

Students among the leaves...
John Coleman conducts a class outside of the Turnbull building and catches the last of the comfortable fall air.

Students invited to "Consider the Humanities"

by Rob Roth
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On Wednesday Oct. 30, the Roundtable Society is sponsoring a faculty/student conversation called "Consider the Humanities." It will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the back of the Gorge and is primarily designed to assist students in five areas.

The meeting will provide information on humanities majors at Behrend; provide information on career opportunities for humanities graduates; clarify the kinds of graduate skills that are desired in the job market; address common concerns about the practicality of majoring in humanities; and direct students to helpful

sources on campus.

Dr. Diana Hume George, the faculty member organizing the session said, "My reason for encouraging this activity is that I run into a number of students who are either freshmen who didn't hear at orientation, or sophomores and juniors who have found that they

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Dr. Daniel Frankforter recognized by AMOCO Foundation

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Dr. A. Daniel Frankforter, associate professor of history, recently received the AMOCO Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award. This award is given annually to teachers specifically in the Penn State System.

Frankforter was nominated for the award by Dr. Archie Loss, head of the Behrend division of humanities and communications. Included in Loss's nomination were letters from graduates referring to Frankforter's teaching methods.

AMOCA is not the first to recognize Frankforter. In 1972 he was the recipient of the Behrend College Excellence in Teaching

Award. He also received an award from the Liberal Arts Alumni Association in 1980, which recognizes teaching and publication in the area of humanities.

Frankforter did undergraduate work at Franklin Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. He received a degree in Theology from Derew University in New Jersey. Frankforter also did graduate work at Columbia University studying philosophy, and spent a year studying in Germany. He received his PhD in Ancient and Medieval History at Penn State.

Since his arrivals at Behrend in 1970, Frankforter said he has enjoyed being here all these years, and likes the small school environment. He comments that what he is most interested in at Behrend as

a teacher is "...what the students can do for each other. Part of your education is your relationship with fellow students; not necessarily the competitive aspect, but a certain level of expectation," Frankforter said.

Frankforter believes that, "All education is self education. Education is something that people do for themselves, teachers don't do it to them. Teachers are resources for students."

Steve Karsh, a senior history major, had this to say about Frankforter; "He's an excellent teacher. He's concerned about teaching and making sure the student is learning something. He presents his material well and has a good attitude about teaching."

Alternative grading system to be implemented in Fall 1987

by Mark Wuerthele
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A revised undergraduate grading system will be put into effect in the fall semester of 1987. The entire Pennsylvania State University system will change.

Revising the undergraduate grading system has been under consideration by the University Faculty Senate and its committee for several years. "On April 30, 1985, the Senate approved a plus/minus grading system by a narrow margin. At the Senate's Oct. 8 meeting a motion to reconsider the decision to change the grading policy was defeated 48 to 79," said SGA President Douglas Gerow.

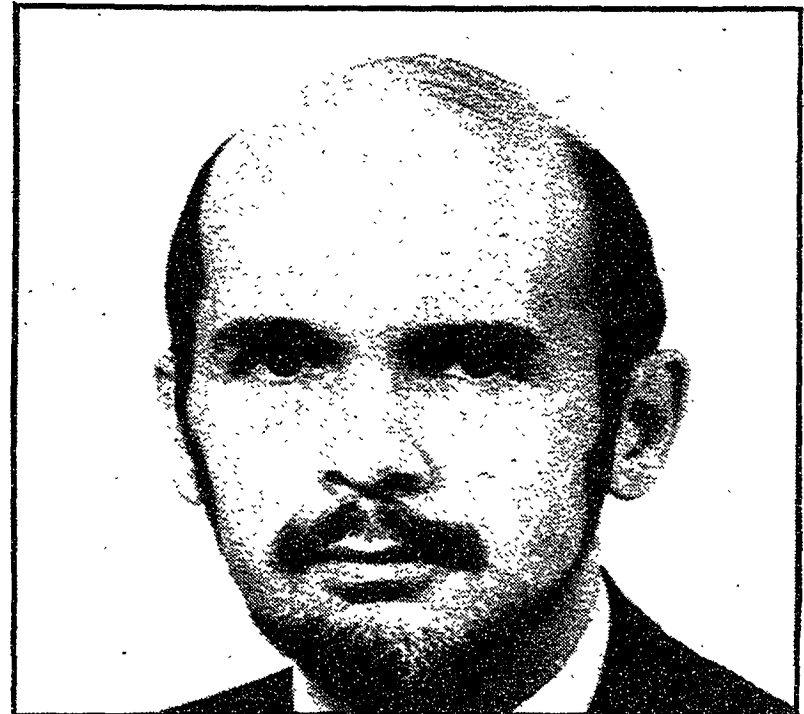
There has never been a desire to alter the definitions of academic achievement contained in the present policy: (A) excellent, (B) good, (C) satisfactory, (D) poor, and (F) failure. There will only be a plus/minus scale implemented in this current system. The new scale will have the following revisions:

A.....	4.00
A-.....	3.67
B plus.....	3.33
B.....	3.00
B-.....	2.67
C plus.....	2.33
C.....	2.00
D.....	1.00
F.....	0.00

Several questions have been asked about the effectiveness of the new grading scale: Why are the grades A plus and C- eliminated?, and will it effect graduation requirements?

Some Faculty Senators said there will be no A plus due to the fact that a whole new scale would have to be made to accommodate for the 4.33 grade points that could be earned. The grade C- will not be used

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Dr. A. Daniel Frankforter

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