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Students Conduct Tours

Under the direction of former Dean of Admissions Ben Lane, the student staff is comprised of volunteers who along with other duties conduct tours for prospective students. Although the group is not a S.U.B. (Student Union Board), chartered organization and thus not eligible for funding, it remains very active.

In 1972, Dean Lane formed the group to help the administration with freshmen orientation. By 1975, touring became only a small part of their activities. Last year, nearly 240 tours were given by Student Staff volunteers.

Another activity of these students is the operation of a Behrend College information booth at the Millcreek Mall, which will open October 26 through the 28, from 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Staffers will also be assisting the administration on November 4, for Behrend's open house.

The staff presently consists of fifteen members, a considerable drop from last year's twenty-five. Interested students are urged to volunteer.

Dean Lane considers the student-conducted tours as an instrumental factor in a student's choice of a college. He also suggested that increased enrollment at Behrend had resulted in part from the student conducted tours.

Materially, the benefits of a staffer are few, but persatisfaction is a prevalent feeling among these people who Dean Lane describes as, "Ambassadors of good will."

Unquestionably Entertaining

The widely-acclaimed psychic and hypnotist Gil Eagles will present his demonstrations of E.S.P. and hypnosis on Tuesday, October 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Reed Union Building.

Called "unquestionably entertaining" by VARIETY, and a "tremendous showman" by Earl Wilson, Eagles has appeared at more than 300 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

His "One Man Show" relies heavily on audience participation as he attempts to reveal names,

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Frat Forms At Behrend

Alpha Phi Delta, a national fraternity, will soon have a chapter at Behrend College. The fraternity is gathering momentum on campus and will hopefully be organized by the end of the Fall Term.

This fraternity was formed in 1914 at Syracuse University. It quickly became a leading organization on many campuses. Not until 1965, did the A P D open its doors to all regardless of ethnic origin. Prior to that year, the group only chose those students of Italian-American backgrounds.

Originally, the fraternity consisted of seven founders. Today, the A P D has increased its membership to over 10,000. More college students of the

Lambda Sigs Schedule Events

Behrend's Alpha Eta chapter of the National Lambda Sigma Society is an honor society comprised of college sophomores. Recently, the organization chose 38 new members for the 79-80 academic year. In order to be eligible for selection, a student must be scholastically competent and have leadership abilities. Only 10 per cent of the sophomore class will function in this group.

Lambda Sigma president Kim Hammond sees the main duty of the group as "strictly for the benefit of assisting other students and organizations." Their assistance consists mainly of fund raising activities such as sponsoring a Dance Marathon for Muscular Dystrophy, ushering

Northeastern United States have joined the A P D than of any other region.

A P D has the support of Behrend College Administrators and Faculty members. Dean Dohn Harshbarger is working closely with the fraternity and Dean Tom Fox and Dr. Roger Sweeting are planning to help the group in the future.

The fraternity's main goals are an emphasis on scholastic ability, service to the community, and social activities. Once established, the fraternity will be able to plan area projects and gatherings such as dances and out of town events.

Those who are interested in joining should contact the fraternity's founder, Pat Sedlak, at this number, 899-1349.

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ROTC Activities Involve Cliff Rapelling

By Marc Woytowich

He squinted his eyes when the shower of rocks reached him, several bounding off his protective hardhat. It was his responsibility to hold onto the rope, no matter how many rocks were kicked free by the man rappelling down the cliff above him. The ROTC instructor had made it clear that the bottom man—or relay man—must hold on tightly to the rope. Cool air, wet feet, and falling rocks were no reasons for letting go.

That was September 22, and the activity was rappelling down the Gudgeville Cliffs in Fairview. The group sponsoring the activity was the Behrend ROTC, and student interest was great enough to overflow an army truck that Saturday morning. Over thirty non-ROTC students were at the parking lot that morning at nine a.m. Those who crowded aboard the truck were treated to a jolting ride to Gudgeville, but the bumps seemed small in comparison to the rough ride down the face of a 150-foot cliff.

Each person was taught to make a "Swiss seat," a rope harness that went around the waist. The harness was then secured to the rope used for the rapell itself. Next, every novice had to test himself on 20 and 60 foot cliffs before attempting the big one. No one failed any test, and many students climbed the trail back up again and again to experience the fun of rapelling.

Rapelling involves the use of proper equipment by an organized team. The ROTC is undoubtedly the best qualified group of people to lead such an

activity. They approached the cliffs with over a thousand feet of rope, and the know-how to traverse a 150-foot-deep gorge with a single metal pulley.

Special attention to safety factors was a must. Some students had to retie their Swiss seats because the ropes were too loose. No one who rode across the gorge on a four hundred foot rope even came close to a serious injury, although one person was slightly hurt from the net not being properly positioned. Most faces wore smiles from the thrill of flying across the gorge on their own power.

Later on, while everyone enjoyed roasted hot dogs on an open fire, it seemed that they had been expert mountain climbers for many years.

Considering the success of this past trip to Gudgeville, Captain Schneider said that another trip would be scheduled for the Spring.

Coming up on October 13 is M16 firing and orienteering at Gem City. This event is for ROTC students only, although the over night canoe trip on the Allegheny River October 20 will be for any students, once the ROTC openings have all been filled. The canoes will travel down from Kinzua to Tionesta.

Every Thursday night at 6:30 is a Rifle Club outing. You do not need to be a ROTC student to take advantage of this activity.

Two more upcoming activities for ROTC students only are a Ranger Field Training Exercise in the Allegheny National Forest October 26-27-28, and a trip to Fort Benning, Georgia in November.

Leaders Gather For Conference

On the weekend of September 28-30, a Leadership Conference by the office of Student Affairs and the Student Union Board, was held at Camp Glinodo in Harborcreek. The issues discussed by students and faculty members ranged from new parking facilities to improving the overall studying environment at Behrend.

The Faculty members who attended the workshop were: Dean of Faculty Thomas Fox; Interim Dean of Students, John Harshbarger; Student Union Manager, Jay DiFrank; Athletic Director, Dr. Roger Sweeting; Assistant to Dean of Student Affairs, Sandy Edwards; and

Area Coordinators, Victoria Shepardson and Arla Altman. Also, Ben Lane, Head of the Office of Student Admissions, and Dr. H. Eugene Shull, Head of the Division of Natural Sciences and Engineering, made brief appearances at the conference Saturday.

Among the 16 student leaders at this workshop were the officers of the Student Senate: Upper Division President, Linda Schweinitz; J.R.C. President, Paul Cain; and Leslie Dukstein, President of the Commuter Council. Other campus organizations were equally represented: the Behrend

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The Student Senate are (below left to right) Paul Cain, Joint Residence Council; Pat Sedlak Student Union Board; Linda Schweinitz, Upper Division President; Chuck King, Lower Division; and Leslie Dukstein, Commuter Council. The Inter Club Council President has not been elected as of this date.

