

Ream Appointed

John O. Ream III has been appointed director of operations at Penn State-Behrend.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. John M. Lilley, provost and dean of the College commented, "We are pleased to have John Ream on our staff. His knowledge of Penn State operations and his exemplary performance at two other Penn State campuses provided him with fine credentials for the job."

An alumnus of The Pennsylvania State University, Ream was previously manager of housing and food service at the Altoona campus and also served at the Mont Alto campus. He is a

native of Berlin in Somerset County.

In his new duties, Ream will oversee all university business and operations for Behrend College, including maintenance and operation of buildings and grounds, purchasing, physical plant, and security, in coordination with the department of Housing and Food Services, Personnel and Employee Relations Services.

Ream replaces Robert C. Finley, who served at Penn State-Behrend for seventeen years. Finley was recently named administrative director of business services at University Park.

B.I.T.S. Helping With The Computer Mysteries

By: Geoff Whitney

Behrend finally has a club for Computer Science majors, Management Information Systems majors, and anyone else interested in computer technology. Behrend Information Technology Students is designed to keep Behrend's students up to date with the new wave of computer applications. Anyone interested in gaining an edge in their chosen field should see what B.I.T.S. is all about. Meetings are every other Tuesday at 12:15 in Nick 114. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28.

Behrend students can benefit from this club in several ways. First of all, frequent guest lecturers will provide up to date information about what is happening now with computers in the job market. Second of all, B.I.T.S. is seeking to become a student chapter of either the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) or the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). Anybody who is somebody in the computer world is involved in one or both of these organizations. Therefore, being part of a student chapter of either association would look very good on a resume' or job application. Students can also learn valuable cooperation skills by joining such a club. Decisions are made democratically, giving everyone an equal vote.

Even if your major is not in any way associated with computers,

come give us a try. You will be forced to learn about computers eventually anyway, and why not get the jump on others in your field by learning about computers and how they can benefit you NOW. Now is the time to get involved with B.I.T.S. because crucial decisions are being made about the future direction this club is going to take, and your say will help determine that direction.

Remember, B.I.T.S. is not a club of computer geniuses sitting around figuring out new ways to extract money from the university computer (not a bad idea considering recent book expenses!) We are concerned with keeping you as a student informed as to what computers can do for you in your future employment, and being there to help bridge the unfriendly gap between you and computer technology.

Keeping The Records Straight

By: Jill Franz

In the Reed Building on the first floor there is a small office whose door seems perpetually closed. Once a semester, students line up for hours to get into the office. Of course, I mean the Records Office, which plays a most important role in shaping the futures of Behrend students.

Each student at Behrend, whether they know it or not, places a great deal of responsibility on the registrar's office.

This responsibility falls into three major categories. The records, registration, and scheduling of every student.

Each student record is kept as accurate as possible. If a student changes his name or has a change of address, this must be reported to Records as soon as possible.

Some students may need a verification of enrollment for employment or other reasons. If this is the case, check with the records office.

Records also serves the academic faculty with the class list and with this comes a lot of accuracy and checking.

When it comes time for students to declare or change their major, the records office is the place to report it to.

Advising is also a job of the records office. They check to make sure each student is working on their Program Essential Courses towards their major.

Unfulfilled requirements are given to juniors and seniors by the records office.

They must make sure the students are making "academic progress" and if not, they help with a change of assignment.

If a student is having problems with rules and regulations of the college, the records office will work with a student on an individual basis.

These rules can be flexed to help the innocent. If there is a problem with a specific rule, it

will be investigated and if the student is in the right, a petition will be written up and put before the senate for review. There can definitely be an exception to a policy.

I'm sure that many students are wondering why the drop-add line is so long. There are several reasons for this. Each student record is to be an accurate as possible and for this reason the records office wants to be able to validate what is done to each schedule. The number of students per class needs to be correct. These are just some figures to give you an idea of why the drop-add line is so long. 99 students late registered, 882 courses were dropped from the original schedule, 1,061 courses were added, and 372 section changes were filed. This means the records office handled 2,675 course actions.

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Dan Kamin:

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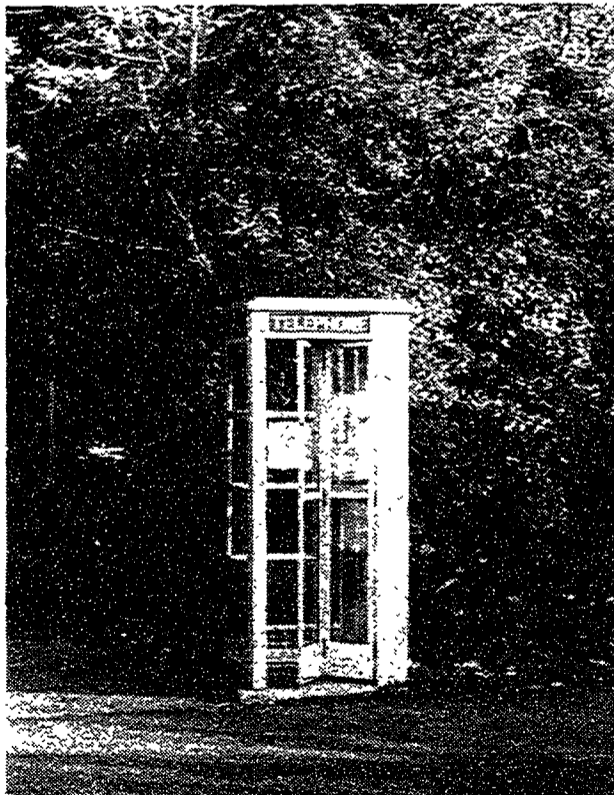
By: Marge Tomczak

Dan Kamin, well known mime, comedian, and satirist proved to be an experienced talent who thoroughly entertained his audience. Mr. Kamin not only performed his own repertoire with perfection and believable confidence, but also those suggested by the audience. Some of the ideas from the audience included eating food at the Behrend cafeteria and going through a fun house at an amusement park. His improvisations caused a lot of laughter, especially the Behrend cafeteria pantomime.

Another technique that Mr. Kamin uses is audience participation. He went out among the people and picked a spectator or two or three to help him with the pantomime. This bridged the gap between the performer and the audience to give it more of a carnival atmosphere which seemed to appeal to the people attending the show. As I looked around, it appeared that everyone was caught in the mood of the particular pantomime. At times, people were actually on the edges of their seats with their eyes glued to the stage in anticipation of what they were going to ask their minds to believe, yet their eyes were not seeing.

One surprising fact was that since there are over 600 dorm students, the Reed Lecture Hall was not filled to capacity. It is understandable, that due to the weather conditions, commuters might not want to venture back out once home. For the dorm students, a trek from the hill to the Reed Union Building for an entertaining and free show, I would have expected to bring about a larger crowd.

The Penn State-Behrend Student Union Board Cultural Committee is to be commended for bringing another enjoyable show to the school.



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