

Police And Safety REPORT:

- 01/21/98** Witness gave a false statement under oath.
- 01/22/98** Janitorial worker reported that the T.V. in Reed conference room #3 is missing.
- 01/24/98** Officer found person sleeping in vehicle in the Nick north lot. I.D.'d person and everything checked out O.K.
- 01/25/98** Complainant reported that the heat had been off in Almy Hall all day and some rooms were down to 60 degrees.
- 01/27/98** Requested a transport of a student with a fractured ankle to their vehicle to go to the emergency room. Transport was granted.
- 01/27/98** Information on a possible stolen vehicle on this campus was given by complainant.

MCC strives for campus diversity

by **Ik Chan Kang**
staff writer

"Multi-cultures"... exactly what is a multi-culturalism?

Every society, either large or small in scale, possesses some form of multi-culturally related events. Throughout thousands of institutions in the United States, the existence of multi-cultural organizations is prominent. The Behrend College is not an exception. There are a total of nine organizations that are registered under Multi-Cultural Council (MCC) on our own campus, supported by the Student Government Association (SGA).

The nine organizations that are registered under Multi-Cultural Council (MCC) are The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Women Today, Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), Trigon, Returning Adult Student Organization (RASO), Human Relations Programming Council (HRPC), Association of Black Collegians (ABC), Asian Student Organization (ASO), and Jewish Student Organization (JSO). But currently there are only eight active organizations, due to an unexpected decrease in members of JSO (they are considered a non-active organization currently). So what are the basic purposes of these organizations and how do they participate within the student life on campus?

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is an organization that consists of a total of 5000 student members in the country. Through programs for recruitment, academic excellence and successful academic life that could bring success in fields of science and engineering, they provide a supportive environment for students. Their annual events include Fall Regional Conference, Spring Regional Conference, Study Session Meetings, National Conference, speakers, and social meetings and gatherings.

Women Today is an organization that takes focus mainly on women's concerns, especially by providing a great opportunity to organize research and to take a deeper dimension in examining women's concerns of today. Their annual activities includes poetry readings, Take Back the Night March, and speakers.

The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), through multiculturalism, tries to establish a

self pride and confidence of minority groups that could eventually bring positive aspects to campus. Their annual activities include social meetings and gatherings, speakers, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Trigon is an organization that strongly supports gays, lesbian and bisexual people. Their primary goal is to preserve the rights of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals and make them understand and love themselves through the organization. The other goal for Trigon is to educate the Behrend College about their issues. Their annual activities include Ally Day, National Coming Out Day, and speakers.

Returning Adult Student Organization (RASO) is an organization that basically provides support for returning adult students and their families. Their annual activity includes the Fall Orientation.

Human Relations Programming Council (HRPC) mainly focuses their ideas on human behaviors, such as issues of racism, sexism, prejudice, and discrimination. By focusing on these issues, they try to provide a form of easier communication between people with different characteristics such as backgrounds and lifestyles. Their annual activities includes forums with topics such as Election '96, sex, non-traditional families, environment issues, gender issues, homophobia, and spirituality.

Association of Black Collegians (ABC) is an organization which stresses their main focus on African culture and also work as a support group for students who would be considered as minorities on campus. Their annual activities includes Minority Gala, unity picnic, Kwanzaa dinner, Kuumba Night, Dance Troop, social events and gatherings, and speakers.

Lastly the Asian Student Organization (ASO)'s main purpose is to support Asian students on campus, who could be from many nationalities, with a feeling of comfort while providing education to any students who desire to learn about Asian cultures at the same time. Their secondary goal is to make students be aware of the existence of Asian students on campus. Their annual activities include Chinese new year, trips around the states, social events and gatherings and speakers.

According to Shannon Jones, the president of MCC, "There is a misconception that MCC is just MCC and people don't realize that we are made up of all the groups. All of these organizations fall under MCC's purpose to promote unity and awareness of diverse cultures of Behrend. People who join these organizations can be expected to be educated about different cultures and various things that make up these cultures."

