

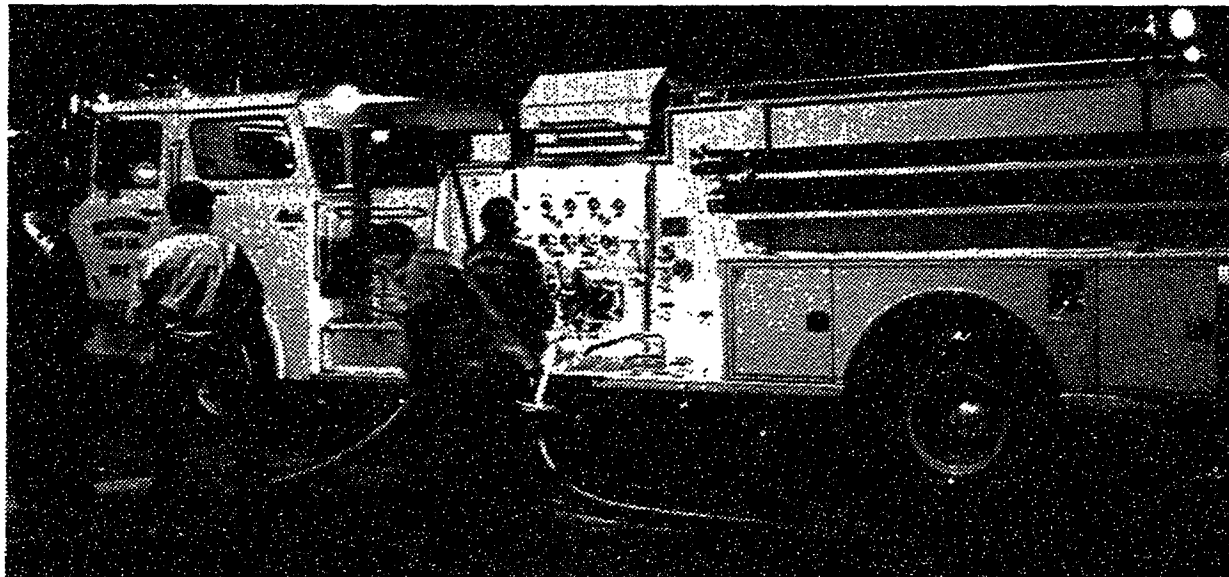
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Where's the fire? There was no fire last Tuesday night, although there was a drill in which the Brookside Fire Company appeared at Behrend, checked out their gear, and spent some time watering the trees next to R.U.B. parking lot. Photo: Grant Edwards

Lambda Sigma Selecting

Lambda Sigma, the Sophomore Honor Society, is presently in the process of selection the new members for the 1979-80 school year.

Eligibility is based on term standing, which is first, second, or third, and cumulative average, which has been reset to a 2.75 for the Freshman Class this year.

The steps are as follows:

- 1) Students are notified as to their eligibility and invited to a reception where the selection committee and present members review those interested candidates.
- 2) One week later the selection committee, comprised of present members, past members, faculty, and upper division students, prepare a list of names (maximum of 40) based on the reception and the students' lists of extra-curricular activities, both here and in high school.
- 3) Our list of nominees is sent to the national selections board in Kentucky for final approval; then the list is returned to us for one last inspection.
- 4) The students are notified of their full acceptance into the society and face us with the gift of choice (yes or no). They then will accept our gift of color (by wearing the Lambda Sigma pin during the day).

A & HS Course Confusion

by Polly Zadernak and Grant Edwards

Many students seem to be confused about the A&HS 198 courses offered here at Behrend. In an interview Dean Salvia provided much information that cleared up some misconceptions about those courses.

The 198 number is used for what the University calls an "experimental" course. In a given topic, say 198 A - Basic Photography, the course can be offered only for two terms and thereafter must be either accepted as part of the curriculum by the University with a regular course number, or dropped and not offered again.

All the campuses can offer 198 courses, but they must first be approved by the Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs.

