

# Equal rights: then and now

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The most important document in American history is being celebrated in "The Fight for Equal Rights: Women in 1787 and 1987," as part of the Bicentennial Series at Behrend. Dr. Colleen Kelley, researcher of constitutional guaranteed free speech, and faculty member of Behrend, will be the featured speaker on March 19th. Dr. Kelley received a Ph.D. in Communication and Rhetoric from the University of Oregon, and is a practicing feminist rhetorician. The speech will focus on women's concern for equal rights during the last two centuries.

When the Constitution was established in 1787, the phrase "We the people" generally meant white men who owned property. Women and minorities were usually excluded from the interpreted meaning of this document. Dr. Kelley suggests the "exclusion" in the Constitution has to be interpreted according to "the spirit of the time to reflect historical and social progress."

Before the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, no woman was permitted to vote legally in the United States. This "right" was considered to have been "given" reluctantly to women, in order that they "defer attention from what women have wanted and never received since 1787: constitutionally guaranteed and protected equal rights," said Dr. Kelley.

In actuality, though, it is the usage of our legal court system that is given the final say in "constitutional interpretations." The laws created by American people are applied through the Supreme Court for understanding the document's meaning. Therefore, when current guidelines are too vague to ensure equal rights, it's time to make changes in legislation.

"The Constitution was designed to be a universal document," and it has, in fact, "stood the test of time," said Dr. Colleen Kelley. Accordingly, the challenges of 1987 and beyond are to support the notion that "All people regardless of sex, skin color, or financial holdings are equal under the law," Dr. Kelley declared.

The Fight For Equal Rights will be held in the Reed Lecture Hall at noon. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.



Photo by Wendell Bates

# Summer session registration

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Students interested in picking up some extra classes over the summer, to graduate early, or to boost their G.P.A. should plan on registering for the classes available at Behrend this summer. Mari Trenkle, Admissions Assistant for Academic Affairs, coordinates the summer sessions as one of her many responsibilities.

This year most courses meet two times a day; usually in the morning or evening. Few classes are offered in the afternoon so anyone who works or likes to go to the beach can fit classes into their busy summer schedule. Trenkle stated that there's "a nice selection of courses

including BDR's." Most people who register, she said, do so because they're interested in taking classes they are unable to take during the fall or spring semesters, or because students may change their major and need to pick up courses they might have missed. Others just like to take a crash course to boost their G.P.A.

Courses are offered in three sessions. Registration for the three-week session begins May 13 through June 3 at 9-11:45 p.m., or 6-8 p.m. Classes begin May 13 and end June 3 at either 9-11:45 a.m. or 6-8:45 p.m. Students are strongly recommended to limit themselves to three (3) credits during this session because classes are every day and the content is very concentrated. Final exams are June 5.

Registration for the eight-week session begins June 3-4 with classes beginning June 9 and ending July 31. Final exams are held in August 3-4. There is a wide selection of courses available in the eight-week session and class times are concentrated in either the morning or evening with only a few afternoon classes available.

The three-week and eight-week sessions are available only to undergraduate students but the ten-week session is for those interested in the four courses which are 500 level classes and are a combination of two MBA courses and two Communication Internships such as MISBD-437 or COMMU 495A, respectively. Trenkle said that "quite a few opportunities for independent study can be obtained by making an appointment with the instructor." Registration for classes begins May 11-12 with classes beginning May 16 (Saturday), ending Aug. 1 and finals are Aug. 4-8.

Anyone interested should register soon because Trenkle states "classes are first come, first serve if not advance registered." Continuing students may advance register March 23- April 10 at the Registrar's office or phone (814)898-6104. New students should contact the Office of Admissions at Penn-State Behrend or phone (814) 898-6100 for admissions application.

Summer tuition for Pennsylvania resident undergraduates, part-time is \$125 per credit and \$188 for non Pennsylvania students. Graduate students' tuition is \$154

per credit if a Pa. resident. Session 1, 2 or 3 may be combined so as to be considered full time.

Financial aid is available for full-time students only. Those interested should contact the Financial Aid Office at (814) 898-6162.

Summer classes are open to the community and students home from other colleges, thus enabling them to pick up extra classes or concentrate on a difficult course. One of the advantages is that the courses are nationally recognized credits and that they are easily transferred to other colleges.