Jones stated, "Don't let the name

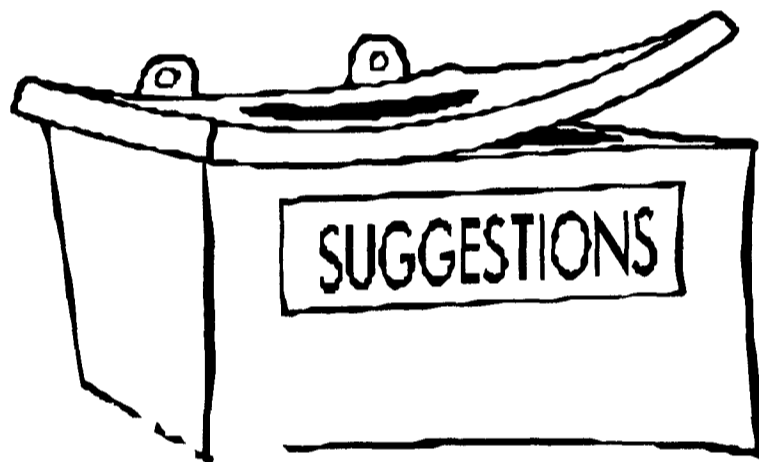
fool you. If you truly care about the organization itself, name is meaningless. Every organization we have is open to anyone. You don't have to be a black to be a member of Association of Black Collegians, and you don't have to be an Asian to be a member of Asian Student Organization. You can be a member of any organization as long as you want to learn something about that specific group."

The improvement of MCC took a great turn just a couple of years ago. They were provided with the office at the student resource center. As they were facilitated with the new office, there were a lot of progress that was made within the organizations. Anyone is open to freely enter the resource center and utilize the services.

MCC holds a meeting every other week on Tuesday with representatives from each organization, concerning new activities, policies, and up to date information of each organization. MCC is financially supported by the Student Government Association (SGA) through budget allocations. MCC is not only for students. There are also a handful of faculty members who participate. "We get support from the faculty, but I would like to see more faculty and the administration getting more involved with the organization," Jones added. "Step out of your 'comfort zone' and learn more about others. Come and see what we are all about..."

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Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to make suggestions. The Collegian will award \$25 to the author of the name chosen by the editors. We are especially looking for names that might relate to Behrend College or the Erie area.

Send your suggestions to BEHRCOLL5@AOL.COM or mail them to the editors at The Collegian in the Reed Building. The deadline for receipt of name change ideas is February 3.

Greek rush continues through this week

by **Dan Plonski**
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Throughout this week the campus Greek organizations will be holding various rush events. Rush allows the social fraternities and sororities to showcase the positive aspects of becoming a member of the various groups. These activities are planned to give non-Greek students a chance to meet the Greeks.

The sororities, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Theta Phi Alpha, all concluded the process on Sunday. Formal bids were handed out inviting new members to officially

join the organizations. Julie Meyers, 03 Biology, a recent addition to Alpha Sigma Alpha, said she joined to meet new people and to experience what sisterhood was all about.

The fraternities Delta Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Kappa Nu, Kappa Delta Rho, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Zeta Beta Tau, are all in the process of rushing new brothers. Each fraternity highlighted the social, academic and philanthropic benefits of brotherhood. Neil Scarborough, president of Zeta Beta Tau, 06 MIS, explained rush as "the life blood of a fraternity. Hey Bro, rush is basically recruitment, and recruitment is vital

to any organization."

Rush events continue through Saturday. Tau Kappa Epsilon will be holding a pizza party in Bruno's Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM. Kappa Delta Rho is sponsoring a breakfast. To attend meet at the Rub desk at 8:30 Thursday. Delta Chi is holding a get together at their house. Zeta Beta Tau is planning an all you can eat pasta fest Friday from 9 to 11. Sigma Kappa Nu is holding events on Saturday from 12 to 2. Sigma Tau Gamma are also planning a meeting at their house Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm.

