

Constitution Series brings congressman

University Relations--Today, most of America's history remains one-dimensional, restricted to the dog-eared pages of textbooks and occasionally captured on the celluloid of made-for-t.v. documentaries. But Dr. Charles Redenius, the acting director of Penn State-Behrend School of Business, is out to change that.

Through his upcoming speaker series, "The Constitution, 1787-1987: People, Personalities, and Politics," Redenius, in addition to celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the country's most vital legal document, will attempt to unmask and flesh-out the characters involved in the drafting of the foundations of American freedom.

"The idea is to help students and members of the Erie community understand the people and the events of the day that helped

mold this document which has become so essential to our identity as a nation," explained Redenius, who is organizing the speaker series event.

According to Redenius, the purpose of the noon lecture series, which begins January 30 and continues with lectures once a month through April in the college's Reed Lecture Hall, is to both bring the founding fathers to life and to offer contemporary comparisons between the organization and leaders of the 1787 convention and 1987 political practices and personalities.

Headlining the series is Congressman Tom Ridge, who will speak on "The Prerogatives of Power: Convention Delegates in 1787 and Possible Delegates in 1987" on Jan. 30. The congressman will draw on his experiences in government as he

selects a hypothetical group of contemporary counterparts to the original Hancocks and Jeffersons.

In keeping with the country's ongoing pursuit of freedom and justice for all, the second guest speaker, Walter Osborn, the deputy director of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee, will address "The Struggle for Vindication: Blacks and Other Minorities in 1787 and 1987" on Friday, Feb. 20.

On another struggle-for-freedom issue, Dr. Colleen Kelley, professor of English at Penn State-Behrend, will discuss "The Fight for Equal Rights: Women in 1787 and 1987" on Thursday, March 19.

The final speaker in the series, the Rev. Sarah Barber-Braun of the Unitarian Society of Erie, will address the still-hot issue of "Church and State: Religion in 1787 and 1987."



Congressman Ridge

All the lectures are free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will follow each speaker's remarks. Since the series is designed as a lunchtime activity, all lectures will end by 1:00 pm. For more information about the speakers series, call 898-6107.

Campus club report

ROTC

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What would you do if someone offered to pay for your tuition, books, activities, and supplies required for your major, and give you \$1000 to boot? You'd probably think he was joking. Well, in actuality, the Army does award scholarships that provide all of this, and more. All you have to do is apply.

If you're thinking it's too late for you to win a scholarship, then you should know a few more things. First of all, it isn't too late for freshmen and sophomores not enrolled in ROTC. There is a special advanced ROTC basic program for those non-ROTC students who win scholarships. To apply, you must have at least two academic years remaining in your college career. You must also be enrolled in a degree-seeking program. Your GPA need not be astronomical; however, you must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be eligible. Respectively, the higher your GPA, the better your chances for winning a scholarship.

There are more advantages to being a scholarship recipient than just no longer having to worry about how you're going to pay your next semester's tuition. You also get to participate in numerous ROTC related activities, interact with other ROTC cadets, and learn valuable leadership skills. ROTC is a valuable opportunity in which every eligible person should take advantage. In order to apply and get more information, see Captain Donahue in the ROTC office as soon as possible in order to meet all the deadlines.

Rifle club

by Lori Beals
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The Behrend College Rifle Club fired at targets for entry in the 1st Reserve Officer's Training Corps Region (ROTC), Intercollegiate Postal Match, on Dec. 11, 1986.

Using Winchester rifles, two teams of five members each fired at Olympic targets in the prone, kneeling and standing positions. These targets will be sent through the mail to judges who will score them and tabulate the teams' average against the targets entered in the match by other University and College ROTC rifle teams in the First Region.

The Behrend Rifle Club awarded the Teams' top three shooters with trophies. In first place was Rich Wills, Adam Benson took second, and Chris Martincic took third.

The First Region will publish the results of the postal match in March. Last Spring, Behrend entered only one team and came in eleventh place, beating out twenty-five other teams on the eastern seaboard, from Maine to Florida.

Rifle club meetings are at 8:00 pm on Thursdays, and meet in the ROTC office, before going to the Lawrence Park Rifle Range to shoot. The club welcomes anyone interested in shooting, regardless of their experience level. Its members are comprised of those who are interested in widely varying aspects of shooting: from those interested in marksmanship training to weapons safety, to those who wish to stay proficient in shooting between hunting seasons.