Trenkle said that Behrend will be sending out a Summer Flyer to service areas in Erie, Crawford, and Waterford to let people know of the summer session available in the Commonwealth. "Behrend is nice in summer. There's a more relaxed atmosphere and you can concentrate on one or two courses," said Trenkle. Also, Trenkle mentioned that the pool is open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and that the Behrend campus is busy with such events taking place as sporting events and the Freshman Testing, Counseling and Advising Program (FTCAP) going on.

Housing and food services will be available too, so more students will be on campus, more often. To inquire about campus housing, call (814) 898-6161 for information and rates. Anyone with questions can contact either the Registrar's office at (814) 898-6104 or Mari Trenkle at (814) 452-3159. Schedules are available now at the Registrar's office.

# Buyer skills seminar

University Relations--Area buyers can increase their bartering and profit-making skills by participating in "Purchasing Basics for Buyers," a two-day workshop sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Division of Continuing Education.

The workshop, designed to develop and improve a buyer's understanding and skill in negotiations and value analysis, will be held March 26-27 from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm. at the Holiday Inn South, I-90 and Rt. 97.

Dr. Kenneth Killen, C.P.M., an associate professor of business administration at Cuyahoga Community College, will lead the workshop, which will feature topics like "Improving Profits: Establishing Purchasing as a Profit-Making Center" and "Profit Improvement through Better Buyer-Seller Negotiations."

Killen's background, a blend of practical business experience and academic expertise, makes him an ideal leader for Behrend's buying-power workshop. Before beginning his teaching career, Killen worked

for a major corporation, an experience which led him to his current work as a consultant to business, government and health care organizations. He is the author of two books and more than a hundred articles and is a contributing editor for *Midwest Purchasing* magazine.

In his National Association of Purchasing Management activities, Killen has served a chairman of the educators group, director of national affairs, and president of the Cleveland Purchasing Management Association. He has received the Sixth District Professional Development Man-of-the-Year Award.

Those interested in joining Dr. Killen for the "Purchasing Basics for Buyers" workshop must pre-register by March 19. Cost for the workshop is \$187 per person and covers instructional fees, course materials, lunch and beverage breaks. For more information or to register, contact the Penn State-Behrend Division of Continuing Education, Station Road, Erie, Pa 16563 or call 898-6103.

# Salvia honored

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issue (that is) drawing companies' attention to quality programs and improvements...we're doing our part here (in the Erie area)," he said.

Two students at Behrend also have won recognition for their studies in Engineering. Holly M. White, one of Behrend's first students enrolled in the new

Behrend College Engineering major, was nominated by Behrend to receive the 1986-87 Louis W. Balmer Scholarship Award. Gary Ellis, a second semester Electrical Engineering major, was awarded the 1986-87 Hugh M. Nelson Award by the Wives of Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Erie Chapter. These scholarships are based on academic performance and extracurricular activities as well as financial need.

Although most Engineering students still transfer to University Park to complete their majors, 25 students are currently enrolled in the new four-year Behrend Engineering major, and the numbers are expected to grow. The awards received by faculty and students at Behrend reflect the growth and development on the Engineering program at Behrend.

# Campus Club Report

## WBCR

by Greg Raudenbush  
WBCR Secretary

Lately, Behrend College Radio is making a lot of moves, and many things are happening.

First of all, new members have been added to the WBCR management staff. Lon Higley, Stan Smith, Kirk Stewart, and Greg Raudenbush have filled the positions of Chief Announcer, Publicity Director, Program Director and Secretary.

Also, new General Manager will be elected to replace Bill Packwood, who will be leaving.

The annual IBS convention will be held in New York City. WBCR

will be sending four people to learn the latest technology and ideas in college radio.

WBCR has recently welcomed several new members to fill open time slots on the air. We still have a few. If you are interested, stop by the station for information.

New records are also being bought with allotted money, so we will be playing some new sounds. It was suggested that some hard-core records that will always be good be bought.

To round current WBCR planning out, we will soon have our own bulletin board in the Reed Building. Look for it and check us out.

## ROTC

by Michelle Grasmick  
ROTC Writer

If you're a sophomore now, and you think it's too late for you to get involved in ROTC, then you should read this article. Army ROTC offers a no-obligation military training summer program, where you'll earn \$900.

