

Osborne continues series

by Lisa Hahn
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Behrend's bicentennial speaker series, "The Constitution, 1787-1987: People, Personalities and Politics," continues this month with a lecture by Mr. Walter Osborn titled "The Struggle for Vindication: Blacks and Other Minorities in 1787 and 1987." Mr. Osborn is the deputy executive director of the Greater Erie Community Action Council (GECAC). This lecture was held on Friday, Feb. 20 at noon in the Reed Lecture Hall. Admission was free and it was open to the public.

Walter Osborn was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1944. In 1949 he moved with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio and was educated in the Cleveland Public School system. He graduated from Glenville High School in 1963 where he was active in student government. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in 1967, majoring in Business Administration. In addition to his required studies, Osborn also participated in the university debate team and the student government.

In 1967, Mr. Osborn was transferred to Erie by General Telephone Company of PA where he served several management positions through 1969. During this time Mr. Osborn was also an instructor in Consumer Education and Minority History at the Erie Opportunities Industrialization Center. In 1969 he became Industrial Relations Officer and Deputy Director of OIC.

In 1970, Mr. Osborn accepted the position of Community Development Director with GECAC and in 1972, assumed the position of Deputy Executive Director with emphasis on Planning and Grantmanship. Mr. Osborn's main duties now include responsibilities for the Agency's Finance, Data Processing, Office Service Departments, legal and contract administration, and facilities management.

The GECAC is an agency that seeks to help the disadvantaged become more productive citizens. Not only has Mr. Osborn been greatly involved in GECAC, but he has also been involved in various community organizations. These include his membership on the Erie Center City Authority, Erie County Drug and Alcohol Commission, which he chaired for three years, Booker T. Washington Center Board of Directors, St. Vincent Health Center, United Way, Erie NAACP, and Mercyhurst College Cooperative Education Advisory Committee.

In light of Mr. Osborn's past experience of leadership and his present involvement in the community, this lecture indeed proved to be very interesting and educational.

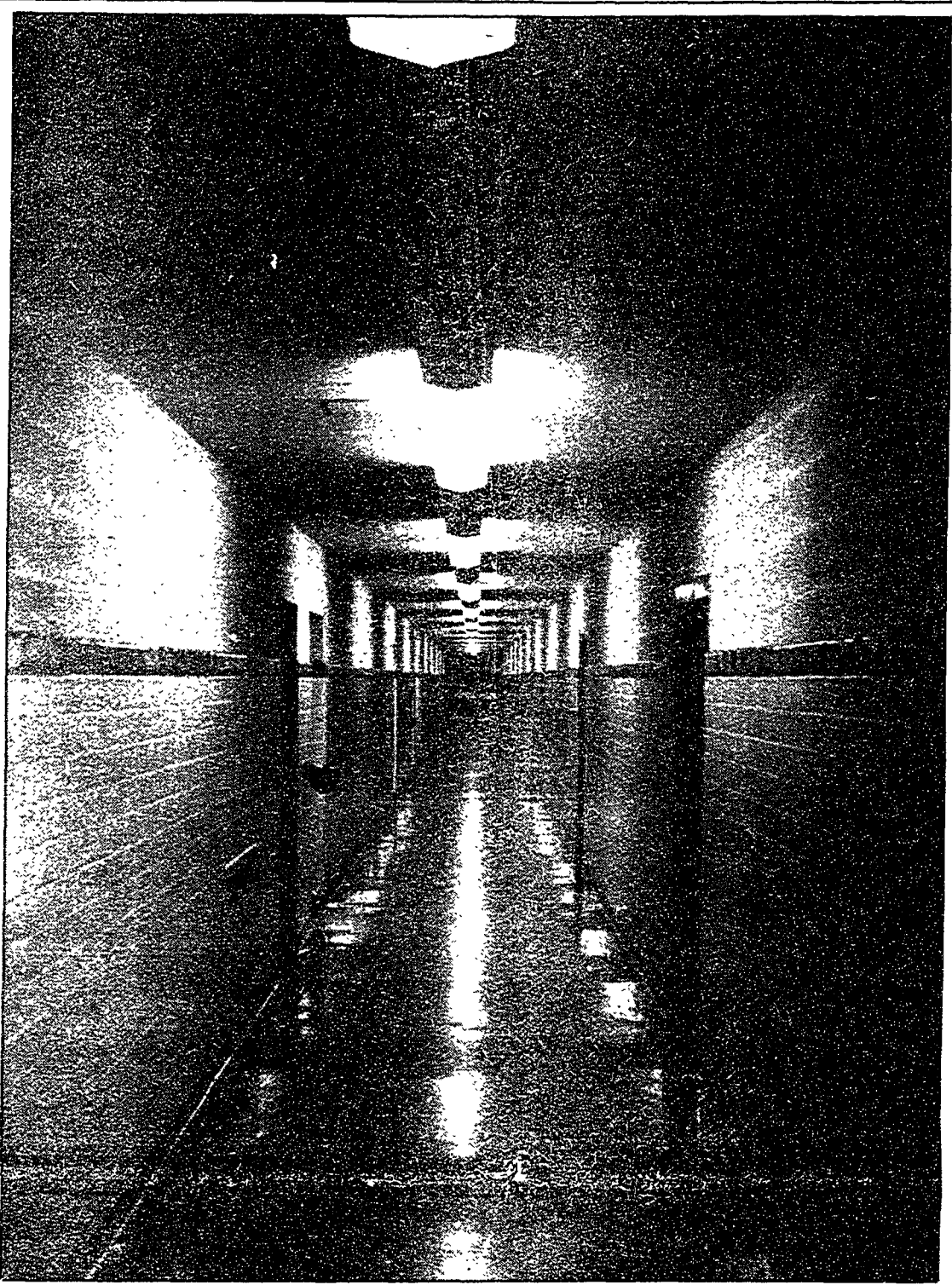


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Not a teacher was stirring...

