

# Two seniors present papers at Syracuse

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Sherry Simpson, seventh semester Communications major, and Craig Altmire, eighth semester Communications major, will present two papers at Syracuse University concerning the topic of Middle East women.

Dr. Rex Casillas, professor of history and Middle East Studies formed a group with two colleagues to make such presentations possible. Along with Dr. Casillas, Rodney MacDonald of Syracuse University, and Arthur Goldschmidt coordinated the Student Conference on Modern and Contemporary Middle East Issues. The conference will be held April 3-5. Both papers that Simpson and Altmire will present deal with the

changing roles of some Middle East women and the undercurrent of conflict that creates.

Simpson said her paper concerns "Libyan women and their changing societal roles, especially involving the family." In the past, Simpson explained, Libyan women were expected to play out their traditional roles, such as wearing veils and taking care of the home, and were not accepted in universities or the workplace. However, with the onset of certain events, such as the Libyan Revolution of 1969, slow change began. "Qadhaffi was now in power," Simpson said, "and he wanted a purified Islam, but was willing to eliminate the necessity of outdated, backward traditions."

The change in women's roles can also be attributed to industrialization, urbanization, and following the example of other westernized countries, Simpson said.

Craig Altmire will deliver an eleven-page analysis showing the "traditional values of Egyptian women and their new lifestyle

stemming from westernization."

The family is the most important element in Egyptian society, Altmire said, and the Egyptian woman is the core of the family. As such, she plays an extremely important part in Egyptian society.

However, conflict arises between women who follow the traditional values and those that lean toward westernization, Altmire said. "The society as a whole is divided," Altmire said, "between the older traditionalists and the younger, more modern middle- and upper-class women."

An important element to remember, however, is that the ways in which Egyptian women are evolving cannot be compared to the women's movement in the United States, Altmire explained. "The women are still subservient, but they themselves would not use that to describe their situation. They realize and value their integral role in the family and society as a whole; it is very important to them."

Moorehead Kennedy, who was involved with the Embassy hostages taken in 1979, will be the keynote speaker in Syracuse, delivering a speech on terrorism.

This conference, Casillas said, will provide a setting to bring "undergraduate- and graduate-level students together to share research, education and experiences" concerning the Middle East together.

"It (the conference) is important for students," Casillas said, "because they don't get enough exposure to broad experiences like this." "It will be a good experience presenting my own research, and listening to others do the same," Simpson said, and that "it is important for Behrend to become involved in outside activities such as this. It will help improve Behrend's reputation as an institution of higher learning."

Penn State-University Park, Villanova, Suny-Binghamton, University of Pennsylvania and Behrend are all prospective sites for future conferences, and Dr. Casillas hopes to bring the conference here in the near future.

## campus club report

### scuba club

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The Behrend Scuba Club took their Spring Break underwater instead of the standard method of just sunbathing or sitting at home. Leaving the campus at 4:00 pm on Feb. 26, twenty Scuba Club members drove straight from Pennsylvania to Key West, Florida. Arriving at 8:00 am Saturday morning, they unloaded the vans and settled into the barracks of the United States Green Beret's Scuba School. Then they headed for a nearby beach at the boat harbor at Flemming Key. Once everyone had tasted the salt water, they returned for a BBQ at the Army Barracks, and headed for a tour of Key West.

The next several days were spent in the ocean or the pool with some sunbathing. Many different types of marine life were seen, including sting rays, small nurse sharks, jellyfish and of course...lobsters. Many shells were set free from the depths of the ocean to be returned to Erie, as trophies. By the end of the second day almost everyone had a Key West t-shirt which became the uniform of the day. Ed Zack, Mike and Age Gavrillis got very excited at finding a group of lobsters. This resulted in their dive buoy being set loose and carried off with the tide, and was last seen heading for Cuba.

The high point for most of the divers was the dives made from the 37-foot dive boat to Sambo Reefs,

which are approximately four miles from Key West. These reefs support a great variety of marine life. Many barracuda, fish, and coral formations were viewed and swam over in search of lobsters or shells.

After diving in the Key West area, the Club loaded the vans and traveled north to the Crystal River area. These dives were in fresh water with the manatees, in the King Springs area. The divers used a large barge-type boat which handled all the club members at one time. The barge was anchored within 50 yards of the Springs and many dives were made into and around the Springs. Several of the friendlier manatees greeted the divers as long-lost buddies and spent hours having their chins scratched and bellies rubbed. At one time four of these endangered animals were chewing on the anchor rope of the barge, offering excellent chances for the divers to get into the water and be with the animals.

