

Hong Kong In 1977

By D. Regis Brown

Any student having taken a micro or macro economics course is aware of the fact that economics is a social science. It is a science in which the fundamental concern is the way a society chooses to use its limited resources for present and future consumption.

We as Americans tend to see only our own present economic situation and do very little to educate ourselves on the economies throughout the world.

It is interesting to know that an important event which has not yet become a major concern in the world media is going to take place in the year 1997. The occurrence of this event could very well be one of the most significant economic

turnabouts since the creation of OPEC.

As you may know, Hong Kong is a British Crown Colony. This of course was not always the case. Hong Kong came to be a British Crown Colony as a result of the treaty of Nanking, which was signed at the end of the Opium War between Britain and China. Part of the agreement in the treaty of Nanking was that Britain would lease Hong Kong for ninety nine years.

In the year 1997 the lease is up and Hong Kong, the fragrant port, will become the valuable real estate of the Peoples Republic of China.

The implications of this are great; today Hong Kong is the third largest container port in the

world. To put it into perspective, Hong Kong is a free enterprise capitalistic society, the Peoples Republic of China on the other hand, is communist.

Certainly there are advantages for China in allowing Hong Kong to remain a free enterprise colony. China does one third of her trade there every year. I think it is safe to say, however, that after the year 1997, Hong Kong will not be what it is today.

This of course is speculation on my part, as to the future of Hong Kong? Well, read the papers, listen to the BBC, don't watch TV or buy real estate there without research, and try to pick up some information on the side. Hong Kong is an interesting economic study.



Hong Kong-1984

STUDENT OPINION

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1) Julie Babay (2nd Semester DUS) "I would like to see Gary Hart as our next President. I believe he is more in touch with the "New Generation" of Americans and their new ideas. He is not a part of the old Democratic Party line, plus he reminds me of John F. Kennedy."

2) Sid Draper (5th Semester Comm) "Bozo's my choice! Let a

real clown do the job the other clowns are doing. Also, remember to vote!"

3) Greg Vilabona (5th Semester, History) "I support Ronald Reagan. I think he has done a good job as President. Plus, unemployment is declining and his reforms can be developed in another four years."

4) Steve Grab (2nd Semester DUS) "Ronald Reagan. Although present reforms make it seem the rich get richer and the poor get

poorer; with more time, I feel that reforms already in progress should make the economy in the eyes of the lower class more appealing."

5) Sharon Phillips (8th Semester Combs) "The lesser of two evils!"

6) Jim Owens (7th Semester Physical Science) "Reagan. He knows we must be strong nationally."

7) John Biggie (5th Semester Bus Mgt) "I'm not for Republicans nor an I for

Democrats. I'm for people ... not promises, but people. So far, I've seen Jesse Jackson for people, Hart for a nuclear arms armistice and Mondale for himself. It looks like I'll have to vote for whoever runs against Ray-Gun, since I have no vote in the primary due to lack of party affiliation."

8) Tim Davis (4th Semester Psych) "Walter Mondale because I feel we need to get Reagan out of office before he gets us into a war, possibly even nuclear, which

Reagan feels could be limited. I think Mondale is better than Hart because of his experience and I think he really wants to lower the deficit and help people get jobs and a good diet."

9) Leroy Jones "I've been poor all my life and Reagan's made more people poor and that makes me feel better, because I'm not the only one standing in line for cheese now."

Interviews conducted by Michael Coursey

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SFFS Awards Investigated

by Vernon Florida

According to an unnamed source, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Society of Penn State - Behrend recently selected the overall winner of their 1st annual "Behrend Illiterate Awards."

SFFS Vice-President Andy Luddy went on to say that "The award will be presented as soon as SGA approves our treasury request to buy the 18k gold plaque."

Society Treasure Rhonda Thompson expects imminent approval of the \$4200 request.

Club Secretary Mark Fairchild, who asked that his name be withheld, said that winners have already been announced in the 10 minor categories.

"I was really pleased this

year," said Fairchild. "There was such an incredible number of misspellings around campus that we had to double the number of judges."

