



The Hanging of the Greens

Janet O'Hare, SPC President, and Doug Ginnor, Student Government President, decorated the doors at the chapel in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery on Dec. 5.

Photo by Holly Lew

Foreign language policy revised

by Angie Busbee
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As of August, 1985 (Fall Semester), a new foreign language policy was put into effect in all Pennsylvania State University language programs. This policy states that no student who had 2 or 3 years of a foreign language will be able to enroll in that same language at the first level for credit. This also applies to students who had 4 years of a language in high school. They will not receive credits for the second level of that same language. The only exception to this rule is if 4 years have passed between the time you took the foreign language in high school until your enrollment at Penn State.

This new rule was implemented to send a message to the high schools that foreign language work is to be taken seriously. Another reason for this ruling is to discourage students who had a language previously from enrolling in the beginner course to receive an easy grade. Dr. Fernandez, the Spanish instructor, says that these students "...have quick answers at the basic level and the beginner students don't have the same chance."

Even though this rule was passed with good intentions, it has brought about many complaints. Students who have had 2 years of a language in high school, but could not successfully take the level 2 course of that language are given only one alternative. This is to take the level 1 course for audit. This means that they will not receive any credits or grade for the course.

Not only have the students complained, but the instructors have also become aware of the problems caused by this ruling. As Mrs. Wolfe, the French instructor stated, "We had a meeting amongst the language teachers and everyone admits that it's a real problem." The question is what to do about it.

Both Mr. Chiteman and Dr. Fernandez suggested handling the matter as PSU handles Math 4 and English 4. These are basic courses in the subject, but they do allow the students to earn credits for them during that semester. These credits however, will not count toward graduation. The grades earned in these courses are included in the students G.P.A.

Presently, this suggestion has not had any effect on the ruling.

"Who's Who" at Behrend

by Lisa Hahn and Lynn Popovich
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A number of Behrend students were nominated to be among the *Who's Who in American Colleges*. The Campus Nominating Committee has picked students based on the following criteria: academic achievement, leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities, service to the community, and future potential. The faculty and staff of Behrend College picked these students to represent our school.

The process of nomination begins by students filling out an application telling about their involvement in clubs, activities, and academic achievements. Once this is completed, the applications are presented to the Committee on Student Affairs. The committee then picks the most qualified students according to the applications and references the students have provided.

The fortunate students that were chosen to be in *Who's Who* are as follows: Nicole Huff-7th semester

B and BS, Marc Infantino-1st semester DUS, Vickie Lampe-6th semester COMBA, Stephanie Lenzi-7th semester MISBD, Janet O'Hare-7th semester Communications, John Pugliano-9th semester ENVRN, Alene Rhode-5th semester MISBD, Karen Ryan-8th semester MANGT, Paul Shirey-8th semester ACCNTG, Karin Shrum-5th semester ACCNTG, David Allen-7th semester MIS, Linda Anderson-5th semester ACCNTG, Jacqueline Anthony-5th semester B and BS, Edward Applegate-5th semester ACCNTG, Barb Byers-8th semester COMBD, Cindy Clark-7th semester PSYCH, Eric Connors-5th semester MANGT, Julie Di Francisco-7th semester MANGT, Geri-Lynn Falletta-1st semester MTHBD, Matt Farkas-5th semester ACCNTG, Paula Skaggs-7th semester B and BS, Mary Stewart-5th semester COMBA, Kelly Suman-7th semester MTHBD, Margie Surovic-5th semester COMMU, Marge Tomczak-7th semester COMBA, and Heather Van Slyke.

Acting Dean of Students named

by Craig Altmire
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Dr. Art Costantino, Behrend's Acting Dean of Student Affairs,

sees his primary goal over the next six months to be promotion of student involvement. "I believe Behrend students should be among

the most involved college students in Pennsylvania," said the former Director of Student Organizations and Program Development at University Park.

Costantino defines student involvement as active use of Behrend's facilities, interaction with the faculty, participation in the classroom, involvement in campus activities and growth in leadership. "What I really would like to see," said Costantino, "is that we could encourage students to be involved in all these experiences which are important parts of the educational process."

Dr. Costantino replaced Dean Dohn Harshbarger Nov. 18, after Harshbarger resigned.

A nationwide search for a permanent replacement will be conducted in May. Costantino presently plans to go back to University Park next year to resume his former position on a permanent basis.

Costantino has spent much of the last three weeks gathering information and gaining an understanding of the Behrend system. "The very hard-working and committed Student Services Staff and Dohn Harshbarger have been extremely helpful in this process," said Costantino.

After graduating from Michigan State University and beginning his

graduate work there, Costantino obtained a position as assistant residence hall director at Penn State's University Park campus. He obtained a PhD in sociology there in 1980.

Costantino's position at U.P., Director of Student Organizations and Program Development, involved overseeing support services for U.P.'s 380 organizations. "Our office had major responsibility for leadership training, for large event planning such as homecoming and major concerts and responsibility for Greek affairs," said Costantino.

Dean Costantino has a personal interest in cross-cultural communications including minority concerns. He is also interested in the makings of effective leadership.

He may be sharing his knowledge of leadership while teaching a class on the subject, S and BS 296, with Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Jamie Grimm this Spring-pending approval.

Costantino's wife and two daughters still reside in University Park. He met his wife, who lived in Czechoslovakia until she was 23, at University Park. She is now an instructor in Speech Communications.

Dean Costantino's interests out of the office include running, horseback riding and SCUBA diving, which he has done several times in the Caribbean Sea.



Dr. Art Constantino

Photo by Rick Brooks

Dr. James Davis receives grant

by Jennifer Scherer
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Dr. James Madison Davis has just received a travel grant from the Canadian Consul General under the Canadian government's faculty research program. Dr. Davis is an associate professor of English here at Behrend.

In reference to the grant, Dr. Davis said, "the Canadian government gives grants to students and scholars to study or to work on Canadian subjects. Most of the grants are pretty generous. Some are for people to go to college in Canada, others are grants to do particular projects."

Dr. Davis applied for the grant last October, and once he was accepted, he signed a contract to do a book entitled *Conversations With Robertson Davies*, for the University of Mississippi. "Robertson Davies is a Canadian novelist and the book is a collection of interviews with Robertson Davies," Dr. Davis said. Also, Dr. Davis will need to go to Canada a couple of times to get the microfilms of the interviews.

This grant will enable him to travel back and forth to Canada and to use the University of Toronto's library. It will also enable him to do an original interview with Robertson Davies, who resides in Toronto. This grant it

takes the burden of expense off of Dr. Davis. "This grant will cover all of my traveling expenses, going up there and staying, making copies in the library..." and he will be able to go as many times as need be.

Dr. Davis did not have any information available about the other grants offered but said he should be receiving "official documents to sign from the Canadian embassy in Washington D.C." which would clarify some aspects of the grant. He has received a letter of congratulations from the Canadian Consul in Cleveland. Even though Dr. Davis's grant is effective until December of 1987, he has until September of 1988 to complete his book.

Dr. Davis had much to say about Robertson Davies. "He's very interesting. He started out writing for newspapers. He was the editor of the *Peterborough Examiner* for many years." He then began to write plays, and after "a long career of writing plays he began to write novels." His first novel, originally his thesis, was written 1939. His most recent published novels are *Fifth Business* and *What's Bred In The Bone*, which hit the national best-seller list.

Other accomplishments before Robertson Davies retirement were acting in England at the Old Vic before

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