A problem with the A&HS 198 courses is seen by the Liberal Arts students. They often ask, "Under which category do we list the A&HS 198 course - Arts or Humanities?" Dean Salvia feels that the title of the A&HS 198 course should indicate under which category it falls. The Photography class is more

5) The last selection step will occur during Spring Week, namely the initiation where they are asked to present the gift of evidence (the society fee), and accept our gift of total initiation. During the remaining weeks they are to have their first meeting and elect their officers. At our reception we were pleased with the quality and the number of the students who took that first step of interest into the society. Best of luck to all our candidates.

Road Rally

by Holly MacTaggart

It's almost time for the April 1st Road Rally. This will leave the RUB Parking lot at 12:30 P.M. on this Sunday. The way to win a ROAD RALLY is to be calm, cool and efficient. You're scored first on the number of gimmick questions answered correctly, second on your mileage and third on your over all time. Trophies will be awarded to both driver and navigator for First and Second Place winners.

If you want to enter the Road Rally the deadline is FRIDAY, March 30th at 4:30. You enter at the RUB desk. Late registration may be accepted on Sunday if positions are available.

Road Rally

closely related to the Arts, where "Literature and Science" would more appropriately fit in Humanities.

If there is still any confusion or question as to which group the course fits in, a student can always ask Dean Salvia or a faculty advisor, for they are very willing to help students in any way they can.

The Engineering student is faced with a more serious problem. The question is not which category to which the class belongs, but whether any credit at all as an elective will be given for the 198 course? This question was asked of Mr. Grode the representative for the Dean of the College of Engineering. According to Mr. Grode, new skills courses such as Photography (A&HS 198 A) do not qualify as electives. Even if the course Science and Literature (A&HS 198 B) is obviously a humanities course, it is not on the list of approved electives. To get such a course approved, one must petition the department. In the end it is probably simpler for the Engineering student to take another three credit approved elective.

Psych Grant

Ms. Anne Wykoff, along with six other Behrend students, has been given a \$13,330 grant from the National Science Foundation in the Student Originated Studies Program to research an area of psychology never before tackled.

Only four such grants were awarded in Pennsylvania this year. The experiment's title is "The Thermal Degradation of Polymers in Combination: Synergistic Effects on Laboratory Rats." and Ms. Wykoff is head of the team. The experiment will run from June 1, 1979, to August 23, 1979.

According to Ms. Wykoff the purpose of this 100 per cent student originated project is to detect "toxic products generated in residential fires from the presence of plastic furnishings, fixtures, and construction materials." The experiment was motivated by the large number of deaths due to smoke inhalation in this nation's home fires.

Ms. Wykoff hopes the results will "contribute to the reduction of mortalities due to fire through the expansion of present knowledge of home material usage and performance."

Rats will be exposed to toxic gasses generated from super-heated plastics most common in homes, such as Flexible Polyurethane foam (found in chair cushions), Poly-vinyl chloride (found in chair covers), and polystyrene (found in plastic tables, covers, and TV cabinets).

Prior to this experiment, testing has been carried out on only one type of plastic. This test will observe the deadly effects of two or more plastics combined.

The topic for research was formed back in Spring of 1978 when Ms. Wykoff began library research and spent unreimbursed money to start the wheels moving. Originally, she thought psychology would be the only route of investigation, but later realized the necessity of incorporating biology and chemistry.

It was in this early research proposal procedure stage that Kiyoe Mizusawa, Associate Professor of Psychology, advised Anne and helped her with vital corrections. Anne also expresses gratitude to Dave Higby, Vincent Presta, and Eva Clark, who also helped in the early stages of the

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR TEACHING AWARD

Nominations are being sought for the Behrend Advisory Board's Excellence in Teaching Award for 1978-79.

Nominations for this award are being solicited from students, faculty or staff. Any full-time faculty member currently completing two or more years of service at Behrend, except last year's recipient, is eligible. Nominating papers are available in the Office of the Dean of Faculty, Records Office, any academic Division office and Student Affairs Offices. The faculty member selected to receive this award for 1979 will be chosen from the nominees by a committee of three students and three faculty members, with the Dean serving as chairman. Nominations must be made by April 11, 1979.