The following members completed certification as PADI open-water divers: Tom Lippert, Kim Stefurak, Lori Beals, Adam Benson, Julie Karasinski, James Gavrillis, Corie Freed, and Brian Casler. Club members working on their advanced course included Nick Senn, Tom Milley, Steve Field, Mike Gannon, Kevin Wagner and Kurt Runkle. Other divers participating were: Mike Gavrillis, Ed Zack, Gerrard Dober, Rick Martin, and Karen Dipko.



Sherry Simpson and Craig Altmire

photo by Holly Lew

# Book review breakfast seminars begin

University Relations—Managers who can't find time for reading will find food for thought during the Book and Breakfast Series sponsored by Penn State-Behrend's office of Continuing Education this spring.

The series, which will be held on five consecutive Tuesdays from

7:30 to 9 a.m. beginning April 14, will feature reviews of the latest in eye-opening business and management books and will offer local business leaders the chance to share their evaluations of current publications.

Participants in the series will receive book reviews one week in

advance of each session. During the Tuesday meetings, Dr. Don Bowman, assistant professor of management development at Penn State University, will provide an overview of the books and will lead roundtable discussions on the pros and cons of the publications.

Among the books in the spotlight for the series are *Ford: The Men and the Machine*, by Robert Lacey (The saga of Henry Ford and his automobile dynasty); *Making Strategy Work*, by Richard Hamermesh (Lessons in putting corporate strategic planning to work from an instructor at Harvard Business School); and *Kaisha, the Japanese Corporation*, by James Abegglen and George Stalk, Jr. (A realistic look at the qualities that have made Japanese companies such formidable competitors).

Cost for the series is \$65 and includes review materials and continental breakfasts. For more information or to register, contact the office of Continuing Education at Penn State-Behrend at 898-6103.

# Faculty fellowship fund

University Relations—Samuel and Elizabeth Breene of Oil City have established the "Samuel A. and Elizabeth B. Breene Endowed Fellowship in Management" at Penn State-Behrend College.

The fellowship will provide supplementary funds to an outstanding member of the Behrend College faculty in teaching, research and public service.

The Breene fund will be used to cover research expenses, education and travel expenses, graduate assistant salaries and support services for the holder or the holder's

program.

The fellowship will be awarded to a full-time faculty member with the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor at Penn State-Behrend. The appointment and term of the fellowship will be determined by Dr. Bryce Jordan, president of Penn State University, upon the recommendation of Dr. John Lilley, the provost and dean of the Behrend College.

Samuel Breene is a 1937 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

# Ballots prepared for S.G.A.'s annual elections

by Steve Aller  
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The Student Government Association of Behrend College will be holding their annual elections early this month. Scheduled for April 8 and 9, there are many positions that will be voted upon.

Both the presidential and vice-presidential positions will be available. In order to qualify for filling either of these positions, candidates must have attained at least a fourth semester standing at the time of election and be classified as a fifth semester student at the beginning of their term should they win the election. Further qualifications stipulate that the president must be a full-time student throughout his or her term. Upon election, the SGA president also becomes eligible to receive a capped, \$400/semester stipend.

There are four other student clubs with presidential and vice-presidential positions open for next year's term: the Inter-Club Council (ICC), the Student Programming Council (SPC), the Joint Residence Council (JRC), and the Commuter Council. The ICC acts as an information-sharing system between the clubs on campus and helps the clubs to organize their events and work around conflicting interests. The SPC researches and plans future events for the Behrend community, including everything from the weekly movies to such mammoth tasks as the recent Donnie Iris performance. The SPC is often closely linked to the Office of Student

Activities in planning these events. The JRC compiles and voices the views and problems of Behrend college residents (ie. the 'cement graffiti' issue in the apartment courtyard). JRC is also instrumental in planning events for campus residents such as the rose sale and the winterfest. The Commuter Council is concerned with keeping the many Behrend commuters informed and involved in terms of campus activities. Of these eight possible positions, only the elected SPC president shall receive a stipend: \$200/semester with extra funds available to be awarded on a bonus basis for outstanding work. The extra funds available can also be awarded to outstanding students. The only stipulation to qualify for election to any of these eight positions is that the elected candidate be at least a student of first semester standing.

