

NEWS

Mid-Year Graduates Press for Ceremonies

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Seniors graduating at Behrend this fall may be given the opportunity to receive their diploma at an informal ceremony in January.

Presently, fall graduates are given three options for receiving their diplomas. They can attend Spring Commencement, have their diploma mailed or pick their diploma up at the Records Office.

The proposal for the fall ceremony has been suggested for students who cannot attend Spring Commencement and find the "drop-off pick-up" system a bit dissatisfying.

According to Dohn Harshbarger, Dean of Student Affairs, "No plans have been made yet, but if there is significant interest among December graduates, an informal ceremony

to hand out diplomas followed by a reception does seem feasible." A survey is currently being taken by Seniors Gay Catania and Jeff Vortolomei to see if the response to a fall ceremony would be positive.

Catania said, "Right now it looks as if there are students interested." She explained that because of the unavailability of student phone numbers, only half of the graduating seniors have been contacted. The remaining students have been mailed letters asking for their response. She said that she hoped the response would remain positive despite the indirect contact with the students.

Any December graduate who has not been contacted and is interested in attending a fall ceremony is urged to contact Jeff at the RUB desk or call Gay at 825-5578.

American Students Open Eyes to World

Twice each year, Fall and Spring semesters, a group of 500 students from colleges and universities across the United States set out on a journey of learning and discovery. They are the participants on Semester at Sea, a study abroad program based on the floating campus, S.S. UNIVERSE.

Academic credit is earned from the University of Pittsburgh and transferred to home campuses. There are over 60 voyage-related courses to choose from.

Semester at Sea visits Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Spain on each 100-day voyage. The S.S. UNIVERSE is

an 18,000-ton ocean liner complete with classrooms, a 12,000 volume library, bookstore, student union, theatre, dining room, hospital and sports facilities.

"Shipboard Education" offers a broadly based program, focusing on the comparative aspects of societies and world programs, bringing an important international dimension to a student's education. More than 15,000 students from over 500 colleges and univer-

sities have participated in Semester at Sea.

According to the program's executive director, Dr. John Tymitz, applications are still being accepted for the Spring 1984 semester. Details are available by calling (800)854-0195 toll-free and (412) 624-6021 within Pennsylvania or writing Semester at Sea, University of Pittsburgh, 2E Forbes Quadrangle, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

TEMPUS Extends Submission Deadline

TEMPUS, the student literary magazine of Behrend College, has pushed back the deadline for submissions for the 1985 edition to Jan. 17, 1985.

"We're still accepting fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, and artwork," said Kenneth Sonnenberg, TEMPUS president and editor. "We'd like to see some different people involved," said Sonnenberg. He believes the extended deadline will allow "optimal representation of the student body."

"Behrend students have a lot to creatively offer the community," said Sonnenberg. "TEMPUS can be the outlet."

Submissions can be given to the

RUB desk, Sonnenberg, or TEMPUS faculty advisor Dr. James Davis.

Aside from encouraging students to submit their work, TEMPUS is also seeking additional staff. "Positions are available for next semester," said staff member Michael Kitchen. "Anyone interested in being a part of the 1985 TEMPUS experience can enroll in Communications 002, or just attend the first meeting of the semester."

"Involvement in the magazine can be related to communication skills in any major," said Sonnenberg.

Thanksgiving: The American Way

"Give me a think piece on Thanksgiving," said the editor to the reporter. "Make it about six column inches and avoid sentimental mush. I want to see a story with a fresh slant."

What an assignment! The reporter thought about the Pilgrims and the hardships and the helpful Indians and the thankful prayers and even the first Thanksgiving menu. "But what can I write that's fresh?"

Then, the reporter considered pegging the story on the countless reasons Americans should be

thankful this Thanksgiving, '84. He might stress individual liberties, opportunity, religious freedom, the Bill of Rights, the Constitution. "Too much like mom's apple pie and good little scouts," he concluded. "That's the mush the editor doesn't want. What in blue blazes am I going to write about?"

He thought of the little unimportant things-things like schools and enough food to eat and warm homes and friends and televisions and medical care and music and vacations and enough money to

splurge on whatever, now and then-the many things Americans take for granted. "No way the editor is going to accept a Thanksgiving story about everything Americans take for granted."

The reporter thought some more.

"I've got it!" he shouted. "Thanksgiving is just that: a pause on the calendar for all of us to express our gratitude for everything we take for granted. And that's my story..."

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGIAN STAFF POSITION

Name _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Position Desired _____

Related Experience _____

Can You Type? Yes _____ No _____

What Are Your Reasons For Applying? _____

Return this application to the R.U.B. desk marked Attention: Collegian. Thank you for applying.



"Chariots" on Campus

The Student Union Board will be showing the academy award winning film *Chariots of Fire* on Nov. 28, 30, Dec. 1 and 2.

Penn State-Behrend Campus Ministry will sponsor an additional showing of this extraordinary film on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Following the film there will be discussion led by LouAnne Barton, Dr. Zachary Irwin, Dr. Roger Sweeting, Fr. Ron Toven and Jim Zaczkiwicz. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

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