennsylvania State University came into existence with the first class entering in September. In the beginning, students were able to take their freshman year of college at the Center and one-year programs were offered in curriculums ranging from Production Tool Design to a one-year secretarial course.

In 1953, the Behrend Campus expanded its offerings to the second year of the Baccalaureate, four-year degree programs. The one-year technical programs were dropped at this time and replaced by the Associate Degree programs. The first Associate Degree class was graduated in June, 1955.

A reorganization took place within The University in 1959, which established The Penn State University Commonwealth Campus Systems. Today there are nineteen Commonwealth Campuses within commuting distance of 85% of the population of Pennsylvania. As a result of this change, the Behrend Center became the Behrend Campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Since the establishment of the Behrend Campus in 1948, the enrollment has more than doubled. The original campus was housed in the buildings that existed on the Behrend Estate. These buildings were converted for appropriate academic and administrative use, including a cafeteria and limited space for women students. Over the years, these buildings have been modified to meet the growing needs of Behrend. In 1953, the first new building, Erie Hall, was built by a community fund drive. The next addition to the Campus was the Otto F. Behrend Science Building, completed in 1962, and made possible by a bequest from the late Otto F. Behrend, the brother-in-law of Mary Behrend. The most recent additions to the campus are the J. Elmer Reed Union Building and a residence hall, both nearing completion. Plans for a new laboratory and classroom



TARZANS BARBER SHOP
BUFFALO ROAD IN WESLEYVILLE
3 BARBERS--NO WAITING

building have been approved by the University, and are scheduled to be completed by 1969.

* * *

DEAR ANNIE:

Dear Annie,

I have to keep cutting class to get to the bookstore. It's been 5 weeks and I still don't have all of my books. Each time I cut they're not open, so I cut again and it's still not open--what do I do about this?

Lucy Livre

Dear Luce,

What Bookstore???

Dear Annie,

How do I go about renting a canoe to get from the O.B. to the Turnbull Hall?

Danny Duck

Dear Dan,

Say what? I didn't hear you--I've got water in my ears!!

Dear Annie,

How's the soccer team going?

Dick Lament

Dear Dickey,

We played a great game!!

Dear Annie,

The trips between buildings on campus are horrible in this cold weather. How can I keep warm??

Freddie Frost

Dear Fred,

Customs week is over--keep your hands in your pockets.

Confidential to Dirty Dan: Don't bother answering the Questions of the Day about Mr. Bedford!!!



HEY MAN.... WHAT'S WITH ALL U-DAY?!