

Behrend graduating class largest in school history

by Brent Vernon
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The largest class in Behrend's history will be graduating this spring. According to Mari Trenkle, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs, approximately 120 of the graduating seniors will take part in the ceremony on May 14.

The ceremony will take place outside of the Reed Building in front of the library. Trenkle emphasized that all graduating students should be at Erie Hall by

11:45 a.m. "We don't want anybody missing their graduation," she said. The ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m., weather permitting. "We are asking everyone to assume that we will have good weather," Trenkle said.

In the event of unfavorable weather, two graduation ceremonies will be held in Erie Hall since it has a limited seating capacity and there will be no guest limitation. The first ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. Students graduating in humanities, social sciences, and science engineering will receive their

degrees then. The second ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. for those in the school of business. "If this situation occurs, we hope that students and parents will understand," said Trenkle.

In either case, a reception will be held afterwards, hopefully in a newly-opened Wintergreen Garden in the Reed Building.

Dr. John M. Lilley, Provost and Dean, will preside over the graduation ceremony. Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, Chancellor of Massachusetts Board of Regents, will be the guest speaker. Special

guests will include: Dr. Raymond L. McGarvey, Chairman, Council of Fellows; Samuel A. Breem, Behrend Board of Trustees; and Gordon R. Schmidt, President of Behrend College Alumni Association.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. "It's a symbolic celebration," said Trenkle. "We are asking all faculty and staff to participate."

Letters have already been sent to parents concerning graduation plans. Trenkle said that further instructions will be mailed later this month.

CLUB REPORTS

R.O.T.C.

by Calvin Fryling

On Saturday, April 9, the Reserve Officer Training Corps held its final leadership lab at the rappelling site located on Gulf Road in North East, PA. The training was conducted by the Ranger Platoon under the watchful eyes of the MSIV's and the ROTC cadre. The participants were given the opportunity to rappel off twenty-, forty-, and ninety-foot walls; and then, the ultimate challenge: the ninety-foot free rappel. The free rappel simulated a rappel from a helicopter and many of the cadets commented that this was the best part of the day.

The cadets also had the opportunity to cross Twenty-mile Creek using a three-rope bridge similar to the ones the Army uses to get troops and equipment across swift-moving water or other areas such as ravines or canyons where it would take too much time to go around the obstacle.

The ROTC was assisted by members of the Reserve Marine Unit from Erie, who provide trucks to transport the cadets from Behrend to the rappelling site and back.

This marks the end of the leadership labs for the seniors who are looking forward to graduation and commissioning, but it also marks the beginning for the juniors who were given a more active part in the planning and organizing of this event, since they are the ones who will be planning the leadership labs next year. I personally wish them the best of luck.

Cadets Rappelling In Northeast



S.G.A.

MINUTES

- Members voted 8-3 in favor of holding SGA elections over after Damon Gray addressed members on election procedures.
- The treasury balance as of April 4 was \$2,238.19.
- The second budget package was tabled until April 20.

Tempus

by Darrell Freund

The Behrend literary magazine is now available to the students and faculty of the Behrend College. This year's magazine is on sale in the Reed Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$2.

Ethics in the work place

by Tamasine Greig
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Today's students have been called apathetic. You may disagree with that statement, but it's indisputable that today's students are more conservative than college students in the sixties and seventies. In fact, students today do not seem interested in social or political issues. Seventy-five percent of last year's college freshmen ranked financial success as an essential goal in their life. However, some college graduates are finding that there are some things more important than money.

One recent graduate, about to accept a position that would offer her a competitive salary, great benefits,

and a great deal of room for advancement, was surprised to learn that she would have to submit to pre-employment drug screening. Though not a drug user, this bothered her because she would have to list all the medications that she was currently taking. Would she be discriminated against because of an existing medical condition? Does drug screening infringe on her right to privacy? Does an employer have the right to know what medication a potential employee is taking? She had to decide if she would work for an employer whose policy she believed was ethically wrong.

Issues like these will be the topic of an "Ethics in the Workplace" panel discussion at 1:15 on Alumni Career Day, Thursday, April 14 in Erie Hall. Panelists include: Ms. Jean Sydow, Health Systems

Administrator, Lord Corporation speaking on Corporate Drug Testing--Discussing Common Myths; Sid Booker, Manager, Field Human Resources & EEO, American Sterilizer and President of the Erie Branch NAACP explaining Affirmative Action/Hiring Practices; and Corrine Halperin, Executive Director of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Area Labor Management Council focusing on the role of values and ethics in developing a cooperative labor/management relationship. Each speaker will talk for about ten minutes followed by a question and answer period.