This six week program is known as Basic Camp, not to be confused with basic training. Basic training is for enlisted personnel joining the Regular Army, Army Reserves, or National Guard. ROTC Basic Camp puts you under no obligation to join the Army, but it does enable college sophomores to become contracted ROTC cadets and become commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation.

Basic Camp is held at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. The training is a rigorous challenge which includes training in numerous military skills such as military map reading, land navigation, rifle marksmanship, leadership techniques, individual and unit tactics, communications

first aid, drill parades and ceremonies, tough physical training, and military customs and courtesy.

Transportation and room and board will be furnished for free by the Army. All you do is report. This can prove to be an interesting, fun, and challenging summer. You'll meet and work with numerous other cadets, and make some good friends in the process.

If this sounds like a challenge you'd like to accept, pick up an application for ROTC Basic Camp from Major McDavid or Captain Donahue in the Army ROTC office. Feel free to just stop in and ask questions to get a clearer understanding.

By understanding the adventure, you're eligible to receive a two year full tuition scholarship which pays for books and provides you with a check of \$100 every month of your junior and senior years of college.

Time is running out and it's imperative to fill out an application as soon as possible. So, if you're interested, stop by the ROTC office now and get all the details.

# Police and Safety

Police and Safety--Police and Safety and Resident Life Staff Programs in March: Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Lawrence Lobby, "Self Protection Tips;" Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Apartments Community Room "Peer Pressure and Alcohol Abuse." Both are free and will have free refreshments.

# Choir sacrifices break for tour

by Craig Altmire  
Collegian Staff Writer

Some people sacrificed chocolate for Lent, others gave up drinking alcohol. The Penn-State Behrend Concert Choir sacrificed their Spring Break to represent Behrend on a ten-concert tour across the states of New York and Massachusetts.

David Stuntz, Behrend music department director, Marjorie Podolsky, instructor of English and choir pianist and the 40 member choir left Behrend at 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 4 via Blue Bird Bus.

The first stop of the tour was Rochester, New York where the choir performed their 19-song program in two settings. They stayed in Rochester for the night and traveled to Syracuse on Thursday, where they performed two concerts, one of which was at SUNYThe Behrend vocalists found themselves in Boston on Saturday and many took the opportunity to sightsee. "Boston Harbor was beautiful," said Sean Weaver, a sophomore baritone. Probably the most popular sight was the Bullfinch Pub, which is famous for its "Cheers" bar.

The last day of the tour featured a concert in Marlborough, Mass., and the choir left at 1:30 p.m. for a ten-hour bus ride back to Behrend.

"The tour brought the ensemble together which further enhanced the performances," said Stuntz. "The results of the tour are a tighter group, one that feels and reacts together."

Stuntz came to Behrend in 1982 and as late as Spring of 1983 the choir consisted of only 17 members. "The choir's growth in discipline and musicianship has been tremendous in the past two years," said Stuntz.

Many members were pleased with the tour. Kathy Urbaniak, a second year member said, "It was a lot of fun along with a lot of work. The end result was worth it."

"I had a great time on the tour, especially in Boston," said Heather Tafel, a freshman at Behrend.

The choir performed ten concerts in six cities with a total attendance of nearly 1,000.

# S.G.A. Minutes

\* Dallas Jacobs, president of the Joint Residence Council, announced that the money originally allocated to the Commuter Council to put on a Battle of the Bands would be transferred to them. JRC will attempt to run the contest, although a concern was shown as to whether it would be possible to arrange for enough bands to participate. Plans are also being made for a possible basketball tournament later in spring and an outdoors game fest prior to finals week.

\* Student Programming Council vice-president Chris Rapach announced the movie of the week as "Back to School." Also, Donnie Iris will be performing at 8:00 pm in Erie Hall.

\* Officer Tod Allen, of the Penn State-Behrend security force, gave a presentation on Behrend's Crime Watch program. With 382 members, including 101 faculty and staff members, the program is succeeding and invites anyone to participate.

\* Student Government Association president Doug Gainer remarked that the SGA senate member elections for next year will be held on the 30th and 31st of March.

\* Dr. Constantino, acting Dean of Student Affairs, mentioned that the Wintergreen Cafe will become a non-smoking area. He asked senate members to consider a special smoking section and where to locate it within the cafe.

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