Commencement ceremonies held

by Vicki Sebring
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Over Christmas break, Behrend College conducted its third annual Fall Commencement Ceremony. Seventy-one students gathered (in the Reed lecture hall on Jan. 10) to accept their diplomas and reflect upon the University's growth and development throughout the years.

Both the invocation and the benediction were delivered by the Rev. Ronald Garrett of Behrend's Campus Ministry. Provost and Dean, Dr. John Lilley, welcomed all who attended the ceremony and offered his sincere congratulations to the class of 1986. Along with Dr.

Lilley, Craig McClelland, who is chairman of the Council of Fellows, extended a special greetings to the graduates, parents, and guests.

A special guest speaker, whom Dr. Lilley announced as a "continual source of pride" for the school, was alumnus Michael T. Joyce. Before Joyce enrolled at Behrend, he served for 13 months as an interrogator and non-commissioned officer in Vietnam. He was also awarded the Bronze Star and two Army commendation awards. It was during this time that Joyce decided to enroll in college and pursue a career as a lawyer.

From his very first year at

Behrend, Joyce was successful. As a freshman, he earned a position as co-captain on the Cub's soccer team and led them to two Commonwealth Championship titles. Today Behrend acknowledges Joyce's athletic achievements each year by honoring one member of the Behrend soccer team with the Michael T. Joyce Hustle Award.

Michael Joyce completed a four-year bachelor degree program in 1973 becoming the first person to ever do so in Behrend history. From there he went on to receive his law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire and has been practicing law since. He is presently serving a ten

year term as a Common Pleas Court Judge after being elected in the November elections. At the age of 36, Judge Joyce has had already impressive career that some lawyers achieve nearing the end of their legal profession.

"Going to Behrend was, for me, the answer," said Joyce in a past issue of the *Behrend Quarterly*. "It was one of the highlights of my life."

Dr. Jack Burke presented the 71 graduates with their diplomas, among which there was last year's *Collegian* Editor Paula Maus, and former SGA President Douglas Gerow. Also present at the ceremony were four University Park students who reside in Erie. Edgar Fehrle, Kim Topwood, Howard Miller, and Todd Kightlinger all chose to accept their diplomas nearer to home here at Behrend College.

Dr. Lilley concluded the ceremony saying, "Let the record show that both Behrend College and its first alumnus have come a long way since 1973. And together, they have miles to go as they continue to reach out for new goals and conquer new peaks of excellence."

Education in another land

by Michele Miller
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Greece. Egypt. Australia. France. Brazil. Penn State is around the world and through the University's many Education Abroad programs, students can do the same.

According to a brochure circulated by the university, the overseas programs are designed to "offer instruction in several disciplines within the context of another culture (and) enrich your general academic studies." Initiated in 1962, Penn State's Education Abroad has grown to include study programs in England, Germany, Italy, Swaziland, USSR, Peru, Kenya, Japan, Spain, Taiwan, and Israel, as well as those countries already mentioned.

Depending upon the courses and country selected, students have the option of studying abroad for either one semester or the full academic year. During summer 1987, 3 8-week courses are being offered in England, Israel, Italy and Sardinia. Subject areas in both summer and regular school year programs vary from architecture and business administration to mass communications and middle-Eastern studies.

Some programs have language requirements, but in general applicants must have an overall grade-point average of 2.50 or higher, must be in good academic standing, and in either their junior

or senior years during the semester abroad. Candidates must also complete course prerequisites.

Normal progress toward graduation is maintained while overseas because participants remain registered at Penn State. No credit transfer is involved.

As for costs, tuition charges are the same as those at the University Park campus, and are paid in accordance with standard regulations and deadlines. A program fee is required, but only after a student's application for admittance has been accepted.

Financial assistance is available through the Office of Student Aid,

which will ensure that additional costs (such as housing) are accounted for when determining estimated financial need. A Grant-in-Aid Fund also exists through the Office of Education Abroad Programs.

To enroll in a foreign study program, applications must be made a year in advance of the semester one plans to be abroad. March 1, 1987, is the deadline for the spring 1988 semester. Those interested in a summer 1987 programs should apply immediately.

For more information call Mari Trenkle, Penn State Behrend's Study Abroad Advisor (ext. 6160).

Ministry is here for you

Campus Ministry--Ministers (coordinated by Ms. Pamela Griesbach, in the Office of Student Affairs) of various faiths have volunteered their time to make themselves available for professional pastoral services, counseling, map sessions, social events, and on and off-campus opportunities for worship.

