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occurred in May of 1997. This first section is slated to begin construction in 1998 and is hopefully going to be finished sometime in 1999. The East Side Access Highway is on a 12 year plan currently. The second phase will be from I-90 to Station Rd., passing by Behrend college.

Dr. John Lilley, Provost and Dean of Behrend College, has been one of the leading supporters of the Highway from the beginning. "It will be much easier for students living on campus to get quickly into the city, giving our student body great access to the downtown district in order to take advantage of cultural events happening there." The city isn't the only one that gains access, however. Behrend College will be situated on a highly traveled highway, giving the College much publicity and access. The public has always been encouraged to participate in events held on campus, and with easier access, Dr. Lilley feels that more people will be in attendance. The Highway will also allow prospective students and their families easier access to the college.

Even though Alternate 3 is the least intrusive way through, Dr. Lilley has been quite firm on the way it will impact the campus. "We want to contribute to the park-like atmosphere of the campus, and enhance the natural beauty of the area, not destroy it." Wetlands that will be disrupted will be replaced by other man-made ones, and extensive bicycle paths and sidewalks will be included to give the public greater access to the beauty of the area. Dr. Lilley hopes that the beauty of the campus will rise to the level of inspiration, creating a standard of beauty for the lives of students. The Highway will allow the large traffic volume that flows by on Station Rd. to be handled more smoothly and easily, also eliminating the sometimes dangerous parallel situation of Jordan Rd. and College Dr. The speed limit on the road will be 45 miles per hour and noise does not seem to be a concern for the college, as residence halls are set away from the projected road.

Dr. Lilley is not the only one excited about the benefits. Harborcreek Town Supervisor Donna Mindek, in a recent interview, commented on the highway. "The accessibility it gives students is incredible. The Highway will also be a benefit to the Harborcreek township, giving it greater access." Not all residents are happy with the upcoming highway, however. One Cooper road resident who did not give his name said "Basically I just want to say that I'm opposed to this alternate. All of them. I don't want any of them. I don't see the need for it. I think it's a waste of our tax money."

Lee Weidner, a member of the Transportation Committee during the key years of development on the project, countered the statement. "I think the Eastside connector is more important than the Bayfront, as the east has always had serious accessibility problems."

2001 is the year that the second phase is slated to begin, going by the college. This year's Freshman will most likely be able to view the construction on their graduation day.

SGA calls on Harborcreek to extend water, sewer lines

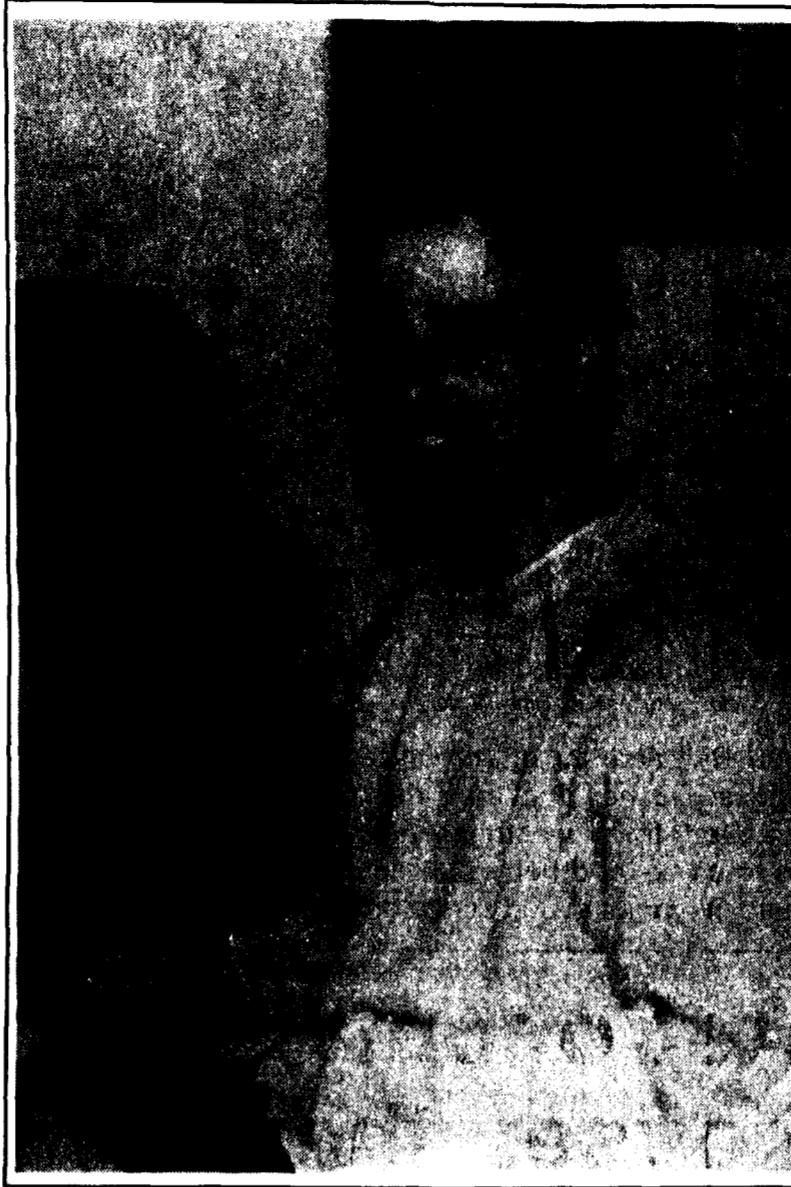
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Harborcreek's plans of extending the public water system up to Behrend property, allowing businesses to move in around campus, may be redrawn. The original boundaries will most likely be reduced to go only as far as I-90. This will still cover Behrend, but since no formal vote has been taken, there is still the threat that the plan to bring the public water system to the areas in Behrend's immediate surroundings will be voted down.

