

From The Editor

New Thoughts For A New Year

By Claire DeSantis

Somehow I feel I must say it: Welcome back, Behrend! There seems to be quite a bit to say, considering it is so early in the year.

First, I have to admit that the Kissinger affair certainly was a grand one. Mr. Kissinger and all of the rest of the top names involved kept the evening, as one attendant put it, "mercifully short" and to the point. That was greatly appreciated on my part and I'm sure, the part of the others present. It was an enjoyable evening and certainly a successful one, considering the positive publicity given the event by the Erie Times. It was a very fine way to kick off the Capital Campaign for Behrend College.

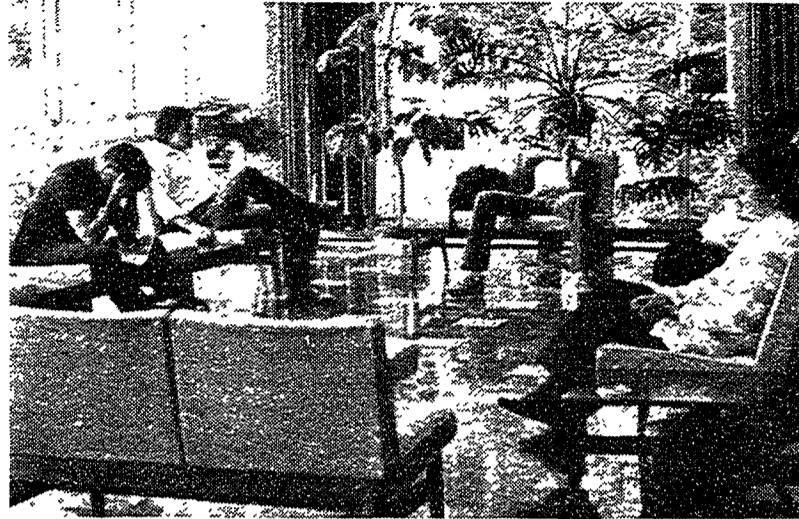
Secondly, I'd like to comment briefly on the "Big Switch" to the semester system at Penn State. This extra time to finish assignments and the shorter class periods are both welcomed changes. I haven't heard a single student complain about the change. Frankly, I can't find much to complain about. (Trust me, I'm still talking about the semester changes).

Thirdly, I must add that the freshman class seems to be extremely enthusiastic this year. It has been a great help to me, personally, since I have the pleasure of working with some of these great minds on the Collegian staff. They have already proved to be a great deal of help in filling the many vacancies left by last year's crew.

In reference to my first point about the kick off for the campaign, we found Bryce Jordan and particularly his wife, Jonelle, to be very cordial and seemingly concerned with Penn State and Behrend. They were both very happy to give interviews and field questions from our reporters, even those questions that were a bit touchy. That's a quality not often found in those who hold office.

In closing, we welcome any and all input to the Collegian, or the NEW Collegian, as we like to think of it. We are, or should I say "I am" very happy to have the opportunity to start over again this year. With the help of our new advisor, Bob DiNicola, we hope to pull it all together this year. Wish us luck.

And so it goes, until the next issue...



Students relax in Behrend Lobby.

Kissinger Comments On Jetliner Incident

A feeling of success seemed to pervade the Penn State-Behrend campus following the kick-off celebration for the Capital Campaign and Behrend's thirty-fifth anniversary.

The dinner included an informative talk by Dr. Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State. Most recently, Dr. Kissinger has been appointed by President Reagan to chair the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

Kissinger discussed three specific topics in his speech: the shooting down of the Korean jetliner, the Middle East, and Latin American situations.

Mr. Kissinger felt that the act itself, although deplorable, could have been explained simply by admitting that it was the product of human error. He felt that the incident was "reflective of the brutal command system" in the Soviet Union. In other words, those who shot the plane down would have had difficulty explaining to their superiors that an unidentified plane passed through Soviet territory without any action being taken.

The Soviets, explained Kissinger, had ample opportunity to explain the situation and have chosen not to do so. This is why Kissinger feels that, although the incident was "brutal and callous," the Soviet behavior since that point has been even more

abominable.

The Soviets had repeatedly said that the Korean jetliner was, indeed, a "pre-planned intelligence mission."

"They have to know this is an outrageous lie. No sane person would do such a thing. This would be preposterous," stated Kissinger.

At the time when Kissinger spoke, the United States had not yet heard from the Soviet Union in reference to this matter.

Soviet President Yuri Andropov had been the head of the Soviet Secret Police (KGB) prior to being named president of the Soviet Union. He actually held no part of the Soviet policy making until his appointment. Kissinger raised question as to his ability to handle the situation due to his age and speculated that possibly Soviet legislation was being made by the military at this point. He felt that that prospect might be a bit frightening. "Soviets have temptation" (to use nuclear weapons) and "may be willing to substitute domestic issues for foreign policy."

Kissinger stated that the Soviets seem to think they can "out-manuever us and phase us out." He also noted that the Russians have more tanks in Libya than NATO does. He closed this issue out by saying that the shooting down of the plane is a "sobering event" and the United States "must not permit exploitation of the crisis—it must be ready to negotiate."

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Top Of The Hill Club

by Sharyn Phillips

Do you want to find common ground, meet people, find a support group or commaraderie?

Everyone is invited to the Top of the Hill Club meetings held on Thursdays at 12:15 in the Reed Seminar Room. The club tries to give consideration to the problems of "non-traditional" students such as financial aid, study areas and social events. New problems and ideas are being brought to the meetings and students are finding out how to deal with them or finding solutions to change them.

Student organizations can make changes in conditions on campus. This organization can help make college life easier and more productive for the older student and the returning student. Stress, study habits, single parenting, financial aid, advising and scheduling are all areas that students must deal with. The Top of the Hill Club is dedicated to helping in these areas.

One upcoming weekend being planned by the club is specifically designed to aid the returning student with all the problems he or she faces when starting college. Watch for advertisements about "Building the Foundations."

To find out more about this club, come to the meetings or contact the officers: President, Marge Tomczak, Vice President, Kathy Senita, Secretaries, Judy Bush and Chris Wolfe, or Treasurer, Carolyn Conway.

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Music Notes

Multi-talented Barbara Bailey Hutchinson has been a professional musician for ten years. She brings her many skills to Penn State-Behrend's Reed Cafeteria on Monday, October 3 at 8 p.m.

An accomplished vocalist, pianist and guitarist, she performs contemporary acoustic pop to light rock music. She has opened for many popular artists including Kenny Rankin, Loudon Wain-

wright III and Maria Muldaur, and has two albums to her credit, as well.

Her own words best express what the audience can expect at her performance . . . "Music is my life. I want to 'take it to the limit' . . . if there is one."

Her appearance is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Student Union Board. The public is invited. Admission is free.

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