

## Student Conference in D.C.

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Over 1,000 students gathered at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) September 19 through October 2 to attend the National Student Conference on Voter Participation (NSCVP). The students listened to speakers and participated in a number of workshops.

On Friday, Donald Paul Hodell, Secretary of the Interior, spoke on behalf of the Bush-Quayle ticket. He talked about the history of the Interior Department then went on to discuss the issues behind the election. Hodell mentioned student issues such as Pell Grants and tax-free educational bonds. He also attacked the Democratic ticket.

The Democrats received equal time on Saturday when Representative Edward J. Markey from Massachusetts took the podium and spoke on behalf of the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket. He pointed out the current complaints the Democrats have with the Bush-Quayle ticket, and addressed a number of the issues raised by Hodell. Markey launched several verbal assaults on Vice President Bush and offered Governor Dukakis' position in comparison.

Issue panels also lived up conference discussions. Arms control, Central America, and family issues were discussed. On Friday evening, former U.S. Representative Bob Edgar from Delaware County, Pennsylvania

spoke on arms control. He noted that the currently ratified INF (Intermediate Nuclear Forces) Treaty is a very good first step toward arms control, even though it represents only a 3.5% reduction in total nuclear forces.

Edgar also suggested that conventional weapons should be included in discussions on arms control. He expressed the fear that everyone will be deluded by the SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) and come to a false hope that "...technology will save us."

Next, Stephen Radamaker, Special Assistant to Elliot Abrams, discussed Central America and its importance in American policy. He outlined the policy of the Reagan administration and stated that the Bush administration would continue those same policies.

The last panelist was the President of the Children's Defense Fund, Marion Wright Adams. She quoted statistics that one in every four children under the age of six lives in poverty and that one in every five will become a teenage parent. Adams urged the next administration, and the current one as well, to exercise programs that will be a "preventive investment" in the future of child care.

Ralph Nader, noted consumer advocate and organizer of the conference, spoke on Friday night and set the tone for the rest of the weekend which would deal with student issues. He called for student leaders to "vector out" to get the apathetic segment of the

campus and to "shake them like a cat" to get them involved in contemporary issues. Nader expressed the view that the problems discussed over the last eight years are no longer hypothetical -- they are reality. He cited the depletion of the ozone layer and the onset of the greenhouse effect as an example of this. In an attempt to achieve action on these issues, he called for a third party led by student.

Despite Nader's words which were embraced by the crowd, most students considered Jesse Jackson's speech the highlight of the weekend. Jackson, a former Democratic presidential nominee, sent both Democrats and Republicans to their feet in what had previously been a partisan conference.

On Sunday, Jackson spoke of reforming the voter registration in all states. He called for adoption of the Universal Voting Rights Act, which would lift most restrictions placed upon college students with regard to their right to vote in federal elections. He also called on college leaders to vocalize their feelings in a nonviolent, yet attention-drawing manner.

Jackson indirectly supported the Dukakis ticket by lambasting George Bush. His main message, though, was to keep hope alive for the present and future generations and to make a difference in what is going on around you.

Workshops on voter registration drives and voter education rounded out the conference.

## Breaking New Ground

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Behrend is pioneering in the Speech Communication field with the addition of Communications, 297 A: Strategies of Peace Communication. The course, which is being offered this semester by Dr. Colleen Kelly, is an experimental class in one of the newest areas of Speech Communication research.

This is the only class like this in the Penn State system. As a matter of fact, there are only about twelve classes like this being offered in the whole country. Kelly is a pioneer in the Peace Communication Field; therefore, everything the class studies is first-hand information.

"Peace Communication is not some mystical field made up of some sort of sentimental utopian propaganda or academic romantic escapism from social or political reality," said Kelly. The field is concerned with understanding, researching, and creating methods of communication that enable people or nations to manage conflicts so that they may settle their differences short of destroying one another in the process. Scholars in this field are investigating ways of initiating a realistic, and practical understanding of peace making as a multifaceted, on going activity of human communication.

According to Kelly, scholars in the Peace Communication field are doing work in some very important areas, and they are discovering some

very realistic, useful methods. They are investigating interpersonal strategies of communication. They are looking at the historical failures and successes of the different peace movements and they are trying to learn from them. Furthermore, they are investigating leadership strategies conducive to peace making rather than war making. They are investigating conflict resolution at all levels of human interaction. Finally, a great deal of work has been done in order to improve intercultural communication.

Peace Communication was born in 1986 at the annual meeting of the National Speech Communication Association where a commission was formed to investigate this subject. Peace Communication was put on a two year probation, and if the Peace Communication Commission would be able to show any results by the end of that time period, the S.C.A. would then sanction this new area. Kelly was on that commission.