Last night, the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a resolution calling on the town of Harborcreek to approve the extension of water and sewer lines through the Behrend campus area in order to provide for future commercial development. Michael Zampetti, SGA president, stated, "The water and sewer line coming into the Behrend area will help facilitate growth of the Behrend College, as well as create revenue for Harborcreek with the introduction of new businesses."

The purpose of the extension of the water system was originally to serve Knowledge Park. An additional benefit of the extension would be the opportunity for businesses, such as fast food restaurants and convenience stores, to move in within walking distance of campus.

Misty Holt, 07 psychology, commented that the extended water system, "...would be great because it would bring a lot of competition to the Behrend Mafia a.k.a., housing and food." She went on to say, "It



SGA President Michael Zampetti. photo by Jessica Trzeciakowski

would also bring more variety and social life to campus. Maybe less people would transfer to University Park."

The purpose of the SGA resolution is to show student support for the

water system. Zampetti stated, "The resolution shows the determination of SGA to promote student interest and to help enhance the college atmosphere at Behrend."



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The Glenhill Farmhouse is once again surrounded by snow.

ABC celebrates its fourth annual Kwanzaa dinner

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Behrend's Association of Black Collegians celebrated Kwanzaa, an African American holiday, with their fourth annual Kwanzaa dinner in Dobbins Gazebo on December 8, 1997.

Kwanzaa, which was developed on December 26, 1966, is a

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spiritual and festive celebration which claims no ties to religion. The focus of Kwanzaa is centered around seven principles, all which place emphasis on the unity of African American families. The goal and concept of Kwanzaa is to help African Americans relate to the past in order to understand the present and deal with the future. The seven principles in which Kwanzaa revolves are called the Nguzo Saba, they consist of:

1. Umoja: unity
2. Kujichagulia: self determination
3. Ujima: collective work and responsibility
4. Ujamaa: cooperative economics
5. Nia: purpose
6. Kuumba: creativity
7. Imani: faith

These spiritual and social principles were created to help African Americans develop ways to relate to themselves as an entity and others in society. The Nguzo Saba can also be used in response to the needs and problems of African Americans.

Brother Michael X Anderson, the speaker of the evening, incorporated these various principles and directed those in attendance to apply them to their

daily lives. He stressed unity and faith in oneself and others all throughout the year, not just during the holiday season. Brother Michael also addressed a problem which is prevalent across our campus and other campuses nationwide; student apathy. He urged students to participate in organizations and other events on campus, so that the student body may become more unified and stronger. He said that we as students need not only get together in a time of crisis but continuously throughout the year. Brother Mike concludes with thoughts of fellowship, prosperity and achievement for the upcoming year.

The Behrend Gospel Choir "Ultimate Praise" and their director Reverend Keith Ladson brought the evening to a close with an encore performance of "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

"It was a powerful and enjoyable experience and I wish that there were more functions like that on campus. I hope that we receive the same support if not more for NSBE's upcoming fashion show next semester on February 19," said Erika Forde, 01 Psychology.

"The Kwanzaa dinner turned out to be a successful event but I only wish that there had been more support and enthusiasm for the Gospel Choir. After all we received more audience appreciation at the Behrend's Choir Concert performance than we did at the Kwanzaa dinner," said Danielle Marshall, 03 Political science.

"I thought it was very enlightening but I wish there could have been more student support for the event. I am sick and tired of people not supporting others peoples organizations and meetings. We need to stop the bickering and the petty bullshit. If I could try my best to support everybody so can everybody else. And I mean that," emphasized Shana Johnson, 04 Bio-Behavioral Health.

What do you think about the Behrend radio station?

"I've never heard it."
-Brock Bovaird, 04, Psychology

"I don't really listen to it."
-George Hamilton, 01, ME

"I'm sure it would be a good station if I listened to it."
-Michele Hoffman, 01, Accounting

"It's all about business and economics. They should have another station for music."
-Chris Kuhns, 03, Computer Engineering

"Now I don't listen to it, but in the future I might have to."
-TJ Dye, 03, BEcon

"I haven't heard it."
-Ian Karle, 01, PLET

"It needs to be directed toward the students more."
-Todd Smith, 05, Business

Question of the Week

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