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## News Shorts

The state Supreme Court declared that the three year old Pennsylvania death penalty is unconstitutional. The decision will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Did you know that because of the great amount of women looking for jobs or working, wages have gone down, and unemployment has gone up. This is according to a Brookings Institute paper.

The Behrend-Edinboro wrestling match that was snowed out last week is being rescheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 1978 at 7 p.m. in Edinboro. Another schedule change is the Behrend-California State men's basketball game for December 20 is now scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 1978 at California State.

David Hickton (11th-political science) has been nominated for the position of Penn State's student Trustee by the state education secretary and approved by Gov. Shapp. Hickton, who served as Undergraduate Student Government vice president 1976-77, said that he must now be approved by the state Senate for his appointment to become official.

In Harrisburg, a compromise tax bill that would help raise some of the \$300 million needed to fund the University and other state-related institutions was rejected on November 30 by the State House. There are hopes that a better bill will be introduced shortly.



## The Greens Once Again

by Robin Baulding  
Entertainment Editor

"We are gathered here this evening to express our appreciation to the Behrend family for the donation of their beautiful estate to the Pennsylvania State University." Evelyn Perkowski's speech summed up the purpose for the twenty-ninth annual ceremony of the Hanging of the Greens held Monday, December 12, at the Behrend Chapel at the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery.

The short ceremony was held in the beautiful Dutch styled chapel at 7:30 p.m. Since there was no electricity in the chapel, the service was conducted by candlelight. Verses from scripture were read by four Lambda Sigma members: Ruth Haeseler, Ann

Hamilton, Dave Rogers and Bruce Gamble. Also read were the Christmas story according to St. Matthew and St. Luke.

Several Christmas hymns and carols were sung by the assembly and "Silent Night" was sung after Evelyn Perkowski, president of the student government association, hung the yule wreath on the crypt of Warren, Mary, and Ernst Behrend. Father Guy Patrick gave the closing remarks. One thing he said he remembers about the Hanging of the Greens "is the setting in which it takes place."

The students who attended felt that it was a joyous yet solemn experience. "I'm glad I went," remarked Karen Smith of second floor Lawrence.

Over \$2,400

## Marathon: A Big Success

by Robin Baulding  
Entertainment Editor

"It was one of the most professional things done at Behrend," according to Tom Trimble, security officer, reacting to the 30 hour dance marathon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association sponsored by Lambda Sigma Society.

Yes, the dance marathon, as many people agreed was a big success. Behrend made over \$2,400 that night. It all started at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 9 and ended at midnight, Saturday, December 10. Eleven couples remained standing. Two people, Don Parker and Steven Duda, remained dancing for the full 30 hours without partners. I asked Don why he did it: "I wanted to see if I could do it," was his answer.

Donna Koper and David Grab took first place, winning two portable television sets. Dyane Polite and Don Bates took second place, each winning a luggage set. Evie Perkowski and Dave Jordan took third place, each winning a Polaroid land camera. Placing fourth were Sue Wortman and John Darr. Coming in fifth were Kathy Titos and Mark Villee; sixth were Charlotte Sherman and Art Rice; seventh were Linda Gerardy and Joe Dengler; eighth were Charlotte Schriber and Michelle Lackovic; ninth were Janice Edwards and Randy Howard; tenth were Pinky Bertolet and Chris Puleo; eleventh were Carol Kechisen and Ken Sell; twelfth were Sherri Reim and Steven Duda; thirteenth were Laura Mulholland and Mary Morrow; fourteenth were Patti Lamperski and Fred Marroni; fifteenth were Maxine Shepman and Don Parker; sixteenth were Fiona Branton and Ron Fox; seventeenth were Lori Hegedus and Lynn Boone; eighteenth were Julie Masteller and David Cox; nineteenth were Michelle Fendrich and John Bagenski; twentieth were Charmaine Green and Randy Barr and Brenda Johnson, and Eddie Evans placed twenty first.

Charlotte Schriber won the door prize, an eight track stereo component set. "I can't believe it! I never won anything before,

not a door prize," said one happy girl.

Three dance contests took place for the dancers, and Charlotte Sherman and Art Rice ran away with the dance contest prize, a pizza each. The contests consisted of the jitter bug, cha, cha, and the Freddie. Charlotte and Art collected \$20.65 on their dancing ability alone.

