

# Regular or decaffeinated?

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Fourteen people gathered in Reed 116 on the afternoon of April 3 for the first of this month's "Coffee with the Provost" sessions, a time for cookies, coffee, and discussion with Dean and Provost Dr. Lilley of any issues and concerns that affect students and others at Behrend.

In keeping with previous "Coffee with the Provost" sessions, Dr. Lilley opened discussion by asking those present to voice anything they felt was positive about Behrend; the March 22-28 Symposium, "A Celebration of Afro-American Culture: Here and Now," which included such noted Black Americans as Dr. Pearl Primus, Amiri Baraka, and Roots author Alex Haley, appeared to be the most positive thing that has recently occurred at Behrend.

One of the most important issues brought up was the importance of students' evaluations of their instructors. Dr. Lilley asked those in attendance if they felt that students, when doing evaluations, "take it seriously" — over half felt that students do not. Some suggestions were made as to how to increase student awareness of just how important instructor evaluation is: give the evaluation before the very last class period; have instructors emphasize that these evaluations are read and affect decisions concerning tenure, promotion, salary increases, etc.; have instructors give students ample time to fill out the evaluation forms; give out the forms at the beginning, rather than the end, of class; have the instructor stay in the room to read the paragraph at the beginning of the form and to minimize "group thinking" in the evaluation of the instructor. Some confusion about forms given out at the beginning and end of the semester was cleared up. "There are two kinds of evaluations," explained Dr. Lilley: the Formative evaluation, which is optional and which the instructor gives out at the beginning of the semester in order to gather information about how the course is being received by students; and the Summative evaluation, says Dr. Lilley, that so affects instructors: "We take it very seriously...I think we must work to see that students take it more seriously." If an instructor gets consistently bad evaluations, does the Administration pay attention? "You bet we pay attention," Dr. Lilley said emphatically.

Continuing on to other subjects, Behrend's recent name change was again discussed: the official name is "The Pennsylvania State University, The Behrend College"; the "better-known" name will be "Penn State at Erie—The Behrend College". The team name will no longer be "Cubs" but "Lions", and the attractive new logo to appear on the new stationery will be seen in four to six weeks. Said the Dean, "We already have the new logo on our new proctectus for incoming freshmen."

Conversation turned to a familiar topic: students' deciding whether to remain at Behrend for four years or to go to University Park. Proud as ever of what Behrend has over University Park, Dr. Lilley stated, "I think what Behrend has to offer is...not the number of courses... but the quality of the courses that you take," referring to faculty dedication and accessibility. "Graduating at Behrend turns out to be a good deal after all," he continued, pointing out that Behrend graduates receive a "Pennsylvania State University" transcript as well as a quality education in a small-college environment. Concerning the number of courses offered at Behrend, some suggestions were to talk to the Division Heads about more courses in which there is demonstrable interest, and to invite professors from other colleges and universities to come to Behrend as Visiting Professors in Residence, "It's something we need to do," adding that the T-1 carrier courses offered this semester seem to be working out well.

Dr. Lilley again destroyed the myth that Behrend College is for the "leftovers" rejected by University Park: "We've had some very bright people opt to stay at Behrend." He also stated that the admissions requirements for Fall of 88 would be much higher than they have been. "A lot of people will get turned down (for Fall of 88)...people will know Behrend's a pretty selective college."

Throughout the discussion Dr. Lilley lived up to his reputation as an engaging and interested speaker and listener. To two representatives from WBCR who were concerned about not having a studio while the Bookstore is being built, the Dean said, "We don't want to shut you down while the new Bookstore is being built," and assured them that a temporary location is being sought. When complaints about problems technical and otherwise in the Computer Center were

brought up, he wrote down each complaint, stopping and asking questions several times to ensure that his notes were clear and correct. Dr. Lilley also gave some advice to students having minor problems in one area or another: "One of the most important things you all need to learn (in order to get results at Behrend) is the chain of responsibility." Meaning, start at the source of the problem and work your way up.