Ethics is a "hot" topic in the marketplace today with insider-trading scandals and government corruption out in the open. Ethics has always been part of most college

curriculums, although today some schools are combining ethics and the workplace. At Stanford, "Values, Technology, and Science" is a major. Engineers at The University of Michigan watch video-taped scenes depicting engineers in a business transaction and then discuss whether the situations are ethical or not. The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard recently began a program called "Ethics in the Professions" and the Harvard Business School has announced that they will put \$30 million into an Ethics program, though it will not be required coursework.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the "Ethics in the Workplace" panel discussion and voice their opinion on corporate drug testing, labor vs. union rights, and affirmative action policy.

Dabler Withdraws

by James Martin
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Former S.G.A. candidate Carl Dabler has withdrawn from the presidential race.

Dabler, according to sources, made a strong showing in the initial S.G.A. elections, but is unwilling to commit the time necessary for a second campaign. Dabler noted that he was recently elected station manager of Behrend's WBCR. "That's going to take an extremely large block of time," he said.

Dabler said he will be throwing his support behind S.G.A. presidential hopeful Steve McGarvey, (the winner of the first election). "I've worked with both of the remaining presidential candidates, Stan Husband in ROTC and with Steve in S.G.A. I feel they would both make good presidents...both are qualified...but I think Steve, (McGarvey) is better qualified," said Dabler.

Dabler noted, however, that he will support whoever does win the election.

Gorge party busted

by Bill Warner
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On Saturday, April 10, at 3:40 p.m., Police and Safety officers Tom "Chip" Sanders, Kim Johnson, and Tod Allen raided a "Spring Fling" party in the Wintergreen Gorge, citing at least 17 people for underage drinking and/or defiant criminal trespass.

Police confiscated several kegs of beer and said that excessive noise, unusually heavy traffic in the area, and smoke from a bonfire led the officers to the area.

Some partygoers were allegedly handcuffed to trees in groups to prevent their escape while officers attempted to round-up fleeing offenders.

According to Police and Safety Chief Gene Johnson, approximately nine summonses for underage drinking and eight summonses for trespassing have been issued to students from Behrend, University Park, and Duquesne University.

Sources indicate that nearly 200 people were on hand throughout the day for what has been described as a traditional spring event.

Later in the afternoon, Police and Safety officers and the Wesleyville Police moved in again

as latecomers and others who had escaped the first raid began to reassemble.

More summonses may be issued as the investigation continues, some to individuals who are not students but were present at, or responsible for, the party.

Behrend Briefs

University Relations--Several Behrend faculty members have earned honors in their field. Here are a few:

The Murder of Frau Schutz, a novel by Dr. James M. Davis, associate professor of English, will be published by Walker and Company in October. The novel is set in World War II and involves a German officer's investigation of the murder of the wife of a labor-camp commandant.

Last month, he read his paper, "Stanislaw Lem's Kafka-esque Satire of Bureaucracy: *Memoirs Found in a Bathub*," during the Ninth International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. He followed that up by reading "The Short Stories of Dick Francis" at a meeting of the Popular Culture Association in New Orleans, La.

Later this spring, Davis will travel to Bled, Yugoslavia to give a presentation at the Symposium on American and Canadian Literature. The seminar is sponsored by Edward Kardely University of Ljubljana. After his speech, Davis plans to spend a week in Belgrade researching his newest novel--set in Yugoslavia in the 1930's and 1940.

The Sino-Soviet Institute of the George Washington University has invited Dr. Zachary Irwin, assistant professor of political science, to participate in the production of the book, *Geopolitics and Balkan Security*. Irwin is one of several political science scholars selected to write a chapter for the book, which is expected to be published during the summer of 1989. In addition to his written contribution, tentatively titled "Yugoslavia: Balkan Political-Strategic Pivot," Irwin will travel to Washington, D.C. and Munich, Germany, where his work will be critiqued by a select panel of European and American commentators.

Drs. Donald M. McKinstry and Harry N. Cunningham, Jr. associate professors of Biology, have received and \$8,000 grant from the Wild Resource Conservation Fund in Harrisburg, Pa. The funds will help McKinstry and Cunningham complete their project, "Assessment of Amphibian and Reptile Populations on Presque Isle State Park in Erie, Pa."

Counseling

Student Sounding Board

by Michelle McClellan
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Dee Gross is this semester's minority peer counselor. Gross is a fourth semester Psychology major minoring in Communications. As peer counselor she assists minority students with academic and personal problems, as well as answering any type of questions concerning upcoming events, programs available on campus, or financial aid.

This counseling service has been available for almost two years. The ultimate goals are to give minority students a place to come to, a way

to set up programs, and a legitimate sounding board, if needed.

This is exactly what Dee does. She adds, "I want the students to know I'm there, not just for black students, but for all minority students... never hesitate to call." Her number at D.U.S. is ext. 6204. All discussions are kept confidential.



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