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## Coates Ranks High in Pentathlon Speaking

by Lynne Phillips  
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Behrend's newly organized Forensics Union recently participated in the Eighth Annual Allegheny Individual Events Tournament at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Md.

The students could be entered in any of the following events: Persuasive Speaking, Expository Speaking, After-Dinner Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism, Oral Interpretation of Prose and Oral Interpretation of Poetry.

Behrend, along with eleven other colleges and universities representing four states and the District of Columbia competed in the Forensics Tournament.

Seven students from Behrend were entered in the tournament. In the Persuasive category were Mark Coates, Lynne Phillips and Debbie Vogt, Cindy Arnold and Mark Coates were scheduled in Expository Speaking. After Dinner Speaking entailed Mark Coates, Beth Marsteller and Lynne Phillips.

Those entered in Oral Interpretation of Prose and Poetry were Mark Coates, Cathy Lipinski, C.J. Stent and Debbie

Vogt. No one from Behrend entered the Rhetorical Criticism Event.

Mark Coates, entered in five of the six categories, was Behrend's lone student in the Pentathlon. Mark placed second in the Pentathlon winning a trophy and a certificate of excellence.

Each student participated in three preliminary rounds securing speaker points. The maximum speaking points for each individual in each event was a total of 300.

In the Persuasive category, Mark Coates earned 247 speaker points making him eligible as a finalist. He earned a certificate of Excellence, coming in seventh out of 22 contestants. Also in the event, Lynne Phillips earned 240 points and Debbie Vogt gained 247 points.

Cindy Arnold gained 262 speaker points, tying for sixth place in Informative Speaking while Coates secured 259 points, tied for seventh place.

After Dinner speaking earned two Behrend students finalist positions. Beth Marsteller with 275 points and Lynne Phillips with 270, entered the final competition.

Beth earned a certificate of Excellence and Lynne won a 2nd place trophy along with a Certificate of Excellence. Coates also secured 246 Speaker Points in this event.

Four students competed in Prose. Coates earned 225 points, Cath Lipinski, 252, C.J. Stent 225, and Debbie Vogt 265 Speaker Points.

In Poetry, Coates earned 240 Speaker Points, Lipinski, 245, Stent 242 and Vogt 237.

Dr. Ingeborg Chaly and Dr. Bud Weckesser accompanied the student team and acted as judges.

Speech 301 will be offered again Fall Term for all students interested in participation in forensics. Stop by North Cottage for further inquiries.



Behrend Players are still hard at work producing the play "House of Blue Leaves." Although the production does not premiere for another month, everything is running smoothly.

## Behrend Boasts Two New Structures Other Buildings in Planning Stage

by Sue Skiba  
Staff Writer

Behrend College will have two additional structures by the

opening of fall term of 1974. Scheduled for completion by August are the new maintenance building and water tower located behind the residence halls. The tower, a badly needed facility, will supply ample storage area and pressure for the three dormitories on campus. In addition, the remodeling of the old maintenance building into faculty offices is nearing completion.

In regard to future construction at Behrend, a \$3.2 million library and academic complex are in the planning stages but any final decisions are being delayed by the inaction of the state legislature. According to Mr. Baughman, business director for

the college, funds for new projects are supplied by the General State Authority who, in turn, request the money from Harrisburg. Unfortunately, the provisions for the library and the academic complex are included in the 1973-74 fiscal budget and the lawmakers have yet to act on the budget for 1972-73. Consequently, new building plans are pigeonholed because, as Mr. Baughman stated, "It is difficult to make predictions on what the legislature will try to do."

Nevertheless, there is some cause for optimism. In the entire Penn State system, Behrend "is the only unit of the university scheduled for growth in the next ten years" and "is at the top of the priority list" for funds to finance this expansion. However, any attempts to realize this growth are three or four years in the future. It is doubtful if the building of new residence halls or the undertaking of remodeling projects will occur in the near future. The campus, however, not stagnate for "changes in existing buildings will be made within the next two years but what changes and in what way will depend on the academic program as it develops." Whatever is finally decided, Behrend College promises to be a growing, exerting campus for many years to come.

## JRC Vote Put on Referendum

by Bud Ore  
Staff Writer

Dorms students registered their discontent with the SGA's recent refusal to allow the JRC a vote at Monday's meeting. The discontent came in the form of petitions containing a little over a third of the dorm students signatures.

JRC president Tom Ruff presented the SGA a group of petitions stating that JRC due to its governing function be allowed a right to vote on the SGA. As a result, the question of the JRC vote will be put on the spring ballot for students to vote on. The motion will need a two thirds vote to carry.

