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## Behrend Briefs

The Office of Foreign Studies of the Pennsylvania State University has arranged a new general studies program which is to begin next fall at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Provisional applications for admission to the program must be submitted to the University Park office of Foreign Studies no later than December 22, 1976. The program is open to interested Behrend College students. Further information and provisional applications may be obtained from Professor Hover in the Division of Arts and Humanities.

Did you miss being inoculated against Swine Flu? If so, the inoculation is still available in the dispensary today from 2 to 5, December 20 and 21 from 2 to 5, and December 22 from 2 to 4:30.

18 to 25 year olds are reminded that they need a second injection 28 days after having the first which also is available during the above dates.

The Hanging of the Greens, an annual Behrend Christmas ritual in which a wreath is placed on the Behrend grave in the Chapel at Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery, was held on Monday evening. A brief ceremony involving traditional readings and carols followed.

Sunday night's movie is the Mel Brooks classic, "Blazing Saddles". There will be two showings, at 7 and 9 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall.

Joel Miller, from WCKK, is the guest DJ at tomorrow night's Disco Dance. If you enjoy disco music, you ought to make it out at 9 p.m. in the faculty dining room.

A possible book-swap between students for Spring Term was proposed by President T. Clyde at another brief SGA meeting last Monday night. This swap would not only save money on the part of the buyers of the books, but the students would also make more money by selling their books to their friends instead of back to the bookstore. It was also mentioned that the ski slope and lift on campus will soon be in operation for those students who enjoy sled-riding, tobogganning, and other winter sports.

JRC is holding a Christmas Party in the faculty dining area of the RUB tonight. Everyone, including resident students, commuters, administration, and faculty members are invited.

For devoured the 2 millionth meal served in Dobbins Hall, Jane Tagliaferi was presented with a steak dinner Tuesday evening at the annual Christmas Candlelight Dinner.

Mr. Robert Finley, who usually plays the role of Director of Food and Housing, served as Jane's waiter for this gala occasion.

The annual Christmas concert to be presented by the chorus will be Monday, December 20th. It will be held in the RUB lecture hall at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Soloists are Kathy Chapin, Julie Masteller, and Karen Pirrello.

Faculty member cites possibilities for dismissal

## No Research, No Job

by Colleen Gallagher  
Collegian Staff Writer

Another faculty member has been discovered to be fired and the positions of two others are as yet in the air. This brings to at least four the number of instructors who have been or may yet be terminated effective Spring term 1977.

Mrs. Melody Laudensack, Instructor in Physical Education, has been denied a teaching assignment for next Fall, while Dr. Fred Crawford and Dr. Judith Carlson, both Assistant Professors of English on "non-continuing" contracts, face possible termination due to changes planned for Behrend's English program. As previously reported, at least one other, Dr. Richard Tomsic, Assistant Professor of Psychology, will also be let go after this Spring.

### NO RESEARCH

Mrs. Laudensack, who has been teaching here since 1970, feels part of the reason for her dismissal may have been her lack of "research and-or scholarly activity," which is one standard

by which University faculty are to be judged. Laudensack believes the extra time and effort she feels she spent teaching, coaching, and developing new programs over the years may have actually jeopardized her job security, since she might have devoted herself to scholarly work instead. "You'd think something would have been said a long time ago. I had no indication to feel my job was threatened. I should have protected myself instead of hurting myself," says Laudensack.

Whether in fact absence of scholarly activity led to the dismissal is impossible to determine for certain. In addition, all faculty members are aware of the standards by which they are judged. But whether such standards are being applied more rigorously than in previous years and are therefore "surprising" some unpublished faculty members, and whether such standards are necessary for—or compatible with—effective teaching, are still very much open questions.

### A SENSITIVE AREA

Dr. Roger Sweeting, Director of Athletics and Assistant Division Head for Physical Education, feels the "research and-or scholarly activity" criteria should apply to Erie Hall staff since, "We are all full-time faculty members here and we're obligated to abide by all the rules." Yet Sweeting does express concern over problems which arise from their unique teaching—coaching circumstances. Coaches are compensated "indirectly" through reduction of teaching load, usually by one credit per coaching assignment. Even with such a system, do physical education instructors have a fair advantage compared with faculty in other disciplines regarding opportunity for enhancement of the stability of one's position? "This is an extremely sensitive area," answers Sweeting. "And I can say every effort is being made to equalize work loads among all Behrend College faculty," while also considering similar handicaps in other departments.

### MORE CHANGES?

Meanwhile, for the Arts and

Humanistic Studies Division, a qualified person soon will be sought to teach technical writing, preferably expert also in remedial English. Since neither Carlson nor Crawford exactly fit this position, it is likely one will be replaced if a suitable person is found. This will be known by the end of March at the latest. The individual remaining when the other is replaced after Spring term could resume on a "non-continuing" basis in the Fall, assuming of course he or she wanted to and was asked to. The possibility exists that the remaining person could obtain a provisional contract, which is usually signed by one desiring eventually to be tenured. The latter possibility further assumes that such a position will be open in the English department, although Division Head Dr. Archie Loss has indicated it probably will.

Crawford has applied for positions to other schools and will exercise any prerogative he may have about continuing here on the quality of replies received. Carlson was unavailable for comment.

## Candid Comments

And now, the most frequently asked question of the season has been put to fourteen (14) indigenous Behrendites with the following results:

Doug Palino: "I would like my own jet to fly home to New Jersey with."

Pond: "A French connection."

Dan Scherten: "Sexual gratification with a beautiful blonde."

