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News Shorts

Master Sergeant Don King of the Army ROTC Department has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Army Reserve with an effective date of November 10. He will continue to serve in his Active Army capacity of Master Sergeant and NCO in charge of the ROTC Department.

Representative Forest Hopkins, R-Erie, warned voters that absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5 p.m., Friday, November 4, or they won't be counted. Election day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hopkins said that those already requesting absentee ballots will begin to receive them no later than October 25. The County Board of Elections will either deliver or mail the ballots to names of registered voters who have applied for them previously.

Fletcher Byrom, a top U.S. business leader, predicted the nation will have to build a major new power plant every 10 days until the year 2000 to meet future energy needs. . . "but that isn't going to happen until the public perceives the energy crisis." Our political system can't deal with the energy problem because elected representatives must run for office every two, four, or six years, Byrom contended. And there is no way they can get elected on a platform that says, "I'm causing you trouble today but by 1990 my program will get us out of difficulty."

The House voted unanimously to ban the sale of pornographic photographs and films featuring persons under 16 years of age. The "kiddy porn" bill, passed earlier in the Senate, was sent to the Governor for his signature.

President Carter announced that he will visit Saude Arabia next month on his nine country, 11-day tour. Officials said that a major topic of discussion will be oil and Middle East peace efforts.

Joseph A. Califano Jr., Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, disclosed that U.S. taxpayers are losing \$1 billion a year through government payments of "improper and questionable" Medicaid claims.

France and Iran signed contracts recently worth up to \$3 billion for two 900 megawatt nuclear power plants and enough uranium for ten years.

Pope Paul VI celebrated his September 26 birthday belatedly with a mass at St. Peter's in Rome. His Excellency said that he had reached a "venerable but humanly little enviable age of 80."

An announcement that the Governor's Energy Council has committed \$278,000 in Federal money to Muhammad Ali, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Muppets and a computer as payment in a program to help sell energy conservation to the public.

New Majors Offered

by Sue Wortman
Collegian Staff Writer

The administration's efforts to convert Behrend into a four-year college has resulted and will continue to result in the creation of new majors offered nowhere else in the Penn State System. Capitalizing on the advantages of a small campus, these majors provide students with educational experiences impossible to obtain at larger schools.

One of the new majors being offered at Behrend this fall is Bioscience. Dr. Eric Braude, Acting Head of the Division of Natural Science, related some of the benefits provided to students choosing Behrend's moderate class sizes, the Bioscience major emphasizes a student's personal investigation of biology. This coupled with an intimate, in-

tellectual contact with instructors provides students with both the personal attention and personal educational experiences needed to thoroughly grasp concepts.

Although larger schools are prepared to offer a more diverse course choice, Behrend College is prepared to offer individual attention. Dr. Braude also pointed out that if there is a course offered at main campus that particularly interests a student, arrangements can be made for the student to take that course.

Although it would be impossible at this time for Behrend College to obtain all the courses and facilities of main campus, the administration, in creating Behrend's majors, is capitalizing on what Behrend does have—time for the students.

30 Hour Dance For MDA

by Robin Baulding
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Lambda Sigma Society, Behrend's Sophomore Honor Society, will be sponsoring a Dance Marathon for Muscular Dystrophy. The marathon will be held December 9 and 10 in the Faculty Dining Room, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday evening, and ending midnight Saturday night.

What is Muscular Dystrophy? Muscular Dystrophy is a general term used to designate a group of muscle destroying diseases. Muscular Dystrophy breaks down muscles with varying rates of progression. Approximately one-third of the known victims are children between the ages of three and thirteen.

Lambda Sigma feels that raising money for muscular dystrophy will be a worthwhile event here at Behrend, and everyone can participate. The honor society is looking for

people to dance for the thirty fun hours to raise the needed funds. Commuter support is needed. The money raised will help fund worldwide research to find cures for the neuromuscular afflictions covered by MDA's programs.

Prizes will be awarded to the dance couples who can raise the most money. The tentative prizes are two television sets for first place, two sets of luggage for second place, and two cameras for third place. General prizes will be given to all who dance for "those who can't". The theme song of the dance marathon will be, "Greatest Love of All."

Interested students, faculty and staff should sign up in the student affairs office. For further information, contact Don Bates, Dance Marathon Chairperson, 213 Lawrence Hall, or Robin Baulding, President, Lambda Sigma, 236 Lawrence Hall. Good luck dancing for those who can't!



A member of the Outing Club shows off his newly learned skill, skydiving.

Outing Club Does It In The Air

by Kurt Cavano
Executive Editor

Fifteen members of the Outing Club spent Saturday at the Moreheadville Airport in North East taking lessons in skydiving. Due to inclement weather, only five of the group were able to make their first jump. Out of the five there was only one injury, a broken ankle incurred by Susan O'Connor. The other four jumpers had great rides except one, who was greeted by a small tree on the ground.

The four jumpers that made it down in one piece were quoted as saying, "It's the ultimate rush," and "When can we do it again?" One Outing Club member who jumped, Mike Litowkin, when asked what he thought about

skydiving, said, "It can't be described; you have to do it to understand."

The ten members who hadn't made their jump as of Tuesday will probably be making it sometime this week.

The Outing Club will be spending this coming weekend at Seneca Rocks in West Virginia, where several of the members will be climbing some of the toughest stone faces in this part of the country.

The area around Seneca Rocks is beautiful, mountainous back-packing country, but the Outing Club's primary interest is the nearly 1000 feet of vertical stone.

But the question still remains: Who's crazier, the climbers or the skydivers? Join the Outing Club and see.

Just An Ordinary Guy

by Sue Wortman
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He said that he would like to be remembered as "just an ordinary guy, a pretty good singer." After playing a round of golf at a course near Madrid, the charitable, casual Bing Crosby collapsed from a heart attack at the age of 73. His songs such as White Christmas and Silent Night, however, will continue to

be a warming part of Christmas for years to come. "I've never heard him make one prejudiced statement against anyone or anyone make a prejudiced statement against him," said actor John Wayne. "That's a pretty good record for someone who's spent his life in the public eye." John Wayne's statement seems to sum up Crosby's unusual dichotomy—elegant and ordinary.

"Le Café"

by Robin Baulding
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Monday night, October 17, was the grand opening of the Niagara Cafe, a central recreational facility for residence hall students and guests. The cafe did over a hundred dollars worth of business through student orders to Barbatos Pizza Shop.

The cafe is open from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Sunday. It is well stocked with snacks: potato chips, pretzels, cheese puffs, popcorn, soda pop, etc. Orders are taken for pizza, steak sandwiches, salad, spaghetti, etc.

from 9 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. To place an order you must go to the cafe and pay in advance. Deliveries are made directly to the cafe at approximately 11 p.m. There are tables for you to sit down and dig into your meal!

Along with the snacks and pizza service, recreational equipment is available to you for your recreational appetites: pool table, ping pong table, and table games. Help burn off your calories by using these facilities; they're for you. Plans are being made to decorate the walls and to build a stage.



The Amazing Kreskin will be performing in Erie Hall.

See the details and a story on page four.