

# Freshman Corner

by Michael Joseph Fekete  
Collegian Staff Writer

As we look forward to the first snowfall, I would like to look back quickly and thank those individuals who deserve it. First I would like to thank those involved in the Dance-A-Thon which was sponsored by the commuter council for the United Way. The dj's and dancers contributed much of their time and concern for a great cause. Secondly, I'd like to thank the Battle of the Bands bunch, JRC and SPC. And finally to the SGA for their excellent organization of the "Dinner with the Six-Strangers." For those that participated I think you can all agree that this was a great oppor-

tunity to enhance our ability to relate with beauty and administration, who really are people too. Again, thank you for making Behrend College the special place it is.

Looking ahead into November, we have a lot lined up. Tomorrow SPC will be sponsoring a Horror Movie Marathon, a great time to get spooked.

Commuter Council will have their pet project in gear this month, starting on Nov. 1st.: their Newsletter-Calendar. The goal of the Newsletter is, as Steve McGarvey tells us, "To ease the difficulty for the commuter student in getting involved."

-Trent Graphics will be here on

the 9th and 10th selling posters. These people are responsible for many of the posters seen on campus. You will all be able to purchase any kind of poster, small or large, and any style they have.

-SPC will be holding a Beach Dance on Nov. 13 with local D.J. Joel Miller turning the tunes. With Indian Summer ending, this is a great time to return to the "beautiful", warm weather we had upon arrival at Behrend College, Erie.

These are only a few of the many things happening this month. Make sure you check the Today Bulletin everyday to see what other activities and events are happening on campus.

# Club report

## Alpha Phi Omega

by Stewart McKinney

Bewildered, but not lost, somewhere in Pittsburgh, the representatives from Behrend's own Alpha Phi Omega chapter attended a regional conference on the weekend of Oct. 16, held by the Kappa chapter of APO. During the conference, various seminars were given on topics such as scouting (which APO is based on), communication through problem-solving, and tips on how to start a new chapter. Our campus chapter of APO, Alpha Beta Nu, was recognized as one of the newest in the region, being only a little over a year old. A party, or should we say a "jammin' time" on Saturday night, was held and our chapter placed second in the chugging contest.

Some important figures in APO were present during this weekend. These people included Rich Martin, our

section representative; Bill Rough, our region representative; and even our national president, Stan Carpenter, was on hand to participate in the conference.

Realizing the responsibilities of our presence at the Battle of the Bands Oct. 18, our merry travelers trekked... flew back to join in the fun on campus. Over all, it was a very enjoyable and informative weekend. We are proud we were able to represent ourselves at the conference.

Moving right along with activities, our table during the Battle of the Bands old pepperoni balls, and buttons. Both were very successful. The small jungle that appeared in front of the library Oct. 21 was an APO fundraiser, too. Some more activities you may see us doing around campus are dances, campus clean-ups, and a dance with a live band! APO... still making the difference.

# Senators of the issue

by Holly Lew  
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New to Behrend and to the Student Government Association, Commuter Senators Tina McGinnis and Beth Buck are working to increase interaction between commuter students and the remainder of the campus. Both Senators stress more commuter involvement and work with the Commuter Council (CC) to "bring more activities for the commuters," said McGinnis.

McGinnis, a 1st semester Special Education major from Oil City, encourages students to "interact." She said that "a lot of commuters don't know what's going on" on campus, adding that students shouldn't be "afraid to come up here and interact with everyone."

Buck, a 4th semester Political Science major from Pittsburgh, came to Behrend from Beaver campus because "at Beaver, commuters never did

anything. I went to school, and I went home; it was like high school," said Buck. She chose Behrend after seeing its brochure because it is larger than Beaver, but still small. According to Buck, she is "not the University Park type." Buck hopes that her involvement will get other students involved and that they will think, "Hey! This is great. Even though we're living off-campus, we're still part of the college itself as if we were living on," said Buck.

Working with the CC, these Senators are helping to create a commuter student newsletter, which is to be mailed to commuters. The newsletter will provide a calendar of events as well as cover issues that commuters consider important. The CC intends on selling advertising space to defray production costs.

The Student Government Association encourages direct communication between the students and their Senate. McGinnis sits her Office Hours Mon. and Wed. from 11-12, and Buck sits Mon. and Fri. from 12-1.



*"To meet people, it's better to live on campus... but for me, I like the privacy, and I enjoy being off-campus."*  
-Tina McGinnis



*"There's hundreds of thousands of things to do up here."*  
-Beth Buck

# Police and Safety

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The following are some tips to help prevent fire:

First of all, a large portion of fires are electrical in nature. To help prevent such fires, you should not overload circuits with a lot of appliances. In addition, frayed, rotten, or taped cords that overheat must be DISCARDED. Next, appliances such as irons, toasters, ovens and hotplates should never be left on unattended. Finally, keep combustible and flammable items a safe distance away from any electrical product.

Another big cause of fires is careless smoking. Be alert for "NO SMOKING" signs and follow the request. Most such requests are because of a hazard in the area. Next, put discarded matches, ashes and cigarette/cigar butts in ash trays, as garbage cans, furniture, rugs and woodwork are not proper

repositories for such items and are burnable.

Thirdly, the next probable cause of fires involves the storage of combustible and flammable materials. Included in this section may be paper, oily rags, gasoline, bottled gas and clothing, among others. DON'T put these type items near open flames, electrical products or other sources of heat. Be particularly careful not to keep gasoline in your residence or in the passenger/trunk compartment of your vehicle. Discard rags if they get oily, as these are extremely hazardous.

Next, one of the best protections against fire and smoke are smoke/heat detectors. These have proven to save many lives and reduce the size of property losses. They are install/maintain.

The most important way to prevent fires is to think before you act. If you think you'll be creating a fire hazard with an action, don't do it.

# ROTC Drill Team

ROTC drill team

The Reserve Officer Training Corps Drill Team has been very busy this semester. The team has a new Leader, Cadet Michelle Grasmick, and is involved in more than just marching this year. The team has incorporated spins into their movements with the rifles.

The Drill team has appeared at two local high school football games, East High School at Erie Stadium and Seneca High School at Seneca Stadium. The Drill Team presented the Colors at an awards dinner of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. A lot of time and energy has been spent by the team members in preparation for these events.

The Drill Team will also be appearing at all Men's Home Basketball games.

The members are: Michelle Grasmick, Lori Beals, Rob Hanes, Joe Graczyk, Aaron Shirey, Kendra Barnett, Joyce Wells, Dean Meinert, Dave Baumann, Kim Stefurak, and Dennis Whitney.

The Team is looking for new members and they meet Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at the ROTC Office.

# Tempus

Behrend's literary Magazine has been focusing on fundraising recently. This activity has been through pre-selling Tempus magazines and through petitioning for support from faculty and staff. The Tempus staff thanks those who have responded to our flyer. We still, however, need your con-

tinued financial support, and we encourage those interested in helping the magazine's revival to return the flyer along with their contribution.

Watch the Nov. 10 issue of the Collegian for further information regarding submissions of prose and poetry for publication in Tempus.

## S.G.A. Minutes

by Holly Lew  
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- \*DBCR's budget was passed by the Senate.
- \*Commuter Council reported on its newsletter, which will be mailed to commuter students. Circulation will be approximately 1,700.
- \*SCG is sponsoring "Wee People." The children will be Trick-or-Treating here Oct. 29.
- \*The illustration for SGA's "Apathy Busters" program is being revised to fit onto buttons.

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