Diane Maleski: "I want a peaceful and happy Christmas with all my friends, and new skis, new ski equipment, and..."

Jay DiFrank, SUB Manager: "A bag of money to buy programs and furniture for the Union."

Gary Santel: "I need an indestructible tank with four wheel drive, suitable for Erie driving."

Ken Salvatore: "A full four year scholarship."

John Geisman, Resident Community Coordinator: "First, an air pressure gauge for my tires, a two week paid vacation for two, my wife and I, in Hawaii, and a box of large dried apricots."

Action Jackson: "A stereo with four big JBL speakers and a nice, long, slender Fender bass, and happiness for everyone."

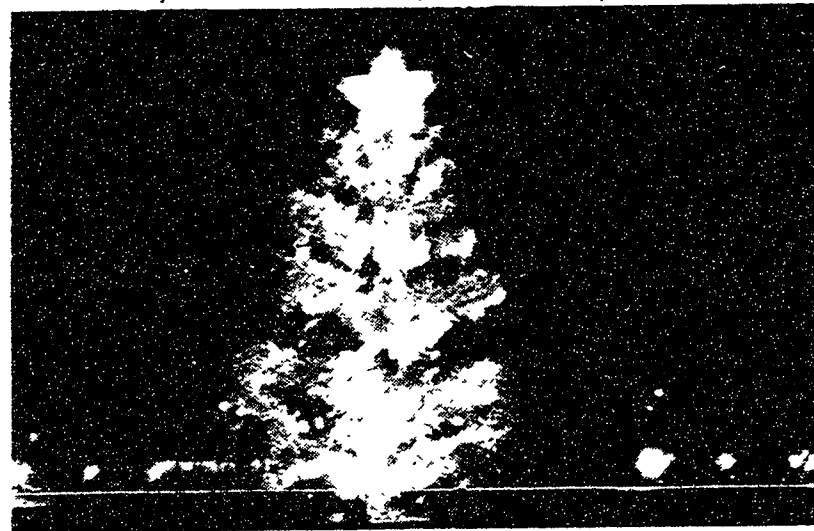
T. Clyde: "About twenty people off my back, and one certain person on it."

Corky Peters: "A hairy chest like Kurt's... and a pair of red wool long johns."

Kathy Morton: "For S.S. not to be mad at me, and a new car with a permanent parking ticket."

Sandy DeLellis: "To sincerely be able to believe in Santa Claus again."

Strider: "Organization."



The anonymous Christmas tree above is proving that even the Behrend apathy is lost when the Yuletide season comes around again. Many such decorative ideas have appeared on campus, and the Collegian would like to commend these people on their show of Christmas spirit.

## Parking positions pose problems

by Kris Hartzell  
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See Page 2, "As I See It."

The ratio of registered vehicles to parking spaces at Behrend is 2 to 1. This means that there are two cars battling for one parking space in any given lot on campus. Here are the facts:

There are a total of 753 parking spaces on campus. This includes the student lots behind Erie, Turnbull, and Nick Buildings, the Reed Lot, the R.A. lots directly behind the dorms, the large lot south of Lawrence Hall, and the staff lot on the northwest corner of Nick Building. During Fall Term, there was a total of 1,509 vehicles driven by students or staff at Behrend.

Granted, these people are not on campus all at one time, but the fact still remains that there is a serious parking problem at Behrend. Anyone who has tried to find a parking space during school hours, especially during winter, can attest to this. Chief of Security, Gene Johnson, is not at all happy with this situation. He

and his staff have recently completed a two-week survey on how many cars have parked outside the existing parking areas. On the average, nine cars a day were parked along the road between the three large lots north of the campus.

These cars were not ticketed. Chief Johnson explained that security had not been ticketing cars parked along the road or in the Reed staff lot, provided that they were properly registered for the present term. In fact, they ticket cars only in extreme circumstances such as when one car blocks another, or if a vehicle is causing a traffic jam. Lately, had there been an emergency, an ambulance, or fire truck, etc., could not possibly get through the parking lots because of haphazard parking.

Some of this could be avoided. Cars can be parked closer together to allow for more parking spaces. Chief Johnson stated that if the cars were parked with more care, as many

as 30 parking spaces would be left for others to use.

Winter weather, of course, adds to the problem. The lines marking off the spaces are no longer visible, and hasty snow plowing tends to diminish the number of available spaces. (If lots were plowed more carefully, more spaces would be created for those drivers unable to find a space).

A rule was made during Fall Term 1974 which stated that, "no student shall park in staff parking lots, and no staff shall park in those areas allotted for student use." This rule lasted two months before pressures from staff succeeded in changing it. The existing rule now reads: "If faculty and staff are unable to obtain a parking space in the Reed lot, they may park in the Erie, Turnbull, or Nick lots."

Often times, there are spaces open in the Reed lot, spaces that if used by staff and faculty, would create more spaces for students in the three larger lots.

The ruling also states that "students will not park in Visitor

and-or Staff parking areas at any time, nor in lots immediately behind residence halls." As stated before, this rule has been ignored lately because the student has no choice but to park in these areas.

"All students who possess, maintain or operate a vehicle at any time on the Behrend College Campus shall register their vehicle during class registration by purchasing a parking permit each term prior to the first day of classes." (Students late in registering their cars may register at the Security Office). "Faculty and staff shall register their vehicles with the Security Office."

Staff and faculty pay nothing to register their vehicles. Students pay \$7.50 per term to register a vehicle. This money goes to the University for the creation and maintenance of parking lots.

Chief Johnson said, "A student who pays \$7.50 per term to park should have a safe place to park."