The "blue-bus" (at no cost to students) leaves the campus at 10:15 am every Sunday morning enroute to the various local churches (see Campus Ministry bulletin board) and returns to Dobbins hall after worship services.

The new Spring semester (on campus) counseling schedule is as follows: Monday-Pr. Jon Goshay from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, Fr. Ron Toven from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wednesday-Pr. Ray Sines from 10:00-11:30 am, Pr. George Schoonmaker from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Fr. Ron Toven from 7:00 to 9:00. Thursday-Pr. Ron Garrett from 12:00 to 2:00. Friday-Pr. Cliff Hamilton from 9:30 to 10:30. Saturday-Fr. Ron Toven from 5:00 to 5:30 (for confessions).

For further information, contact the Penn State-Behrend Campus Ministry in the Office of Student Affairs, Rm. 128 of the Reed Building (898-6245).

Accounting Club

Officers of the Accounting Club are looking forward to an exciting and eventful Spring club. Some of the planned activities include seminars conducted by CPA firms from the Erie area as well as events with Gannon and Edinboro Universities. All those interested in joining are welcomed. The club is not limited to accounting or business majors only. The club will be holding its meeting on Mondays at noon in the Reed Seminar room.

Students remember Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Mary C. Stewart
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Over 50 Behrend students, faculty, and staff joined Americans across the nation in commemorating Martin Luther King's birthday. During a program on January 19, all joined hands to celebrate a man and his ideals.

The program was broadcasted live to Behrend 101 via the T-1 Carrier from Eisenhower Auditorium at University Park.

The scheduled speaker, Charlene Hunter-Gault, was unable to attend due to inclement weather. Replacing her, a panel of Penn State Faculty discussed King and the civil rights movement of the sixties. The program closed with everyone joining hands and singing "We Shall Overcome."

As the nation remembered Martin Luther King in a national holiday for a second year, many questioned what happened to the fervor of the sixties. King had brought blacks and whites to their feet to protest the inequities caused by racial prejudices. The charismatic King rallied minorities to believe his dream of "a nation where they (his children) will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character." (King,

"I Have a Dream", 1963)

Nineteen years after King's death, however, Michael Griffith is also dead. He and two companions were beaten and chased by 11 white teenagers. Griffith is struck by a car and killed as he tries to escape. A cross is burned, imitating the Klu Klux Klan, in the dorm room of a Massachusetts' black college student. Reports from the NAACP suggest that racist behaviors are on the rise.

Students at Behrend were asked if they sensed an increase in racial prejudices. Minority students responded with a feeling of "yes it exists but very subtly." "It is not the fault of the administration or the students," they added, "but it is a trend in the media and government to feel that the problem has been solved."

White students expressed concern toward the issue but didn't see it as a problem at Behrend.

Many students said that minority students are treated differently, sometimes in a positive way and at times negatively. Because students are seen a different, they continued, conflict results.

What would Martin Luther King say about the present situation if he were alive today? "If he were alive today, we wouldn't be in this situation," responded a Behrend student.

S.G.A. Minutes

- * President Doug Gainor's recommendation that SGA decrease its treasurer's office population from three treasurers to two (pending the dismissal of one of the treasurers) was motioned and passed for the second consecutive time, thus making the dismissal official.
- * Doug and other SGA members met recently with representatives from the four other area colleges and universities about holding a record-breaking musical chairs contest with students from all five schools involved. Apathy among students may force "recruitment" into area high schools.
- * The Joint Residence Council announced a Valentine's Day rose sale. Telephone books will be delayed for a few weeks until Housing gets the correct numbers for everyone. It was also announced that JRC's meeting time will be on Tuesdays at 9:00 pm in Reed 116 this semester.
- * Commuter Council President announced that she had no report for the week.
- * Student Programming Council Vice President Chris Rapach announced plans are being finalized to have Donnie Iris and the Cruisers visit Behrend on March 20. The movie of the week is *The Three Stooges "Little Rascals"*. There will be an Air Band Contest on Feb. 14, followed by a dance. * The Inter-Club Council Chairperson Matt Farkas announced that there was no report for the week.
- * Student Services Committee reminded everyone that the deadline for paying any balances due on the Spring Break trip is February 6. So far, 30 people have paid in full and 20 people are committed by down payments.
- * Student Relations Chairperson Lori Rogosky announced that the results of the survey have been reviewed and will be presented at the next SGA meeting.
- * Sister College Committee Chairperson Vince Cannella's letter to Erin-dale (our hopeful sister-college in Canada) went out on Thursday.

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