

## Seven Wonders Of Behrend

by Lisa Pavadore

Vacation definitely was not long enough. However, I was home long enough to realize that Behrend has some aspects worth noting. In fact, just as the world has Seven Great Wonders, Behrend has at least seven wonders of its own ...

...People actually stand in line to eat Dobbin's food ...

...There is one shower with water pressure, and that water is so cold ... there are also six showers to 51 people ...

...Studying in the library is encouraged, however, it's so noisy no one can get any work done ...

...A complete lack of sun, due to rain, snow, fog, etc. ...

...There are approximately 320 phones from which one can make local calls, and there are approximately 15 phones from which one can make collect, credit card, person-to-person, and station-to-station calls ...

...The Drop-Add line the first day of classes speaks for itself ...

...Snow ... ice ... snow ... ice ... snow ... ice ... snow ...

These are just a few of the aspects of Behrend that I cannot keep to myself anymore. Welcome back, and remember, there are only 25 more school days until spring break.



Snow piles cover Behrend Campus.

## State Of Union - Prelude To Showdown

By Justin Panson

Those of you who watched President Reagan's third State of the Union address can certainly agree that the President lacks nothing in the way of communication skills. He is personal, charming, and poised; but the substance of this State of the Union address is what really matters.

This year's speech, not unlike any other, was laced with the

usual patriotic rhetoric, which the more cynical among us might call "propaganda." In election years these speeches also tend to be far more political than usual, as talk of bipartisan support resembles nothing more than a superficially polite dialogue between bitter rivals.

So what did our President really have to say? Well, he began by tooting his own horn - claiming victories, but not yet total vic-

tories in the economy. Compared to 1980, I must say that a lot of the figures we are receiving look encouraging. Remember two things though: Nothing lies like statistics; and encouraging is a highly relative term.

President Reagan went on to announce a decade-long program aimed at setting up a continuously manned space station. This is a very good idea, but I don't know where the funds for such an elaborate installation are going to come from. Furthermore, it may have been introduced at this time in order to keep peoples minds from more pressing issues of the day.

He sounded more objective than ever in speaking of US-Soviet relations. Even a special

message was directed to the people of the Soviet Union (which most of them will never hear) declaring that "If the Soviet Union doesn't want war, there will be none." But then again, the sad truth of the matter is that we must also place this statement into the category of abstract rhetoric.

Familiar positions on prayer in the public schools, and defending U.S. interests abroad were also reaffirmed during the forty-five minutes of pageantry. All in all, the speech was predictable. While no true pulse of this nation can be taken, the State of the Union address not only represented a traditional check, i.e. balance, between branches of our government, it set the tone for the upcoming Presidential campaign. With

critical issues such as a tax increase, the cuts in defense spending hanging in the balance, it was no accident that the economy was President Reagan's first order of business. The entire House Chamber agreed when he said that the deficit must be reduced; but he also said that how this reduction is undertaken "makes all the difference." Accordingly, all the difference will be made by the outcome of the election.

In a country where gracious losers are consigned to writing memoirs and playing in celebrity golf tournaments and the idea of a democracy is carried out with wild, reckless, electrically colorful abandon, it is safe to say that the President has just about cast his die - So let the showdown begin.

### Financial Aid

## Applications Available For 84-85

Applications for financial aid for the 84-85 academic year are now available in the Financial Aid Office, 2nd floor Administration Building. Students are urged to file their applications by February 15, 1984 to assure consideration for all aid programs. Listed below are the applications required and filing deadlines for both Pennsylvania and Out-of-State students. Questions concerning the financial aid process may be addressed at the Financial Aid Office, or by consulting the financial aid bulletin board located on the 2nd floor of the Reed Student Union.