The halls of the Otts Behrend Science Building empty as students embark on Spring Break vacations.

New scholarships offered

by Barb Byers
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Two new scholarships are available to Behrend students: the Adella B. Woods scholarship Loan Fund, and the Zonta Club of Erie II Scholarship.

The Woods Scholarship Loan Fund is sponsored by the American Association of University Women. It is being offered to all full-time sophomores, juniors and seniors who are residents of Erie County.

The Zonta Club is a worldwide service organization of executive women in business and professions. This scholarship is available to female residents of Erie County in good academic standing and character. The applicant must attend a four year accredited school and be able to show financial need.

Although the due date for the Zonta Club Scholarship is April 1, 1987, Mary-Ellen Anderson, Behrend's new Financial Aid Counselor, advises that the application be submitted to her office by March 1. This is because parts of the application must be filled out by the Financial Aid Office, the Zonta Club, and the applicants' parents.

In addition to these two scholarships, Anderson said another student aid option has recently been offered by the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. This is available to junior and senior female students with engineering majors, and is a loan at 7.5 percent interest—"a better deal than the GSL (Guaranteed Student Loan)," Anderson added.

Anderson received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Virginia Tech. She spent four years in the banking industry, and then decided to pursue a position in a higher education institution. She then worked for the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Nebraska, and finally St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA just prior to her arrival at Behrend. In addition to her duties as Financial Aid Counselor, Anderson also works on Master of Business Administration (MBA) admissions.

The Financial Aid Office has recently been relocated to 121 Glenhill Farmhouse and, Anderson said, "has a great deal of information available on various student scholarships and loans." For further information, visit the Financial Aid Office or call extension 6162.

Student Relations Committee completes survey

by Kevin R. Mills
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The Student Government Association at Behrend College recently distributed a "student questionnaire" to the population (residents and commuters) in order to "help evaluate student opinions on various parts of student life here at Behrend," according to the

survey form itself. The forms were made available in the Wintergreen Cafe for commuters and in Dobbins Hall for the residents. The Resident Assistants for the on-campus living halls also distributed these forms. Of Behrend's more than 2,000 students, 100 responded to the questionnaire. SGA President Doug Gainor said, "I just

wish there had been more of a turnout. I don't know if we can base the (opinions of) the whole campus on 100 students."

The survey is done every year by the Student Relations Committee of the SGA. Many issues were addressed on which the respondents had very definite opinions.

Of the 90 students who responded to the question "What is your opinion of the price of parking permits?", 62 felt that the price was too high, 13 felt the prices were fair, and 15 had no comment.

Fifty-one of 96 students felt that classes should not be scheduled during meal times (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), 36 felt that such class times should be scheduled, and nine said it doesn't matter.

Of the 93 students who answered the question "Do you feel there is a legitimate crime problem at Behrend?", 60 felt that there is not, while the remaining 33 thought there is. Along those same lines, 74 of 92 students said that they feel safe in their room and while walking alone at night on campus. When asked how security here could be improved, two of the suggestions were to add more lights and to have security officers patrol at night when students are getting out of their evening classes.

In response to the question of what activities could be added to improve student life and increase student morale and participation, several options were suggested. The first was to promote basketball and soccer games more to the student populace. The second was to hold more lobby dances in the residence halls—this seems to be a popular idea. Another suggestion was to have pep rallies to increase school spirit for the sports teams on campus. On the more radical side, we have the suggestions to hold square dances and student versus faculty sports competitions. Students indicated that they would be willing to pay from fifty cents to two dollars to attend these functions. The low prices of the current on-campus activities were seen as their greatest asset.

One other suggestion that was

made to improve social life at Behrend was to arrange for trips to Dr. Feelgood's in Ohio. A carpool would be used and one person (the driver) would agree not to drink alcohol during the evening so as to provide safe transport to and from Feelgood's. This program is already in operation at Mercyhurst College.

As to the question, "How well

do you feel the students are represented by the members of SGA?", the opinions were overall that there had been improvements lately in service, but the main stumbling block is that many students see members of SGA around campus but do not know that these people are members. One suggestion was to put up a display case containing photos and names

of the various SGA members so that students would know more readily whom to contact with problems or suggestions. When asked why the survey was done each year, SGA president Doug Gainor said, "SGA is not just a governing body. We're here to make changes. We did the survey to get the students' opinion on what they wanted done on campus."

Eyes on the prize

by Stephanie Burrage
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"It's a learning experience for blacks and whites; it shows the harsh reality of racism!" These are the words Ronnette Green used to describe Eyes on the Prize.

Eyes on the Prize is a series of tapes involving the Civil Rights Movement, specifically the years from 1954-1965.

The tapes shown demonstrate the many ways segregation prevailed in the South. From the tapes I have learned that:

1. States fought against the federal government creating their own rules for segregation.

2. How the Jim Crow laws were formed.

3. Freedom rides were another attempt to end segregation. Freedom rides were a mixture of black and white people together riding a bus from one end of the South to the other. The blacks sat in the front and the whites in the back.

4. John F. Kennedy tried to have Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. freed from jail. This is allegedly the way J.F.K. won the black vote.

The tapes also show accounts from those who were actually involved in the movement. James Meredith,

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