

# OPINION PAGE

## Letters

### Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back all the returning students and also all the new incoming freshman. And say that I hope that everyone had at least as an exciting and adventurous summer as I had.

Adventure for me consisted of venturing into the world of economics by taking an Econ. 4 class and venturing out to Behrend's golf course (the soccer field), to find I could hit a golf ball about 2 feet. Although, I did

learn how to golf.

About all the excitement I got was climbing down the Gorge to 4 mile Creek, to study sedimentary layers with a Geo. Sci. course.

So you can see about how exciting my summer was. So if you did anything really exciting, or something you'd like others to know about let me know and I'll be glad to pass it along.

Laura Seman  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Editor,

I am just curious if the Radio Club will surface to life this year. I enjoyed what little disc-spinning I did last year, and know that anyone who had his own show felt that an hour or two was hardly enough to satisfy them. I know the transformer was a joke, but the experience of on-the-air programming could be valuable to anyone pursuing a broadcast or regular Journalism degree.

Is there any hope for funding? I know one touchy matter was justifying whether the station served any relevant campus needs. Sure, not many people listened to it, but there was very

The Radio Club will surface once again. If you are interested in joining you can contact Capt. Bob Schneider in the ROTC

little to operate with. Why not try running speakers into the commuter cafeteria, like they did last year. Or connect the system to those TV messages you see around school. Free music can be considered meeting a student need, plus the disc jockeys will know they have a real audience out there.

Again, I don't even know if there will ever be another Radio Club, but at this time last year the same was being said for the Collegian. Can you see if there is anyone interested in resurrecting the club?

Marc Woytowich

Office. They are looking for D.J.'s, engineers and news casters.  
Editor

## Poor Pennsylvania is ILL!

Pennsylvania has long been famous for its high taxes and "Houdini" treasury whereby public funds mysteriously disappear. Lately, however, the Keystone State is acquiring a notoriety for a different reason. I speak of sickness. What other state bombards its capital residents with unmeasured doses of radioactivity? Where else does polio crop up in the countryside?

Soon we will have to change our name to Painsylvania or the Kidneystone State. After all, we have the patent on Legionaire's Disease, and it still makes a cameo appearance now and then in tiny outbreaks to remind us of our legacy.

More recently, they've been frisking the birds and bees to see who's passing the encephalitis around nearby Pymatuning Reservoir. Speaking of reservoirs, depending on which one you live by, a watched pot better boil - if you want to drink the water that is. Finally, meningitis

is getting so common in local emergency rooms that doctors now wear masks to match their suits.

I can see the tourists promotion now: "Visit Painsylvania, the Tombstone State." In fact, I can predict the next deadly outbreak of a horrid disease. Smallpox? No, "Largepox." Potholes that is. The first symptom is sore feet from walking a lot because your car is in the shop getting a complete realignment. Other signs are asthma sounds from your tires along with a loss in their muscle tone. Also, there is a marked increase in politicians' absenteeism when approached on the subject.

So, let's drink to our health and thank God he won't send us frogs and boils anymore. After all, the frogs moved to Florida, and the only boils are in pots in Albion, where tea time runs on overtime.

Marc Woytowich

## Head Tennis Coach Named

Kent Peightal, activities director and teaching pro at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center, has been named head tennis coach at Penn State's Behrend College.

Peightal, who was a standout scholastic tennis player for Iroquois High School, played his collegiate tennis at Gettysburg College. Head Pro at BJK for 2½ years, he then served as a teaching pro in Sweet Briar, Virginia, and at the Harter Hall Golf and Tennis Resort in Sebring, Florida - where he was an assistant to the nationally-known tennis instructor Dennis Van der Meer before returning to his present position.

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## ROTC News

By Ron Williams

More than 75 students enjoyed the awakening sounds of a helicopter hovering over the dormitories on Saturday morning, only to find that it was taking students and faculty members for a free ride over the Erie community. Helicopter Saturday was an ROTC activity. It consisted of a free helicopter ride provided by the Pittsburgh Army Reserve Unit, which did a fine job of explaining the

procedures of helicopter flying. Students and faculty members also enjoy lunch which was also provided by the ROTC department. For more than half of the students it was their first experience in a helicopter.

The ROTC department also has more interesting things planned for the next two weekends. On the weekend of September 15 a canoe trip down the Allegheny river is planned. They will leave Saturday morning and return Sunday. Canoes and other equipment will be provided by the ROTC department. This activity is open to all students enrolled in an ROTC class.

Then planned for the weekend of the 22 of September a repelling Saturday is planned. This activity will take place at Gudgeanville which is located

about 20 miles from Campus. Transportation will be provided. Participants will enjoy a picnic and return to school that evening. The shuttle transportation system will begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. from the RUB parking lot. This activity is open to all Behrend College Students so why not enjoy these fall weekend activities.

Throughout the school year the ROTC department plans many activities. If you would like to enjoy all these activities and earn credit for them, why not enroll in an ROTC class which is a 1 credit class. Those of you who would like to add an ROTC class, the six dollar add fee will be waived for you. Don't forget if you'd like to take part in these activities add an ROTC class to your schedule before September 13.

## Nursing

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people were extremely pleased with Behrend graduates and a feud does not exist between Behrend and Hamot."

In speaking with Behrend director Mr. Irwin Kochel, he revealed the importance Hamot once placed upon establishing an Associate Degree nursing program. Since the later 1960's Hamot nurses have been taking courses at Behrend. However, because of the many advances made in nursing since then, Hamot decided to phase out its Diploma program, and start the Associate Degree program. Mr. Kochel refuted the Hamot spokesman's claim of a low turnover of Behrend graduates. He guessed that approximately 95 percent of the nursing graduates eventually found jobs in the Erie community, a rate much higher than that of the other local colleges that offer Baccalaureate Degrees in nursing. He reaffirmed Penn State's guarantee to graduate this year's freshman class and that in his opinion a continuous flow of graduating nurses for the Erie area is "dependent upon Villa Maria."

(Next week's issue will interview members of the freshman nursing class. Watch for their reaction.)

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