

Students Enjoy The Behrend Relays

Photos courtesy of Joe Hazler



BEHREND COLLEGIAN

VOL. XLVIV

STATION ROAD, ERIE, PA. 16563

OCT. 13, 1983

Dean Lilley Comments

"Behrend - Alive With Change"

By Phyland Robertson

"I honestly think that Behrend students have come to a very special place. A place alive with change — exciting change," said John M. Lilley, Provost and Dean of Penn State — Behrend.

"Behrend students have the best of all worlds," Lilley said during a recent Collegian interview. "They have direct access to the faculty, and can get an internationally-known degree. That's prestige along with costeffectiveness!"

Dean Lilley believes that "The faculty is the heart of any university. At Behrend, we have an excellent faculty, who are creating new knowledge, and excited about discovery." He attributes this to research and scholarly activity. He feels that "research is a prerequisite for an up-to-date, outstanding faculty," because it "helps teachers teach," as they become experts in their fields.

"And at Behrend, students

have a unique opportunity to work with their faculty," in the research activities, he said. "Great universities become that way through great faculty.'

Lilley gives much of the credit for the continuing success of Behrend to the high morale of students, faculty, and staff, saying that "by working with a sense of pride, we can solve our problems." He says that Behrend has been attracting "dedicated students and faculty who have a sense of purpose."

Another aspect of Behrend Dean Lilley likes is its long tradition of liberal arts. "I describe Behrend as a liberal arts college with particular strengths in business, technology, science, engineering, computers, and other areas," he said.

Behrend will soon move in the direction of graduate studies, Lilley said. He believes that "western Pennsylvania needs a first-rate, nationally recognized



Dean Lilley

'institution'. We'll be that school."

He also points out that Penn State is not a state university. "We are not state-owned nor state-operated," says Lilley. "We're a private university with a state relationship."

Addressing the future, Dean Lilley feels that "we will continue to serve northwestern Pennsylvania in a unique and positive

"Tempus", Accepting Submissions

By Phyland Robertson

Tempus, the student literary magazine of Penn State-Behrend, is now accepting submissions for the 1984 edition, according to Tempus president Michael Kitchen.

"We're pretty much sticking to last year's format," asserts Michael, "which means we'll be looking at poems, short fiction, and even essay material."

Both Michael and faculty advisor, Diana George, are encouraging students to submit to Tempus.

"I'm hoping all the closet poets will step out," says Professor George, "and bring us the fiction and poems they have stuffed in their dressers." She is also asking students to submit interesting essay material, stating that "beneath the urge to remain private is the urge to communicate."

As for the overall direction of the 1984 Tempus, Professor George plans to stay in the background and "just advise ... to see where the students take it." She hopes to maintain the "level located at 101 Turnbull Hall.

of excellence of the last two years, under Jim Davis (the previous advisor)," which she calls "an excellent example of what can be produced, with limited resources and funds, and a great deal of enthusiasm, as well as a lot of creativity."

One important change, though, which Professor George points out, is that "artwork will be solicited from students, since no art course is currently being offered at Behrend." She requests that students who wish to submit, stick to small (5"x7" is the maximum), primarily black and white, line drawings.

For written material, there is 'no restriction on subject matter," states Professor George, "little or big."

"We want to see what you've got," challenges President Kitchen.

Students who want more information on participating in "the 1984 Tempus experience," can contact any staff member, or see Diana George, whose office is

Alcohol Abuse

Disciplinary Option Gives Students A Second Chance

By Cynthia Stipancic

Behrend students who violate the college's alcohol policy this year can choose their own punishment.

The opinion involves either accepting the normal disciplinary action, or instead, accepting a formal letter of warning. Students who choose to take a formal letter of warning must also attend an Alcohol Awareness Workshop, attend a group discussion following the workshop, and complete a paper on some aspect of alcohol use-abuse.

The option is only given once and only the first time a student is charged with a violation. If a student refuses to take the option and is charged again, he-she doesn't get the option a second time.

"It doesn't make any sense not to take the option because it gives you a second chance," stated MaryKay Hill.

Bill McCarty, Dean of Student Affairs, replied that, "roughly 80 percent of the students have chosen the option so far this year.

The reason for the new policy is that "alcohol abuse is a big problem on campus," said McCarty. "Last year over 80 percent of all discipline cases directly, or indirectly, through drunken behavior, involved

alcohol." The purpose of the alternative plan is to make more information available to students

"Last year. over 80% o f all discipline cases involved alcohol."

about alcohol and to make clear to students the consequences of

The new policy was formed by a group of students last year. "We liked the option so much," replied McCarty, "that we simply had to get approval for it from University Park and we began using it this fall."

The Alcohol Awareness Workshop that students are required to attend is open to all students. The workshop will be held November 16 at 7 p.m. A state patrolman will discuss' Driving While Intoxicated Laws. Dr. Lamberton from St. Vincent will speak on the medical aspects of alcohol use and some members from AAA will also speak.

A discussion session will follow the workshop and students are also required to participate in this.

Finally, students must complete a 500 word, typed paper on some aspect of alcohol use-abuse. It must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs within five working days of the workshop. The purpose is for students to examine an area of alcohol use and to realize the seriousness and consequences of alcohol.

"We're trying to build a system that encourages responsible drinking and good decision making," replied McCarty. "We're not trying to promote prohibition."