When concerns about the library's being inadequate for research and other purposes were voiced, Dr. Lilley explained, "The library was built back when Behrend had about 1000 students,

all in two-year programs in a very narrow range of subjects." He promised, "Once (the new library) is built, we can expand." This led to a discussion of plans for the remodeling and expansion which will take place in the Reed Union Building over the next few years. Construction is set to begin on the Bookstore in June 1987, and its completion is scheduled for March 1988. As for the library, an architect is now expected to be appointed this June (no date has yet been set for beginning work on the library).

The "Coffee With the Provost" broke up after approximately an hour and a half of discussion.

## Health Advisory Board grateful

Health Advisory Board—The Health Advisory Board would like to thank everyone involved with making the Health and Wellness

Fair a success. If you helped and we forgot to personally thank you, we are doing that here: "Thank you."

## Campus Ministry to hold Good Friday service

Campus Ministry—The Good Friday Service (sponsored by the Penn State Behrend Campus Ministry) will be officiated by the Reverend George Schoonmaker, The Reverend Ronald Garret, and The Reverend Ray Sines.

The following Penn State at Erie students and faculty will also be participating in the service: Narrator—Jamie Grimm, Maid—Robyn Hovey, Officer—Kim Brown, Jesus—Craig Troutman, Peter—Rich McCartney, Servant—Mark Paul, and Pilate—Steve Decker.

All students, faculty, and community members are invited to attend. The service will be held at the Wilson Picnic Grove at 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. on April 17, 1987. In the case of severe weather, the service will be moved to Behrend 101.

# Student Government election results

by Holly Lew  
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The results of the Student Government Association elections held on April 8 and 9 for the 1987-88 positions are as follows: SGA President, Mark Mann; SGA vice-president, Matt Farkas; SPC president, Angela Papaleo; SPC vice-president, Christopher Rapach; ICC president, Carl Dabler; JRC president, Andi Elias; JRC vice-president, Kim Lane; Commuter senators, Kimberly D. Brown and Rick Ross (six positions remain open and will be run at the beginning of next semester); Resident senators, Randy M. Eadie, Jim Hague, Diane Say, James I. Turici, Jr., and Jeffery Woods.

The JRC, ICC, and SPC candidates had no competition as only one candidate vied for each position.



Mark Mann



Angela Papaleo

# Beefing up the English major

by Kevin R. Mills  
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Among those who have been interested in the English program at Behrend, including those who may be in the process of deciding on a major, there has been some concern regarding the content and/or availability of certain courses and programs within the department. This article will attempt to point out some of these concerns and what may be done by students and administration to remedy these problems.

In the recent past at Behrend, the emphasis has been shifted decidedly to the business programs from what began as primarily a liberal arts college. The reasons for this were simple: business, on the

average, appeared to be a more successful and lucrative field to the students going to school here, and hence the administration "geared up" the business programs in order to meet student demands. What is inexcusable, however, is the negligence that has been directed at the college of humanities. It would be equally unfair to overlook the business programs in favor of the English programs, for example, or to neglect any aspect of a curriculum for any reason. At least, not at a college which promotes itself primarily as a liberal arts college.

It seems that steps are being taken to correct the oversights in the program. "We are coming to that moment where we need to

come back in terms of concentration to the humanities and social science programs and see what is needed there," said Provost John Lilley Monday. On the boards now is a proposal for a creative writing option within the Behrend English major. Said Humanities and Social Science Division Head Archie Loss Monday, "The new promotion for the English major will underscore the fact that there is a writing option available, with an emphasis on creative writing, since we already have such a well-developed business writing program at Behrend."

Indeed there has been no lack of talented writers at Behrend. Two students, including current student Kim Krynock, have won

University-wide awards for creative writing. "We have a tradition of good writing students coming through Behrend. We have had many fine writers here in the past, and I see no reason why we won't in the future," says Dean Lilley. One reason could be that the students themselves will not stand up and demand the programs that they want to see here. The only way that the fine writers of the future will get the courses and programs that they want is to petition for these courses and enlist support from the faculty in defense of their positions. If these students are not willing to take a stand to receive the programs they desire, they will indeed never see them offered here at the Behrend College.