The petition met stiff opposition from Vic Kopnitsky SGA parliamentarian, who stated that the petitions did not include what amendment should be made on the constitution. He was in turn backed up by John Lammers who felt that many problems that the JRC was supposed to take care of were coming to the SGA.

"I don't feel that the JRC has done that much this year," he said.

These two opinions set off a 45-minute debate on the issue, with SGA president Mike Chiricuzio taking the side of JRC and Vic Kopnitsky and Lammers sitting on the other side of the fence. The arguments for and against the JRC voting question at one point got so vehement that SGA advisor, Dr. David Daniel had to intervene, with a demand that the debate cease or the meeting be adjourned.

Some of the arguments that Chiricuzio used in the favor of JRC were that for some time the commuters have been using the SGA as their voice at Behrend while the dorm students have had the JRC, who has no vote on the SGA. He further suggested that the dorm and commuter representatives be abolished and instead institute a system of representatives from the three major colleges on campus.

As his suggestion went, there would be two representatives

from each of the three major colleges, the individual class presidents, a JRC vote, and the SGA officers that would sit on the SGA.

Tom Ruff defended his position on the JRC voting issue by giving the duties of the Joint Resident Council.

"The JRC shall be responsible for delivering students' needs to

the administration and to the SGA regarding student welfare," he said.

The debate ended with seemingly very little being resolved as to the voting question.

Also on the Monday night agenda was the problem of outside students using the facilities of Erie Hall. Jim

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## "Vice" Night at Behrend

by Gary Schonhaler

In searching for a catchy introduction for this story, my mind raced with such time-worn phrases as "evening of greed," "how to lose your shirt," and "on campus gambling approved by administration." However, knowing full well that no would be dumb enough to fall for that garbage, let's just say that April 20 will be the date for Las Vegas Night.

Whole bunches of junk will be happening that night in the upstairs of the RUB. For the price of admission (one dollar with an activity card and \$1.25 without a

card), everyone will be given play money to use for the various games. Additional play money can be purchased.

Included among the different "vices" for the evening will be black jack, crap, and roulette wheels. Also during the night, prizes will be auctioned off, with Mr. Davis Giersch as auctioneer. One bargain which certainly can't be beat is free refreshments including shelled peanuts (bring on the elephants).

Always a lot of fun, this year's Las Vegas Night should prove to be no exception. It's even more

## JRC Takes on SGA

by Jean Best  
Treasurer of JRC

In its beginning JRC's request to have a vote on SGA was not meant to cause a controversy. JRC felt that, as an organization selected by the students, dorm students to be specific, a vote on SGA would enhance its representative function.

The members of JRC, feeling that the resident students deserve to be heard above a whisper, made up a petition asking that they have a vote and presented it to SGA Monday night. This was in accordance with parliamentary procedure for a referendum vote, since the motion was previously voted down by the SGA membership.

JRC again holds the petition

containing 267 student signatures because it was felt by a portion of the membership of SGA that the petition was not in accordance with their constitution. It is still the opinion of JRC that these 267 students be heard so an amendment to the SGA constitution will be drawn up, again asking simply that JRC have one vote on SGA.

JRC will then bring the petition to the students and ask them to read it and, if in agreement, sign the revised petition.

It should be stressed, however, that the Joint Residence Council is an elected body and has a function of relating the views of the residence students to the administration and the SGA regarding student welfare.

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## Novice Actors Get Their Chance Ensemble Group Being Organized

While rehearsals for the coming production of "The House of Blue Leaves" continue, there is some other theatrical activity coming out of the Behrend Players. To accommodate some of the actors who couldn't get parts in the major production and to give people who wouldn't get a chance to act because of time or whatever, the Players are organizing a series of short scenes and an ensemble group which will hopefully be able to perform as part of the Spring Arts Festival.

The group is being organized by Players' president and vice president Jeff Matson and Cathy Lipinski. The scenes will be produced by the students interested and will receive only some assistance in directing the pieces. It is hoped that the scenes

will include a variety of styles as well as some original work. The ensemble will be creating its own piece out of acting exercises and games. At present members are considering a version of "Alice in Wonderland" for production during the festival. It is not too late to get involved in the project. There will be a sign up sheet in the Studio for either group and information can be obtained from Jeff Matson or Cathy Lipinski.

Anyone interested in helping Keystone Society and CWENS-in crusading for the American Cancer Society is cordially invited to attend the meeting at 8 p.m. in the RUB Quiet Lounge on Monday, April 15.