In 1969, the Behrend College Advisory Board established an "Excellence In Teaching" award to annually recognize that faculty member who in the opinion of students and colleagues most truly fills the role of an inspired and committed instructor - an

instructor whose teaching and working with students is characterized by excellence.

The recipient of the award, selected from among faculty members nominated by students, chartered student organizations, faculty or staff, is recognized at Commencement each spring and receives a plaque and a check for \$250 from the Behrend College Advisory Board.

Previous recipients of the "Excellence in Teaching award include:

1970 Philip K. Iobst, Instructor in Philosophy, 1971 Jeffrey C. Steinbrink, Instructor in English, 1972 Edwin C. Masteller, Associate Professor of Biology, 1973 A. Daniel Frankforter, Assistant Professor of History, 1974 Mary Chisholm, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, 1975 Charles C. Kolb, Instructor in Anthropology, 1976 Donald R. Leavers, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, 1977 Michel Small, Assistant Professor of English, 1978 Barry R. Weller, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Annual Fund Fair

The 3rd Annual Scholarship Fund Fair sponsored by the Behrend College Faculty Women and Wives Association will be held Saturday, March 31, 1979 at the Harborcreek Mall on East Lake Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fair will feature crafts, books, baked goods, hoagies, rummage sale, quilt raffle and silent auction. Various merchants and Behrend patrons have generously donated premiums for the silent auction. A complete list of premiums will be posted at the auction table during the Fair.

Some of the merchants include Markham Music, Singer in the Eastway Plaza, Eastway Dahlkemper, Kings Court Racquet Ball Club, Eastway Lanes, Wendell's Sharpening Service, and Toy World in K-Mart Plaza East.

There are a pair of Philharmonic tickets to the Doc Sevrenson concert, tennis and karate lessons, and an afternoon picnic and sailing on Lake Chautauqua.

Various members pooled their talents to make the quilt to raffle. The quilt is the "Log Cabin - Barn Raising" design in prominent blue and white colors. Quilters include Micky Simmons, Teri Knouse, Jennie Lee, Gretchen Wolford, Ethel Kochel, Marilyn Redenius, and Louise Fox.

The quilt will be on display in the College library in Reed Union Building until the Fair. Raffle tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1 and will be available at the Fair. Raffle tickets may be obtained from Cissy Tauber - 1414 or any member of the Women's organization prior to the Fair. The drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Harborcreek Mall. Proceeds from the Fair will be used toward a scholarship for a qualifying Behrend student who intends to complete his or her Penn State degree at the Behrend College.

experiment, and to Loretta May and Sally Butterbaugh, two secretaries who helped her on their own time.

Included among the seven students working on the experiment are biology, chemistry, and psychology majors who will perform autopsies and detailed examinations of the rat tissues. They will also observe the physiological and behavioral changes in the rats and chart the Time to Death of the rats.

The following students (three of whom are Lambda Sigma Honor Society members) will be working on the project:

Anne Wykoff—chemistry and psychology major.

Brenda Shields—biology major with a strong minor in chemistry.

Elizabeth Angotti—liberal arts and engineering major.

Michelle Lackovic—chemistry major.

Anthony Ignocheck—biology and chemistry major.

Cathy Wantz—biology major.

Louis Balmer—faculty advisor.

The above students met stiff requirements (among them a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average) to be considered as part of the research staff. According to Ms. Wykoff, they are the "best" in their majors at Behrend.

Anne and her staff are excited about the experiment and are currently preparing the Freshman Chem Lab and Biology Labs with the equipment they have received from the National Science Foundation.

Ms. Wykoff and Ms. Shields will attend a post-Christmas conference in Washington, D. C., where they will present a final report on the rat experiment.

The Collegian congratulates Anne and her staff on the acceptance of her proposal and approved grant by the National Science Foundation and wishes them success on the experiment. Hopefully their success in gaining the grant will encourage other students to look for grants.