## Behrend French Club formed

by Jill Tourville  
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The French Club was formed in order to better the understanding of French culture and heritage at Behrend. It was Harold Mootz's idea to form the club. "There's a German Club here. We might as well have a French Club," Harold explains: many people have showed an interest at the first meeting last month. Anyone can join the French Club. One activity that is presently accruing is the "French Table," where students who speak French fluently gather weekly to speak the language. The French Table meets every Wednesday in Reed 116 at four o'clock. Fresh croissants, butter and jam are served. Doctor Kathryn Wolfe, the Assistant Professor of French advises the activities. Some future activities may include participating in an international dinner with University Park, and "our main

goal for next year is a trip to France over Spring Break. I think this goal is attainable," says Harold Mootz. He hopes to get support from major corporations, The International Education Exchange in New York, and SGA in order to reduce the cost of the trip per student. "It will probably cost just as much as going to Florida over break," explains,



Acting president Harold Mootz, advisor Dr. Wolfe, and French Club members

Harold enthusiastically. Officers will be elected and more plans are to be made at the next meeting. Anyone with an interest in the French culture is encouraged to join.

## Turnbull renovation continues

by Sherry Kanzius  
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Perhaps some of us have never realized that Turnbull Hall has recently been undergoing some very positive changes. These new changes are part of the renovation

plans in store for Turnbull that will update the building, and add some accommodations for the handicapped.

John Ream, Director of Business here at Behrend College is in charge of the remodeling. He said that "Turnbull Office facilities were just out of date," and some ex-

isting water problems on the ground facilities needed some attention.

Mostly just the interior of the lower level will be redone and an added structure, enclosing the staircase on the north end of the building's exterior.

Whereas removal of asbestos in the building has been completed last week with the scheduling of renovation being under supervision of the contractor hired. Further construction will include the elimination of the handicap entrance on the east side and a new entrance will be made on the lower level on the north end.

In addition to the new entrance, other accommodations for the handicapped will include the installation of door opening activators like the ones newly installed in the Reed Building. Bathrooms will also be reconstructed to accommodate the handicapped.

Ream said that along the building's east wall, the Faculty of Business Offices will be located and that offices along the northwest wall will contain the School of Business Offices.

Termination of construction is anticipated in August.

## Killen to lead seminar

by Craig Altmire  
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The Behrend Continuing Education Department is offering a seminar entitled *How to Work Smarter, Not Harder—Taking Control of Your Time* on April 30.

The seminar is made to benefit employees of practically any type of business or organization who would like to learn to use their time more wisely and productively.

Dr. Kenneth Killen, professor of business administration at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, will lead the seminar. Killen has authored several books, including his latest, *Management: A Middle Management Approach*.

The program will take place at the Ramada Inn (Rt. 8 and Interstate 90) on Thursday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

An \$85 fee will cover the cost of instruction, materials, beverage breaks and lunch. Registration should be completed by April 23 at the Division of Continuing Education.

Behrend faculty and staff interested in attending the workshop may do so at a reduced rate.

## S.G.A. Minutes

\*Several budgets have been passed in the past two meetings of SGA. Behrend student Steve Stegman presented budgets for both the Behrend Martial Arts Club and the Volleyball Club. Budgets were passed for the clubs in the amounts of \$490 and \$1965, respectively.

\*A Sunday With The Times session has been tentatively scheduled by Jim Hague for the last Sunday of April. It has not been decided who the speaker will be.

\*The Student Programming Council vice-president, Chris Rapach, announced this week's movie as Ferris Bueller's Day Off and also that SPC is in the process of planning a contest in which the number of jellybeans in a container must be guessed to win. The planned prize? But of course...the jellybeans.

\*Doug Gaimor, president of The Student Government Council, expressed his concerns about the lack of student voting turnout at the recent SGA elections in his opening remarks. Results this year were similar to last year's 15% of the student population voting.

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