

Archie Loss celebrates 25 years as a professor at Behrend

by Kathleen Perry
staff writer

In a ceremony held in the Reed Wintergarden on Monday, April 24, Dr. Archie Loss, professor of American studies and English, was honored for twenty-five years of service to the Behrend community. Loss began teaching at Behrend in 1976. In regard to the many changes that have occurred in the past twenty-five years at Behrend, Loss said "I've watched Behrend become a real college over the years. It has come a long way, physically and academically."

A few of the courses that Loss teaches are American Popular Culture, English Literature, Literary Modernism, and Business Writing. Loss says that he would love to see further development in the programs

of the humanities and the arts, although he has much respect for the science and engineering aspects of the college.

Loss' educational background consists of a degree in secondary education from Millersville University in Lancaster, Pa., and a Master's degree and Ph.D. in English from Penn State. Before coming to Behrend, Loss worked for four years at Wayne State University in Detroit.

When Loss isn't busy with school, which is a rare occurrence, he enjoys traveling and bicycling. He also enjoys spending time with his family. Loss' wife, Dr. Suzanne Perry-Loss, is a professor at Gannon University. His son Christopher is a Master's student of history at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Loss has two daughters, Lucinda, a first grade teacher in Maryland, and

Emma, a doctoral student of English at the Ohio State University. Emma and her husband recently became the proud parents of Loss' first grandchild, Lilia.

Loss is also interested in book collecting and writing. He has published four books so far and plans to further pursue this success. He uses his most recently published book, *Pop Dreams: Music, Movies, and the Media in the 1960s*, as reading material in some of his courses. Loss is now under contract along with John Rossi, a professor of history, to publish a book entitled *American Popular Culture: A History and Introduction*.

As part of Behrend's recognition of Loss' hard work, Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley, presented him with the traditional twenty-five year chair.



Professor of American Studies and English, Dr. Archie Loss relaxes in his office after receiving his twenty-five-year chair.

Former gourmet chef now excels as Behrend English student

by Kristin Grudowski
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Ronald Vandenberg has re-focused his goals and overcome the obstacles that followed a major accident to reach the point in his life where he is working on a degree in English at Behrend.

A graduate of Beaver Falls High School, Vandenberg began his cooking career at Pizza Hut and then moved up to become a line cook at Holiday Inn. The New York Hotel Association believed in Vandenberg's talents so intensely that the organization paid for his schooling so he could go onto become a chef for the Sheraton in New York City, creating French cuisine. He worked for the Sheraton for the next seven years.

Tragedy struck Vandenberg in 1993 when he was hit by a car, breaking his collar bone, wrist, and right tibia and crushing his left tibia completely. Two months of rehabilitation would follow the accident, along with five reconstruction operations. Although Vandenberg can walk today, he can no longer work on his feet.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation put Vandenberg back on track, aiding him in re-establishing his life. The OVR assessed his skill level, and it was decided that Vandenberg could handle a four-year degree. Although he could no longer cook due to his injuries, he still had a

Ronald Vandenberg sits outside of the Reed Union Building and takes some time off from studying.

future.

Vandenberg had heard a commercial advertising an open house at Penn State's Beaver campus. He visited the open house and decided to attend the Beaver campus. After two years at Beaver, Vandenberg joined the Behrend community.

He chose English as his major because his "second love was always writing." Vandenberg has about a year and a half left until graduation. As for what he will do with his degree, his possible interests include copy writing on the Internet, poetry, and novels.

Before coming to Behrend, Vandenberg was the editor of the Beaver campus newspaper. In the future, perhaps he will combine his

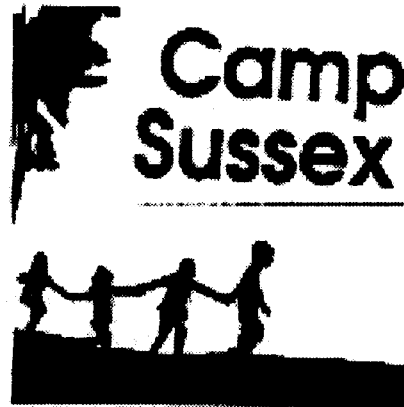
cooking skills and writing talents to produce a cooking column for the *Beacon*. "I'd like to take more difficult recipes and alter them so they would be able to be created in the apartments or even in the dorms at a more reasonable price," Vandenberg stated.

This summer he plans on keeping busy by reading and possibly taking a summer class at the Beaver campus. He will also be occupied with his tasks as a flea market dealer, selling collectibles.

Vandenberg has enjoyed his time here at Behrend, commenting, "The people are generally friendly and the professors are willing to take the time to get you to where you need to be academically."

CORRECTIONS

There are two corrections to the Make-A-Wish article printed in *The Beacon's* previous issue. The Wish-A-Thon proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation to send a seven year old boy to Disney World. The band that played at the Dance-A-Thon was Gasmic Rhythms.



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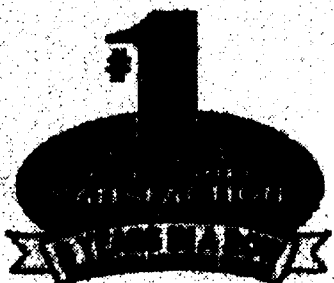
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