In addition to the presidential and vice-presidential positions already listed, there are also eight commuter senator and five residential senator seats that will be voted upon. Possible commuter senators must be officially registered with the University as commuters and possible residence senators must be officially registered with the University as campus residents.

All possible candidates running for any of these positions can obtain more information and pick up the necessary nomination forms by stopping by the SGA office. The nomination forms (complete with the required fifty signatures) must be turned in to the SGA office by 5:00 pm on April 7 in order to be considered for the election.

## rifle club

by Lori Beals  
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The rifle club is gearing up for the Professor of Military Science Rifle Match against several other Penn State campuses. The match will be held on Sat., April 11 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Behrend will be entering two teams of 5 shooters each. An intracub competition was held to determine the teams' shooters, and now these shooters are honing their skills in the time left before the match. The shooters will compete using the M-16 rifle and firing at silhouette targets. Last year, with only 1 team, the Behrend Rifles won the match with two perfect scores, and expect to do well this year also.

# Potential leaders inspired

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Andrew Mozenter, leadership expert

photo by Holly Lew

Star Search '87, a new program sponsored by Student Activities, tries to "identify potential student leaders and to encourage them to get involved and run for offices," said Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Services.

The program hopes to inform students who have not yet realized their potential that opportunities exist at Behrend. Faculty, staff and R.A.'s were asked to make nominations on the basis of effective communication skills, having shown evidence of participation (in class, in programs or projects...), and sensitivity to and value to other students.

Forty of 60 students invited sat at a special dinner, March 24, intended to inform them of leadership opportunities here. "Some of the people invited have been involved. Some have not. We're trying to encourage people to get REALLY involved," said Grimm.

The target area of freshman and sophomores was not limited. The Office of Student Affairs tried to "identify potential student leaders who will be here at Behrend next year," added Grimm.

The Star Search '87 program was conceived by P.J. Brown. Over Spring Break, with the help of Art Costantino, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Leah Magestro, and Grimm, the program was constructed.

Highlighting the program, Andy Mozenter spoke on "Leading With Inspiration." Acting Director of Student Organizations and Program Development at University Park, Mozenter was an extremely inspiring speaker.

While on campus to conduct workshops for students and staff, his talk "Vision, Leadership and Inspiration in College Administration" was given to administrative staff at noon, March 24 in the Reed Lecture Hall.

An expert in leadership training and development, Mozenter has worked for PLAYFAIR, a nationally recognized group of trainers. The 1987 *University Associates Annual Handbook* recently published his co-authored article "A New Model of Team Building: A Technology for Today and Tomorrow."

In late March, Mozenter will deliver a keynote address at the 13th National Conference on Student Services sponsored by the National On-Campus Report.

## Evaluation

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problem: 1. Pennsylvania ranks among the bottom 10% of 50 states in support per capita for higher education. 2. State support per student at Penn State University is far less than for other state-related or operated institutions for higher education in Pennsylvania.

The state support per student in constant dollars has deteriorated in recent years and needs to be restored. PSU has made substantial progress in clarifying goals for graduate study and in the strengthening of their research programs. Undergraduate offerings include an outstanding honors program and strengthened general education requirements.

Behrend College, specifically, has been noted as functioning effectively with a well defined role. The college provides important

undergraduate and graduate programs related to the needs of northwestern Pennsylvania. The school was commended for the efforts to strengthen business education at graduate levels and in improving the academic research environment at Behrend. Six million dollars was solicited from local industries to support construction of new classrooms, laboratories, and faculty office facilities. These facilities are to also provide instructional and research equipment for students and faculty. A ten million dollar bill has been passed by the Pennsylvania legislature for a new academic library building. The Penn State University along with Behrend College have qualities that have come "shining through in the proposals which they upheld," says Dean Lilley. The school is showing improvements which will overcome the problems slowly but surely.

# S.G.A. Minutes



\* Dallas Jacobs, president of the Joint Residence Council, announced that the Battle of the Bands idea has been cancelled due to lack of planning time and that the Pre-finals Madness Games are still a go. Also, JRC funded Dr. Lilley's birthday cake for the March 24 Tuesday Night Discussion Series in Lawrence Lobby.

\* Student Programming Council vice-president Chris Rapsch announced this movie of the week as "Stripes" with Bill Murray.

\* SGA vice-president Jim Stenger, chairman of the Student Services Committee, announced that the SGA Dinner Dance will be held at the Belaire Hotel on April 8. Price: \$15 per head \$25 per couple.