By the following year, at the annual meeting in Boston, enough scholars had accumulated enough positive research and literature that Peace Communication became an official part of the conference: including panel discussions, seminars, and the delivery of research papers. Momentum continued to build after the 1987 annual meeting, and this November, at the S.C.A.'s annual meeting in New Orleans, Peace Communication will be sanctioned.

Kelly has played a prominent role in the development of this new field. She was on the original Peace Communication Commission formed in 1986. She delivered several papers in Boston last year, and next month in New Orleans, she will have many responsibilities. She will have to report on the results of her class here at Behrend. She will be leading a section of the convention entitled: Intercultural Perspectives to Peace Making. There will be papers delivered on this topic, panel discussions, and workshops. Furthermore, Kelly will have to meet with the other members of the task force she is on for developing the curriculum for a national workshop on Strategies of Peace Communication that will be held this summer at North Western University in Chicago.

Momentum in this field is picking up world wide. Colleges and universities all over the world are doing research in Peace Communication. Colleges in the United States are relatively new in this field, but they are catching up quickly. Notre Dame University has even started a Masters Degree program in Peace Studies. Although Behrend is a small school with limited social science research capabilities, because of Kelly's work and the class that she is presently teaching, Behrend is one of the few American schools that is in the "vanguard" of this new, exciting field.

## CLUB REPORTS

### Computer Center

by Carolyn Dudas

Full-time faculty, staff, and students of Penn State are able to purchase computer hardware and software at discount prices from IBM, Apple, and Zenith. These companies offer discounts that usually run from 20% to 45% off of the regular list price for the hardware or software items.

Some of the hardware that you can buy include PC's, printers, monitors, modems, disk drives, and many other accessories. Software packages are also available for word processing, programming languages, spreadsheets, and databases.

Price lists of discounted items are available in two forms through the Behrend College Computer Center. First, there is a price list booklet for each company which includes a brief description and price for each item. These booklets may be obtained from the secretary in the Computer Center.

Second, the price lists are also maintained on Behrend's electronic bulletin board on the Mainframe computer system. The electronic bulletin board contains the identical information that is found in the booklets. However, the price lists on this bulletin board can only be accessed if you have a Mainframe computer account. If you don't know how to access Behrend's electronic bulletin board, you can ask a student computer consultant for help.

If you want to purchase any hardware or software, be sure to refer to the price list booklet for ordering instructions. This is important since some orders are placed through Penn State and others are placed directly with the computer company. If you have any questions concerning the price list booklet or the ordering instructions, contact a Computer Center Staff Member.

### Ranger

by Tony DeMarco

The Behrend Ranger Club, along with other clubs from this part of the state, converged on Edinboro University to do battle in a head to head competition. This competition was a dry run or practice for the Ranger Challenge, which is a competition held in November among all Pennsylvania colleges.

The Behrend Rangers were represented by two teams. Behrend 1, led by Cadet Aaron Higby, consisted of cadets Age Gavrilis, Mike Close, Andy McConnell, J.B. Hennessey, Tony DeMarco, Andy Zimmer, and Bryan McDonald. Behrend 2, led by Al Bolkovac, consisted of cadets Matt Kelley, Mike Ellis, Trevor Johnson, Steve Lewis, Larry Corr, Mike Hammond, and Tim Moreland.

Both teams competed in a number of different areas. These events included a Physical Training test, a timed M-16 and M-60 assembly, a grenade throw, a timed one-rope bridge construction, and a 10 kilometer ruck sack run. When the smoke cleared, both teams knew they had accomplished their mission and done their best.

If anyone is interested in joining the Ranger club, come to a meeting at 5:30 pm sharp on Monday nights outside of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

### ROTC

by Jim Barrett

ROTC has two and three-year scholarships available to freshmen and sophomores with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher.

An ROTC scholarship will pay for tuition, books, and \$100 a month spending money. There is no obligation when you apply for a scholarship. If you are offered a scholarship, you may accept or decline taking it. If you accept, you will have a commitment that you can decide how to fulfill. Anyone who is interested and would like more information should contact Captain McCarthy in the ROTC office in the lower level of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

The next leadership lab will be held on October 15, and will give students the experience of rappelling and crossing a rope bridge. Also scheduled for this year is a trip to Fort Knox, Kentucky in November.

### Cafe Protects Ozone Layer

by Jennifer Rose  
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The Wintergreen Cafe is doing its part in protecting the environment by replacing its plastic cups with paper ones.

