

News Briefs

Yeltsin pledges help to NATO troops

In talks Monday in New York, Boris Yeltsin surprised President Bill Clinton by pledging Russian troops to aid in efforts to enforce peace in Bosnia. However, Yeltsin and Clinton disagree on whether Russian troops would serve under NATO command.

NATO, the Western military alliance, was originally formed in opposition to Moscow. Yeltsin has opposed NATO command while Clinton believes it is essential for peace-keeping efforts to be successful. Defense Secretary William Perry and Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev will meet this week to reach a compromise concerning the impasse.

Yeltsin and Clinton agreed to work towards banning all nuclear tests next year and improving security at Russian nuclear sites to prevent thefts of weapons materials. France and Britain have already agreed and Clinton plans to gain support from Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

This was the ninth meeting for Yeltsin and Clinton and the two seemed at ease with one another. Yeltsin is in the United States this week for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Selena's murderer convicted

After two hours of deliberations, a jury convicted the former president of Selena's fan club of murdering the Tejano singing star. Yolanda Saldivar had claimed that the gun went off accidentally, shooting Selena. Saldivar still awaits sentencing, facing probation to life in prison.

Selena, whose full name was Selena Quintanilla Perez, was shot March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel. Prosecutors contend that Selena had gone to the hotel to retrieve records that supported suspicions that Saldivar had embezzled \$30,000 as manager of Selena's boutique.

Defense attorneys claimed that Saldivar had planned on committing suicide when the gun went off as she waved the .38-caliber pistol.

High Court rejects Citadel case

Shannon Faulkner's case against the all-male military college, The Citadel, has been rejected by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court felt that the case was irrelevant since Faulkner no longer attends the South Carolina school. Faulkner, along with several other cadets, dropped out of The Citadel during Hell Week in August.

The justices also denied letting Nancy Mellette, a high school senior and Citadel hopeful, intervene in the case.

Earlier this month, in district court, Judge C. Weston Houck replaced Faulkner with Mellette in the sex discrimination suit against The Citadel. On November 13, Judge Houck will decide whether a separate, military program at Converse College offers women comparable military experience to The Citadel. Converse College is a private, all-women college while The Citadel is a state-funded school.

Faulkner's suit against The Citadel began in 1993 when her application was accepted, then rejected by school officials when they discovered she was a woman.

SGA Report

by Sean Siekkinen
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The Student Government Association holds its weekly meeting every Wednesday at 5:15 in Reed conference room 114.

Timothy Mallon's President's Report last night contained details of President Spanier's visit to Behrend yesterday, and topics which Spanier discussed. Mallon said that, according to Spanier, state and federal budget cuts are imminent for the University. Also, the University is considering restructuring the Commonwealth Campus system by either eliminating or consolidating some campuses, or by turning some campuses into four year colleges like Behrend.

Phone Directory Committee Chairman Bill Matory talked about the status of the student and faculty phone directory, which was supposed to have been available in the very near future. However, a computer disk holding the only known copy of the program used to read student information from the Registrar's computer turned out to be corrupted. The program is unusable. Matory says the committee is considering asking the MIS Department to write a new program to perform the functions of reading and formatting student information. The directory is now tentatively scheduled to be available second semester.

Commuter Council President Steve Landon moved to request resignations from the three Senate members who have three or more unexcused meeting absences this year. Those SGA members are Resident Senator Roxzana Kelly, Commuter Senator John Anderson, and Commuter Senator Charlene Terrill.

Lion Ambassadors...

Alumni in training

by Matt Plizga
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"Alumni in training" is how advisor Bonnie Fagan describes the Lion Ambassadors. The organization was founded at Behrend in 1987, with the intent to mold students into future productive alumni.

One goal of the Lion Ambassadors is to foster campus spirits. The organization also serves as a representative of the Provost and official student host for the University. In addition, the Lion Ambassadors work closely with the Student Alumni Association and as a liaison with the College Alumni Society.

The Office of Admissions and Lion Ambassadors also work together to provide perspective students and Behrend families opportunities to tour the campus. Fagan calls the Lion Ambassadors, "the official tour guides of the University."

The Lion Ambassadors sponsor the annual Founders' Day celebration on October 30. Founders' Day honors Mary Behrend for donating the Behrend campus to the University on October 30, 1948.

This year, festivities will be held in the Memorial Room Glenhill Farmhouse. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend and experience the historical background behind the University. The Lion Ambassadors will provide cake, and several historical pictures and artifacts from the Behrend farm.

The Lion Ambassadors sponsor several events throughout the year. During Homecoming, the Ambassadors provided ice cream at "The Dirges" concert. During the spring, the organization holds a faculty appreciation event. The Lion Ambassadors also hold the Zero Year Reunion party for graduating seniors.

There are currently 18 Lion

*Lion
Ambassadors...
student
representatives
and hosts*

Ambassadors and their membership drive runs until Friday, October 27. To become a Lion Ambassador, students must have a full-time schedule and a grade point average above 2.5. In addition, perspective Ambassadors are required to fill out an application and have an interview with current members. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office.

Question of the week--

How do you think racism affects social relations on campus?

"I don't view racism as the problem, it's fear of new ideas and cultures."
--Jon Cooper 09 ACC/MIS

"I don't see too much racism at Behrend, but I do see some segregation between the races, which I think is unnecessary in 1995."
--Mindy Ehsam 04 DUS

"I think other things on this campus affect social relations much more than racism because I don't see that much [racism]."
--Thomas Gardner 08 Communications

"For me personally, I don't see racism on this campus. For the most part, all students seem to get along. Personally I've had no problems making friends of different races."
--Brian Ingram 03 Industrial Engineering

"I think the problem is more with cultural intolerance and ignorance. People don't act out their emotions too often. However, the prejudice is prevalent."
--Chastity Irizarry 03 International Business/Marketing

"I have friends that are from different races so from my standpoint, I don't think racism affects the social relationships on this campus."
--John Merkel 03 MIS

"I don't see racism as the problem, just cultural ignorance. No one wants to learn or hear about someone else's culture."
--James Owens 06 DUS

"I feel as though it affects minorities a great deal because racism happens everywhere--in the dorms, classrooms, and in the work place."
--Roxanne Scott 07 Communications

"I think people aren't so much racist but aren't just aware of cultural differences. All races should not be clumped together. Within races there are differences, which people should try to understand."
--Derrice Ward 05 Biology

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Founders' Day planned

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The Lion Ambassadors will be holding their annual Founder's Day Celebration on Monday, October 30, in recognition of Penn State-Behrend's 47th birthday.

An open house will be held in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to honor Mary Behrend for donating her family estate to the university.

Donnie Black, Lion Ambassador said, "Founder's Day is a time to reflect on Behrend's past and take a look at what Behrend will have to offer in the future."

Ernst and Mary Behrend resided on what is now the Penn State-Behrend campus for many years while Ernst concentrated his efforts in the establishment of the

Hammermill Paper Company, in which he was a co-founder. After his death, Mary Behrend donated the 400-acres of land along with a gift of two million dollars to Penn State University.

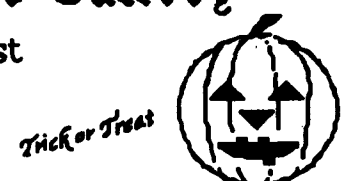
Fact sheets and scrapbooks covering the Behrend family era and its future will be available for viewing. Faculty, staff and students are invited to enjoy cake and refreshments during this commemoration.

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