45 Years continued

Farm House, Turnbull Barn, the Carriage House and the Theater across from Turnbull. Glenhill Farm House was used as a residence hall for the women students as well as a cafeteria with a dining room and a kitchen. The downstairs of Turnbull was for classes while the upstairs remained a barn, and even before the property was made into a college, the Carriage

House was the Behrend's garage, and home to their chauffeur.

The working title of Lane's transcript is "Behrend Remembered." It is due out sometime in the next year. He is unsure at this point whether it will be published under the same title. Not only will the subject of the Behrend college itself be a topic in Lane's written work, but also the events leading up to Mary Behrend's donation of the Glenhill Farm to Penn State University.

Beginning in the 1860's in Germany the Behrend family owned a paper mill by the name of Varzinerpapierfabrik, Hammurmühle along with another mill the Behrends ran under Count Otto Von Bismarck, Fuchsmühle, Hammühle "which became one of the most premier paper mills in Europe." Lane said.

The head of the family at this time was a man named Moritz Behrend. He had three sons, Ernst, Otto, and Bernard Behrend, who Moritz

wanted to move to the United States. Lane said this was because the Behrends were a Jewish family and even though they had converted to Lutheranism there was a lot of anti-semitism building in Germany even then."

The transcript will go into great depth with topics such as these, and many other things that have shaped Behrend into the institution it has become at present. If Ben Lane's progress continues on schedule, his work will be a notable inclusion to next year's commemoration.

Coffee continued

stating that "all of the professors here are doing research." The Dean believes that all professors should be "master teachers and great scholars." Dean Lilley also emphasized that any time there is a problem with a specific professor, email the director of that specific school and to send him a copy as well.

The final issue discussed at the forum was campus social life. "What is there to do on campus?" Many students said most tend to go home on the weekends instead of staying on campus. There really is no diversity of activities on the weekends. Most of the time when there is a band or comedian in Bruno's, there are very few students who attend.

One student, who happened to be an R.A., stated that the events are not advertised and promoted enough. The R.A. also felt that there does not really seem to be any pride or spirit on our campus. Director of Student Activities Chris Rizzo said that he is conducting research on making more activities available such as concerts. Dean Lilley also mentioned the new athletic facility which will be completed around the summer of 2000.

Dean Lilley ended this session of Coffee with the Provost stating that he appreciated the questions as well as the comments.

Three students running for Faculty Senate

by **Andrea Zaffino**
editor in chief

On February 4, Behrend students have the opportunity to vote in an election to determine their student representative to the University Faculty Senate.

Last Wednesday the applications were due and the candidates were announced. All full-time undergraduate students attending the Behrend College were eligible for this position.

The three students who are running are Gretchen Kline, Geoffrey Pieper, and Jon Crowe. This is an annual election and the winner will be replacing the current student representative, Julie Cain, who will be graduating this May.

According to Dr. Chris Reber, the Dean of Student Affairs, the University Faculty Senate is, "The University-wide governing organization of the faculty... it has lots of input on ev-

erything from student life to athletics."

Julie Cain, 08, Applied Mathematics, stated that "The Faculty Senate of Penn State University operates very much like the United States Senate."

The Faculty Senate is an organization of faculty and students which breaks up into various committees to cover different aspects of the University. There are committees on student life, undergraduate education, inter-collegiate athletics, and curricular affairs (course information), among many others.

The meetings are held between three and four times during each semester, always on a Tuesday. Cain said of her experience, "Basically you are an ambassador of the Behrend College... what you do is you are a voting member of the University Faculty Senate."

Cain served on the Computing and

Information Systems committee. There is one student representative elected from each of the Penn State Colleges, making for 15 total student representatives throughout the commonwealth.

The three new candidates have the next week to campaign for this position; the election will be held Wednesday, February 4th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Candidate Geoffrey Pieper, 06 Political Science, is taking a nonchalant strategy, "As far as campaigning, I'm doing it pretty passively, mostly by word of mouth."

Pieper said of the position on the Faculty Senate that "it is an extremely important job as we are representing students at the major policymaking body of the University."

Candidates Gretchen Kline and Jon Crowe could not be reached for comment.

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