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Dean Benjamin Lane, SGA President David Scypinski, and Father Guy Patrick participate in the hanging of the wreath at the Behrend Chapel, one of Behrend's most memorable traditions.

Behrend Tradition Continues

by Mark Reese

The longest continuing tradition at Behrend College, the hanging of the greens, was held last week. The Behrend Chapel, a lovely Dutch Colonial style chapel nestled in a corner of Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery, was the setting for a candlelight service in honor of the Behrend family. Two members of the Behrend family are interred in the chapel. Warren Behrend, and his father Ernest Behrend lie behind the doors upon which the wreath is hung. Warren was killed at the age of nineteen in an automobile accident near Christmas time in 1929, when he was forced off the road to avoid a schoolbus full of children.

Started in 1948, by the Behrend College and the Student Government Association to insure the memory of the Behrends and their contributions to our school, the service has been performed twenty-six times since then. Hanging the greens has come to be the traditional start of Christmas festivities at Behrend. Dean Lane has had charge of the event for twenty-two years, and has kept it a beautiful tribute and a stirring experience.

The opening sentence, by Craig Latimer, started the service which then proceeded to the conclusion without direction, according to the program. Kathy Lipinski led a responsive reading taken from Isaiah. Students

SGA Struggles with Budgets and Finances

With the New Year about to be ushered in, it seems that the SGA is having trouble dealing with one of its major problems—that of funding.

The difficulty, in part, is due to the fact that many budgets were submitted too late and the procedure for processing the budgets was not adhered to by the Association. Budgets were to have been submitted in the spring, but this creates problems if new student organizations are initiated in the fall. The SGA hopes to remedy the situation soon.

Heading the finance list is the Spring Arts Festival, which is looked upon by the SGA as an item of major concern. The SGA does not feel it can afford to meet some of the financial requests made by certain organizations, especially when the other organizations requesting the funds have no means of partially subsidizing their own activities.

Virginia Dreibelbis and Mikel Wolfram of the Theatre Arts department read the Christmas story as written by St. Matthew and St. Luke. The hanging of the greens was performed by Student Government Association President David Scypinski, who spoke of the meaning of the ceremony, saying, "The ceremony we have just performed bestows honor upon the Behrend family and keeps their memory evergreen...the greenness of the wreath symbolized the freshness of hope

which was the Behrend family's bequest to us."

Father Guy Patrick delivered a short inspirational message from the elevated pulpit for the remainder of the service. Throughout the program the congregation sang Christmas songs to the accompaniment of trumpets played by Bernard Ball and Bob Schofield.

All those students and faculty members who participated expressed their enjoyment of the event.

Nostalgic JRC Activity

The Joint Residence Council will be getting underway again this term to try to improve resident life and initiate student activities.

Their first meeting was Tuesday, December 17. At this meeting a permanent day for meetings will be set. Students may attend these meetings if they wish, they are open meetings. The meetings are held in Lawrence Hall Conference Room.

The visitation survey taken by JRC is now being reviewed by Dean Lane and Student Affairs.

Each dorm will be holding a Christmas party.

Behrend students were "Rock'n Around the Clock" in the Rub Quiet Lounge on Sat., Dec. 7.

Nostalgically dressed in bobby socks, saddle shoes, pegged pants, T-shirts, and Lettermen sweaters, they all looked very much like a scene from the

"Happy Days." Not only were they dressed to fit the occasion, but their hairstyles, too, set the mood. D-A's, ponytails, and pigtailed spotted the dance floor.

Students were seen doing line

representatives from the administration. The group discussed such things as: The organizations at Behrend, University rules and policies, agenda building, problem solving, group dynamics, and Parliamentary Procedure. Hopefully, the ideas that were gathered at the workshop will be disseminated to the organizations and eventually the whole student body.

Beverly Romberger, Area Coordinator, and Mrs. Cathy Mester, Speech Instructor, coordinated the project, which was the first of its kind held off campus. Also included in the staff were: Benjamin Lane, Dean of Student Affairs; Rose Bainum, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs; John Giesmann, Resident Community Coordinator; Jay DiFrank, Resident Area Coordinator; and, attending the discussions on Thursday evening, Ms. Cynthia Krishna, advisor to the Black Student Union; Dr. Richard Tomsic, advisor to the Collegian; and Mrs. Melody Laudensack, advisor to the Cheerleaders and Booster Club, also attended the first night of discussion on Wednesday.

Each organization at Behrend was invited to send representatives to the Leadership Workshop. The following are the students who attended: Alan Kirk, SUB; Marti Black, Cheerleaders; Chris Hitchie, Booster Club; Sandy Borkowski,

Student Staff; Chuck Little, Behrend Players; Mary Beth Finke, CWENS; KaLyn Cooper, Forensics Union; Craig Caldwell, Biology Club; Paul Corbran, Collegian; Tyrone Clark and Rick Himes, JRC; and Mike Woods, Jennifer Gregor, Nicki Sylvester, and Dave Scypinski from the SGA.

Discussions, on the first night, were on the organizations at Behrend and the ways of improving them. Thursday morning included a review of University policies, rules and budgeting. Agenda building and problem solving discussions were held that afternoon and in the evening the students observed and analyzed video-tapes of themselves in discussion. Friday concluded the workshop with a review of Rules of Operation (Parliamentary Procedure) and an evaluation of the project.

The group gave a favorable evaluation of the workshop. The overall consensus was that it was well organized, enjoyable, and informative. Many remarked that the relaxed atmosphere played a large role in the ability of communication. Dean Lane added, "Because of the very conscientious and inspired participation of the students and because of their dedication to their offices and organizations that the leadership conference was successful and should result in improved planning and enrichment of the co-curricular program at Behrend."

The degree of which this project succeeds remains to be seen. It is, though, a step toward better communication within the college itself.

Anyone wishing to find out what happened to the "milk truck" in the first paragraph should ask one of the students who attended the workshop. While you're at it, ask him about the workshop.

dances, the stroll, the jitterbug, and the all-time favorite, twist.

There was a jitterbuggin' contest and an album was presented to the winning couple.

Choral Concert Tonight

by Tom Stanger
Entertainment Editor

Tonight the Behrend College Chorus will present its 1974 edition of the annual Christmas Concert. The performance will take place in the Reed Lecture Hall at 8 p.m. and admission is free.

A variety of musical styles will be presented, including 16th century motets, French and Spanish Christmas folk songs and Christmas favorites by Bach and Handel. Several chorus members

will also perform instrumental compositions including an original arrangement for piano. Part of the program will be devoted to the singing of familiar Christmas Carols with audience participation. Soloists for the evening will be Linda McWilliams, Neil Burkhard, Karen Zielinski and Linda Bisbee.

The chorus has already begun the Christmas season with a very successful performance at Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 15th. The combined choirs of Behrend and Emmanuel performed three of the compositions to be performed at tonight's concert. The program, which was broadcast on WJET radio, was extremely well received by the Emmanuel congregation.

The chorus, directed by Mr. Giersch, consists of approximately forty-five members, with a fairly even distribution of membership in the various vocal parts. Due to a large turnover between the terms, the bass section is made up of over fifty per cent new members this term. The group has overcome this difficulty, however, and Mr. Giersch promises a fine performance. If past experiences are indicative the performance should be a good one indeed.

The chorus plans to continue its Christmas program in the community with Christmas carolling in local hospitals and nursing homes. The chorus has developed a reputation locally for sharing the Christmas spirit with concerts of this type.



It was "greasers galore" Saturday, December 7th, in Erie Hall, as Behrend students donned bobby-socks and saddle-shoes to the tunes of the '50's.