#### A. Pennsylvania State Residents

##### 1. STATE GRANT-FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION

For the 1984-85 academic year, PA undergraduate students should complete the STATE GRANT-FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION to be considered not only for STATE and FEDERAL AID, but also for UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED AID in conjunction with the University FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION. To be assured consideration for the University administered aid, the STATE GRANT-FEDERAL GRANT application should be submitted by **FEBRUARY 15, 1984.**

##### 2. UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

This form must be filed in conjunction with the STATE GRANT-FEDERAL GRANT application in order to be considered for all types of University aid (SEOG, NDSL, CWSP). The filing deadline is **APRIL 2, 1984.**

##### 3. UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(3.0 GPA and above)

This application must be submitted for academic scholarship consideration by **APRIL 2, 1984.** Students must also submit financial information (through STATE-FEDERAL application) by **FEBRUARY 15, 1984.**

#### B. Out-of-State Students

##### 1. FINANCIAL AID FORM (FAF)

For the 1984-85 academic year, out-of-state students must file the FAF in order to be considered for FEDERAL AID, as well as UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED AID in conjunction with the UNIVERSITY AID APPLICATION. To assure consideration for the UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED AID, the FAF, should be submitted by **FEBRUARY 15, 1984.**

##### 2. STATE AID

The following states allow their aid to be used in Pennsylvania: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Students from these states should file for aid by the various deadline designated. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

##### 3. UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION AND UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.

Applications and deadlines are the same as for Pennsylvania residents. Students must submit financial information by using the FAF by **February 15, 1984.**

#### IMPORTANT

The above applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications submitted after the deadlines will be considered as funds are available.

## LIAS System Introduced In Library

by Edward J. McCloskey

The conventional card catalog system in the Behrend Library will be slowly phased out with this week's introduction of the LIAS system. The LIAS system, short for Library Information Access System, will be located where the browsing collection used to be found. Two computer terminals with access to every Penn State holding will be within finger tip's reach. In addition to books from each campus library, LIAS will supply the user with information concerning all periodicals stored at the Pattee Library.

Mary Sellen, head Librarian, explained that the highest priority for the LIAS system was to make it user friendly: and the system is just that. With a few basic commands, a student or faculty member can locate the same information that would appear on a conventional card -- subject, author, title, and the like. With LIAS though, the user does not have to contend with cumbersome drawers, jump from drawer to drawer, or put up with similar hassles. Also with LIAS the screen will display whether or not the desired text is available for circulation.

The Behrend LIAS system will have a command to list Behrend only holdings as well as all Penn State holdings. If the text is at another campus the user simply completes an Inter-Library Loan

form requesting the desired text or periodical. Within ten days the text usually arrives at Behrend for an average one month circulation period.

The library staff will offer training sessions on the proper use of the LIAS at a variety of times during the next week. Beginners are also encouraged to ask the stu-

dent assistants and librarians for help with LIAS.

An additional service provided by the Behrend LIAS system is a telephone hook-up device. For those students and faculty members who have personal computers equipped with a phone modem, they can simply dial 899-LIAS for the user friendly services of LIAS, 24 hours a day.

## Tax Booklets Available

by Sharyn Phillips

The end of January marks the time for employees to think about filing their income tax returns. Persons filing for the first time or wishing to use a different form need the specific instruction booklets and forms for their personal use. These forms can be found in the Library.

The Behrend Library has copies of instruction booklets for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ forms, and other publications such as the employers tax guide, farmers tax guide, tax information for direct sellers, and tax payers guide to IRS information, assistance and publications.

In addition, there are three workbooks: "Your Federal Income Tax" for individuals; "Tax Guide for Small Business" including income, excise, and employment taxes for individuals,

partnerships, and corporations; and a "Selection of Tax Information Publications."

Along with these booklets there is a three ring binder, "Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries," containing copies of all forms and schedules on glossy paper that can be xeroxed and used as part of the official return. This binder contains 1040, 1040A and EZ, 1041 and all the additional schedules, estimated taxes, partnership, corporation, shareholder, employee business expenses, sale of residence, multiple support, and many other forms. They can all be photocopied and used for filing income taxes.

These booklets and forms are on the New Book table for anyone who wants to come into the library, make copies, and file their taxes before April 15.