

# Behrend student wins University-wide poetry competition

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The winners of the Kathey Lehman Award for Writing in the categories of journalism, fiction and poetry were recently announced. The top honors in the poetry category were given to Kim Krynock, a fourth semester English major at Behrend.

The contest is conducted annually in University Park in honor of journalist and writer, Kathey Lehman. An entrant chooses of the three categories with winners presented with honors and a cash award. Upon submission in February, the decision is announced about one month later.

Krynock stands as the first Behrend student winning the award for poetry. "I wrote some bad things in high school—I think everybody did. I was publish-



Collegian Photo/Jim Cooper.  
Award winner, Kim Krynock.

ed in my highschool literary magazine which I would like to burn now." Krynock explained. "I didn't begin writing 'seriously' until my freshmen year," she continued.

Comments on transforming "bad" poetry into award winning poetry point to the quality of Behrend's own English department. "The courses in poetry explication and writing at Behrend open up the world of poetry to people who don't like it because they don't know what it is," Krynock said. "I would like to thank Diana Hume George and John Coleman for reviewing my manuscript before I submitted it...they were very helpful."

Favorite poets include Galway Kinnel, Margaret Attwood, Dylan Thomas and Ogden Nash. Lyricists earning Krynock's regard include Elvis Costello and Bob Dylan—especially "Sub Homesick Blues"—"I just heard it and it made me happy," Krynock commented.

The first poetry she was exposed to was "...either a poem my Dad used to recite to me, or Dr. Seuss." And the last poetry she has read was from John Berryman's *Dream Songs*. Poets Krynock would read if she had the time are Neruda, Whitman, and William C. Williams.

How did she feel when she found out she was the award winner? "I was really pleased, of course, and really surprised. I hugged my boyfriend and then went to work. It was rather anti-climatic."

In addition to the poem accompanying this article, interested readers will find more of Krynock's poetry printed in *Tempus*, Behrend's literary magazine, due out near the end of this semester.

The presentation of this honor to Krynock is not only an indicator of the quality of her poetry, but is also a reflection of the quality that Behrend has to offer.

When asked if she considered the cash award an incentive in seeking a full-time career as a poet, she replied, "Well, I'd like to write poetry forever, whether I get paid for it or not. I agree with what Robert Graves said; 'There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money either.'"

## Her Body

By Kim Keyn

Her body has been an open grave  
for the blind and drunk of the world  
to fall into, in the dark.  
Art is not amazed by her.  
The bright pink slash,  
her mouth, is no surprise.  
No room for creation in this  
sack of flesh, no room  
no more. She would have had a son  
sometimes she says  
to herself, to the men who live here,  
this murky pool of drink  
sustaining the weary huntresses,  
hunters of the world of the same.

She thinks herself  
a model, sometimes,  
when on the street  
she draws a scarf along  
her thick coat,  
with no reflections  
to disturb her own.  
She wanted to be sketched once,  
painted, lifted as an  
offering to art.  
But she is falling, she knows  
the weight on her skin  
She is collapsing,  
trapped by her own hollows,  
blind passages which coddle,  
forgive and forgive.

No sculptor crawls here,  
working her limbs clean from  
the rough rock, carving  
a passage through the stone  
to the world.  
There are too many long moments,  
she thinks sometimes,  
in her slumping, idling life.  
The others on the street  
she eyes, accuses  
with the precision of the mad,  
opens them with the steel  
she draws from the wound of her long moments.  
Theirs, the final test.  
Theirs, the final lifting to art.

## Eating habits out of control?

Have you ever wondered or worried about your own eating habits or those of a friend?

Dr. Brenda Eastman, clinical psychologist and Behrend faculty

member will address different kinds of eating problems and their underlying dynamics in a presentation titled "Eating Habits Out of Control?"

The talk will be given at 12:15

p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in Reed 117. All interested students are invited to attend and bring their friends. Bring your lunch if you like.

## SGA reschedules election dates

The Student Senate rescheduled the Spring semester SGA elections for Monday March 31 and Tuesday, April 1. The Elections Committee of the SGA recommended

moving the dates back one week due to lack of publicity.

Seventeen positions are available including 13 voting members of the Student Senate.

Students also have the opportunity to elect three students to serve on the University Faculty Senate.

Full-time students can pick up nomination petitions in the SGA office. Petitions are due back by 5:00 on Friday March 21. The nominating petition requires 50

student and three faculty signatures.

Positions on the ballot include:

- SGA President and Vice President
- Four Commuter Senators
- Three Resident Senators
- Inter-Club Council President and Vice President
- Commuter Council President and Vice President
- Joint Residence Council President and Vice President
- Student Programming Council President and Vice President

SGA president and vice president must be a junior or senior to serve. The ICC and SPC positions are open to all students. Resident Senators and JRC positions may

be filled by resident students while the Commuter Council president and vice and Commuter Senators must live off campus.

Also on the ballot will be at least six names of students running for Faculty Senate. Three students will be selected in University-wide elections to serve as voting members. Faculty Senate has legislative authority over curricular issues, admission standards, and faculty affairs.

### MEET THE SGA CANDIDATES

March 28, 6:30 p.m. in Reed 117

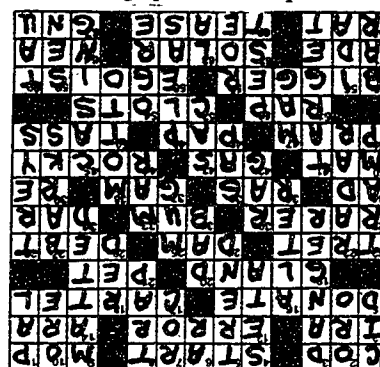
Balloting takes place on 1st floor Reed

\*Students must be full-time & have validated I.D.

## Pastor Roth...

who has been with Campus Ministry since its beginning at Behrend will be transferring from the Erie area to Greenville, Pa.

Those wanting to wish Pastor Roth farewell & good luck can reach him in Campus Ministry on Wednesdays from 10-2 or call Messiah Lutheran Church in Wesleyville at 899-6386.



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