Not only were Lambda Sigma members involved in the marathon, but other students from our student body helped. People from second floor Lawrence Hall provided "good disco music" as the dancers put it. Even some spectators were dancing. Friday night, Joanne Smith, Joni Cohen and Sharon Vinston got up in front of the crowd and performed as the "Oreo" group from the movie "A Star is Born." Saturday afternoon, Charmaine Green, Sharon Vinston and Robin Baulding performed jokingly as the famed group "The Emotions." The crowd broke up with laughter as they poked each other out of the way to gain all the attention.

Some unexpected funny entertaining events also happened. Coach Amy Atkinson got thrown into the snow by her basketball team. Lynn Maurer, Niagara Hall Coordinator, soon joined her, to the glee of the students.

Mr. Hans Gronberg, from Arthur Murray's School of Dance, made an appearance. He gave the weary, but happy and determined eleven remaining couples dance lessons, mostly on how to do the cha cha. The audience were fascinated by how the dancers picked up the cha cha so quickly.

Santa Claus, played by Dave Rodgers, Lambda Sigma, made his joyous appearance as he went from dancer to dancer passing out candy and saying, "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas. How long have you been dancing?"

Behrend did well compared to Mercyhurst's and Edinboro's marathons. Mercyhurst had a marathon which lasted longer than Behrend's, and they collected \$500, Edinboro, \$700. Behrend's marathon was the first dance marathon for muscular

## Outing Club Does It In Snow

by Kurt Cavano  
Executive Editor

A new group of people showed their faces at the outing club meeting the day all the snow arrived. The downhill and cross-country skiers, snowshoers, winter backpackers, and even the winter campers were extremely pleased with this beautiful blanket of white stuff.

The outing club has a lot of activities planned for winter term and if things work out, even more than fall. In January there will be a joint backpacking and cross-country ski trip with the Penn State Outing Club. The highlight of this term will probably be the spring break trip to Smugglers Notch, Vermont. The trip includes five nights of lodging at the ski dorm, five breakfasts, five dinners, five all-day lift passes, free use of the sauna, and even an all-night beer and Sangria party. The cost is

only \$87.00 plus tax and will be well worth the money.

Starting this term the outing club will be offering an equipment rental service. Equipment can be picked up Friday and must be returned on Monday. The equipment, which can be obtained from the SUB office across from the mailboxes in the RUB, includes sleeping bags, packs, tents, and climbing equipment. After Christmas break there will also be two toboggans for rent.

Also offered for the first time will be cross-country skis. You can sign up for a full set of skis, poles and boots on Thursday and pick them up Friday afternoon. The rate is \$10.00 for the weekend and includes everything. These rentals will begin this weekend if there is enough interest.

If you want a little winter action, come to the outing club meetings which are held every Wednesday at 3:15 in the RUB faculty cafeteria.

dystrophy in Erie County.

The dancers said that they were pleased with the food and the breaks they were given. The food committee even ventured out on the snow covered roads to obtain the food from various places off campus. "It was well organized," commented Mrs. Sandra Edwards, assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs.

The response to the marathon from the crowd was very positive. "It really brought this school together," remarked Cheryl Lebeda, spectator from first floor Lawrence. "I saw people there that I never knew before. I met people there! We should do it again!" said one excited spectator.

The theme song "The Greatest Love Of All," by George Benson was especially appropriate when, at the last hour, dozens of

Behrend students streamed into the marathon area and applauded the exhausted but happy twenty-four people remaining throughout the entire song. Tears came to some people's eyes as the disc jockey announced, "Here they are; look at them." The lights came on for ten seconds so the crowd could see these people as they slowly danced to the "Greatest Love Of All."

I asked Don Bates, chairman of the marathon, how he felt about it. His response was, "I'm glad to see that finally an organization can plan an event which brings the students on this campus together. Rarely, have I seen such an enthusiastic response. I'm sure I speak for Lambda Sigma when I say that I am proud of everyone because without help from the students, it would have been a typical Behrend event."



"Shep" Robinson (44) from Behrend, goes up for rebound while Charles Smith (33), and James Carr (25) help out. Behrend won the game over LaRoche. (see story on page 3)