

Behrend Expanded

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land-grant university."

While a number of transfer students from Community Colleges and other two-year institutions are admitted to the University each year, Mr. Holderman said it is likely the bulk of the first upperclassmen to matriculate at Behrend would come from within the Penn State Commonwealth Campus system.

Irvin H. Kochel, director of the Behrend Campus, said the first class of juniors will be enrolled in one of two majors—science, offered by the College of Science, or general arts and sciences, offered by the College of the Liberal Arts.

The science major awards either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree to students who seek a broad education with an emphasis on science.

The general arts and science curriculum offers a Bachelor of Arts degree to students who pursue a liberal education encompassing the humanities, the fine arts, the social sciences and the natural sciences.

Mr. Kochel said these particular majors were selected because a substantial base in the two subject areas already was provided in the freshman-sophomore curriculum at Behrend.

"The two majors we will offer in September also provide a flexible base for expansion of the upper-class curriculum in future years," Mr. Kochel commented. "As facilities and faculty are added to the Campus, we can expect majors in other disciplines to be developed."

The initial expansion to junior programs will add 11 members to the 56-man faculty at Behrend.

Mr. Holderman said that of Penn State's 19 campuses throughout the State, Behrend best possessed in terms of available land and existing or planned facilities the potential for rapid development into a four-year campus.

"The authorization to go at

Behrend was by no means a sudden decision on the part of the Penn State Board of Trustees," Mr. Holderman explained.

"The Board directed University officers in February of last year to begin planning a four-year program at Behrend," he continued, "because the developing rush of upperclassmen at University Park has been quite clear for a number of years."

Mr. Holderman reported the University will have spaces at all locations for 10,000 freshmen next September. But he added:

"As of one week ago, we had 24,335 applications on file for freshman admission into the four-year baccalaureate degree program. We fully anticipate freshman applications for the Fall will reach approximately 30,000."

Behrend was established by Penn State in 1943 on a 420-acre tract of land donated to the University by Mrs. Mary E. Behrend, widow of Ernst Behrend, founder of Hammermill Paper Co., Erie's major locally owned industry.

The Behrend Campus currently enrolls 813 freshmen and sophomores in all of Penn State's ten undergraduate colleges. Another 209 students are enrolled in the three two-year associate degree programs offered at the Campus.

A graduate center offering a master's degree in engineering was opened at Behrend a year ago in response to requests through the years from local industrialists. Its current enrollment totals 89.

This is the second time Penn State has initiated upper-class educational programs away from the University Park campus.

A junior-senior-graduate Capitol Campus was opened in 1966 at the request of former Gov. William W. Scranton on the site of the former Olmsted Air Force Base which was phased out of operation by the U. S. Department of Defense. Freshmen and sophomores are not enrolled there.

Capitol's enrollment for the Fall of 1969 was 1,128 undergraduates and 297 graduate students.

Keystone Pledges Six New Members

On January 14, 1970 in the RUB music room six students were pledged into the Keystone Society. The new pledges were Tom Acri, Bruce Behringer, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Markley, Jonell Long, and Jeff Witt. These students exemplified an outstanding achievement in attaining a 2.5 average or better and participated in one or more activity in which they were recommended for their achievements.

It was a short ceremony which started by the new pledges being ushered into a dark room by candlelight by vice-president Sue Gross. They were then addressed by the Society's advisor Mr. Simmons, who in turn introduced Patrick Haberman, the president. Mr. Haberman read some articles from the constitution describing the Society's purpose and membership. The new pledges then took the oath and are now considered pledges for one term, where upon at the end of that term if they abide to the pledge they will be inducted into the Society as full members.



Coloratura soprano Deborah Cook (above) and classical guitarist Peter Segal will display their talents here on Saturday, January 31. The program in the Reed Lecture Hall, will begin at 8 p.m. There is no charge for students. Admission for others is \$1.00.

Board Pleased By Decision For Expansion

Statement by Howard Kelly, chairman of the Behrend Campus Advisory Board:

"The Behrend Campus Advisory Board is indeed gratified by the decision of the Penn State University Board of Trustees and its officers to proceed with the development of the Behrend Campus into a four-year college.

"Erie and all of Northwest Pennsylvania have been fortunate through the years to have in its environs excellent institutions of higher education. Each institution in its own way has attempted to meet the demand for increased educational opportunities. The response to these demands will continue."



Elections To Be Held For Carnival Queen

The various campus clubs will by Monday, January 26, have ten nominees for our Winter Weekend Queen. It will be up to you to show your interest by voting for the one you wish to be crowned as the queen.

The semi-final election will take place on Tuesday, January 27. The voting will be held in the R.U.B. in front of the cafeteria. The results of this election will name five

semi-finalists, one of which will be chosen as the Queen.

On Tuesday, February 3, you are urged to continue your participation by voting again. The winner of this election will be crowned Queen at the semi-formal dance to be held Saturday, February 7, from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. in Erie Hall. Tickets for the dance will be sold for \$3.00 per couple.

History Shows Our Campus...

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production and technology, the two-year associate degree program was introduced throughout the University's Commonwealth Campus network.

Three are offered at Behrend: Drafting and design technology; electrical and electronics technology, and a two-year business program.

In addition, the Continuing Education program at Behrend offers a variety of programs for Erie County and her residents: graduate and undergraduate courses; workshops, short courses, correspondence courses, institutes and specialized instruction in areas such as management development, labor education, public safety and public affairs, to name a few.

The latest academic feature to be added to the campus was the opening a year ago of the Behrend Graduate Center. It currently enrolls 89 students as candidates for master of engineering degrees.

Behrend is one of Penn State's 19 branch campuses located throughout the Commonwealth.

Its physical plant, which has grown by leaps and bounds through the years, now is valued at \$4.7 million. With completion of a \$917,000 classroom building now under construction, the plant value will increase to \$5.6 million.

In addition, another \$15 million in new construction has been programmed for the campus as

funds become available in future years.

The residents of Erie County have demonstrated their backing of the campus in numerous ways, perhaps most distinctly in their support of Behrend's only two fund-raising campaigns conducted in 1953 and 1966.

Thirteen years ago, the community responded to a \$160,000 financing drive for the construction of Erie Hall, the campus' physical education facility.

And three years ago, a \$500,000 fund-raising campaign was undertaken toward a \$2 million construction program epitomized by the dedication last year of the J. Elmer Reed study-learning center.

As University President Enric A. Walker pointed out so appropriately at dedication ceremonies of the Otto F. Behrend Science Building in 1962:

"Each community must take upon itself the responsibility of contributing its full share of the cost of higher education. Through a combined state and local effort, the job can be done—and the Behrend Campus is a fine example of how successful such a method can be. The example set by the dedicated people of Erie must serve in the future as model and inspiration throughout the state."

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