Chemicals contained in the plastic contribute to the breakdown of the ozone layer, commonly called the greenhouse effect. It's decreasing approximately .5% each year and it has big holes in it at certain spots. The layer is very important, since it protects the earth from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

The switch was made following environmentalist Jeremy Rifkin's speech concerning the greenhouse effect. He stopped to drink some water and noticed that he was drinking out of a plastic cup. He commented that plastic cups are bad for the ozone layer, and that something should be done. Since this cup came from the Wintergreen Cafe and cafe supervisor Clay Belgie happened to be there, paper cups are now used instead of plastic ones.

Belgie said he never considered substituting paper for plastic earlier

because "no one on campus has ever talked to me about anything concerning this problem. I never gave it a lot of thought until this speech."

Substances which deplete the layer include types of plastic foams, certain refrigerants, aerosols, and other materials. When Belgie was asked why foam (a plastic derivative) containers are still being used in the cafe, he said that there really isn't anything else available that's disposable.

The chemical behind the destruction of the ozone layer is a chemical called chlorofluorocarbon (CFC). This chemical can break down 100,000 ozone molecules for every molecule released. CFC's can stay in the air for up to five years before coming back to earth. For every .5% reduction in the layer, an approximate 1,000,000 cases of cancer will result.

Many businesses are beginning to react to the ozone problem and are working for the eventual elimination of CFC's. DuPont is substituting a different chemical in its plastics, and McDonald's has stopped serving food in foam containers made with CFC's.

### Emerging Leaders Series

by Jennifer Rose  
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Behrend's Emerging Leaders Series lectures confidence are geared toward students and faculty who would like to develop more self confidence, be more organized, and find the capability to be the boss without seeming bossy.

This series is sponsored by Inter-Club Council and Student Services. There are many different programs and speakers available each week. There is an advertising program for those interested in advertising for their club or

organization (speaker Lori Jakiela), a program on values (speaker Dr. Sweeting), and programs on assertiveness training, culture, brainstorming and many other topics. Any students interested in being a speaker should contact John Downy, program development director of the Inter-Club Council. The series is of special interest to group leaders, but everyone is welcome. These lectures are held on Tuesdays at noon and Thursdays at 5 pm on alternating weeks in Reed 116. The next lecture will be Thursday, October 13.

### Sexual Harassment Seminars

A series of programs, open to Behrend faculty, students and staff, will be presented on the subject of sexual harassment on October 20 and 21. These programs, designed to emphasize the university's commitment to dealing with discriminatory behavior, will offer separate sessions for students, faculty, clerical staff and technical services personnel.

The program, according to Dean of Students Services, Chris Reber, offers a unique approach to educating the entire campus community.

"It's super-saturation. It's a way of sensitizing the entire community to the issue -- an intensified look at sexual harassment. We hope by using this method the whole community will move forward a couple of steps. I'm interested in having students know this isn't just

for students -- it's also for faculty and staff.

If this concept of saturation is successful, it may later be applied to other types of programs.

While Reber concedes sexual harassment may not be a relatively big problem at Behrend, he reports that he and Marybeth Peterson, Behrend's other harassment contact person, handled no fewer than eight cases of reported harassment last year. He also notes that studies have repeatedly indicated that most cases of sexual harassment go unreported.

Reber suggests that even if students are unsure about what constitutes sexual harassment, they may wish to bring their problem forward.

"If anyone has any concerns, they can see either of us in complete confidence," said Reber.

### Gamble on Teaching

by Dawn M. Davis  
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Dr. John Gamble, recipient of the 1987-88 Behrend College Council of Fellows Excellence in Teaching award, kicked off the 1988-89 Provost's Speaker Series on October 6 with his lecture entitled "Good Teaching: Neither A Quantifier Nor A Pretender Be."

Gamble, a political science professor at Behrend, began with an explanation of his lecture's title. "There are two certainties about teaching. One, you can't measure it with any degree of perseverance, and two, you can't fake it. Students can recognize the high quality of teaching," he said.

Although he declined to answer the question himself, Gamble addressed the issue of whether research-oriented faculty members are better teachers. He noted that faculty members who perform research have an advantage by being on the cutting edge of their subject

matter. He added that research helps clarify thoughts, and hopefully faculty members are able to bring this into their classrooms.

Gamble also talked about the changing attitudes towards Course Evaluation Questionnaires (CEQs). When the evaluations were initiated ten years ago students didn't think they made a difference, he said. Now, some teachers feel there is too much attention geared towards them. Gamble, however, feels they are reliable. "CEQs give students a chance to say they are satisfied with their professor," he said.

Gamble offered some suggestions for future CEQs. He said that students should take them seriously and be objective. Faculty shouldn't be too sensitive about the grading and learn from the students' comments. The administration should realize the limitations on the forms and consider other ways to rate and judge. Gamble's fear is that teachers will be so competitive for

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