The other judge, Leo L. LaChance, the SFFS Minister of Propoganda, listed the 10 winners at a recent press conference:

1) Most Imaginative - Shoot, Ain't Noth'in better.

2) Most Obvious - Rifel Club.

3) Most Interesting Typo - Rouge Archaeologist.

4) Best Grammatical Error - Free Ladies, Too.

5) Most Complimentary - Congressman Tom Ridge.

6) Best Word Transposition - C-Rule Average.

7) Most Basic Error - Alls Wellcome.

8) Merit Award for Consistent

Misspelling - Assasin.

9) Vice-Presidential Commendation for Phoneticism - Speeck.

10) Danial Webster Memorial Award for Incompetent Conjugation - Breeded.

"I have a theory," said Fairchild, "that the people who make the signs purposely misspell words to make sure the student body understands them."

Newest Club member, Sean Grape, commenting on the awards, said "I find the entire awards procedure to be vicious, nasty, and not at all nice. Of course, that's the primary reason we did it in the first place."

Newly elected SFFS President Doug Marsh and Terry Emigh denied all knowledge of the Illiteracy Awards, his presidency, and Chicken McNuggets.

"What Is Spring Week?"

by Lisa Pavadore

During the week of April 23-29, Behrend will be holding Spring Week '84. At the risk of appearing ignorant, what is Spring Week? After spending seven months here, I would assume that, maybe, Eric sets aside one week in April where no snow, rain, or fog is allowed to hail from above. Maybe we get one week, when we have a personal guarantee by the school, that short sleeves and sandals can be worn without worry from an approaching storm.

From looking at the bulletin I received, I see that many outdoor activities are planned.

Might as well get outside while we can. Back home we have, between the cold of winter and the blaze of summer, a few in-between days we call Spring. I am going to presume, then, that Behrend has the same situation, only their week of Spring is planned.

To all of the organizations who have planned activities to celebrate our week of Spring, I applaud you for your efforts, and hope the weather is Spring-like throughout the week. Oh, for any interested students, as of Friday April 6, there are twenty more school days until final exams.

IN LIBRARY

Computer Invasion

Greg Geeza

It was only a matter of time, but the inevitable has finally occurred. The computer invasion has finally hit home. The library has sprouted terminals that seem straight out of Star Wars. Would-be "hackers" now have access to the Library Information Access System, or LIAS.

LIAS is a computer listing of all the available books and publications in the Penn State Library System. One must only type the command "search," and either the author, title or subject wanted. The screen then prints out a list with the desired information. When the specific item desired is spotted, the number is entered. Now the screen shows the

card catalogue listing with the call letters and campus location of the chosen book.

Penn State hopes to someday do away with the traditional card catalogue and rely totally on LIAS. Until then, however, both the LIAS terminals and the traditional manual method will remain in service.

The LIAS terminals are on during library hours every day and have simple directions located on the wall behind the terminals. They are located immediately to the left upon passing through the turnstiles into the library. The LIAS is a good way for those unfamiliar with computers and how they can be used to gain hands-on experience with something that is here to stay, computers in everyday applications.

Yearbook Nears Publication

by Phyland Robertson

Kate Lane, editor-in-chief of the 1983-84 edition of "The Lion's Pride," the official yearbook of Penn State - Behrend recently announced the completion of the project, and said that the proofs have been sent out to the printers.

"It will be our first yearbook since 1978," said Lane. "We tried to emphasize the fact that

this is Behrend's 35th Anniversary."

Analyzing the book, Lane thinks "we have a lot of excellent action and candid shots. We also have a really nice sports section, thanks to the fantastic job Diane Zubik did in that area."

Kate said that it's "kind of nervewracking, not being able to see the finished project, until it

goes on sale. You send it in, and think it's going to be great; but then, after about a week, you start wondering ..."

"But I think it's going to be really good," she smiled. "I'm excited about it."

"The Lion's Pride" will be on sale within two weeks. The price is \$4.00 per copy.

"\$4.00 isn't a bad price to remember a whole year at Behrend," concluded Lane.