



## Group Pushes for Minority Senator

The issue of minority representation spawned heated debate at Wednesday night's SGA meeting.

On October 18, Darron Henry, president of the Association of Black Collegians (ABC) introduced a proposal to SGA to create a senate seat for minority students.

According to Henry, "The purpose of the senate seat would be to enhance minority awareness on campus. The senator would voice the concerns of minorities in such areas as: academics, student programming, and other various interests."

The proposal, currently in front of the SGA, is being referred to as the H.A.B.I.T. Senator, the letters of the acronym standing for Hispanics, Asians, /Alaskans, Blacks and Indians together.

At Wednesday night's meeting, Henry argued that Behrend's 174 minority students cannot be properly represented by an SGA

that does not mandate the presence of a minority member.

"Our interest isn't to separate. It's to integrate. I think we're (ABC) trying a lot harder than SGA which is supposed to be the governing body of this campus."

Several of the senators present expressed reservations about such a position.

"I won't vote to segregate," said senator Dave Kravetz. "Resident senators look out for residents. You are a resident."

Other fears concern a possible snowball effect of more and more groups demanding a senate position. Some noted the recent addition of the IGC ( Intergreek Council).

"I can see us running into a lot of problems with a lot of groups claiming to be a minority and wanting a seat," said senator Kevin Trenney.

Several students noted that overaapping representation is likely

to occur. "I feel that one day we are going to have too much overlapping in the Senate," said resident senator Mke Forbes.

Despite the protests, the group's general concensus seemed to be a positive one.

"Obviously there has been a need to divide SGA in a number of ways," said assistant dean of student services, Dave Shields. "You've got to decide if there is a need for that representation."

Responding to the suggestion that creating such a position might ease problems, SGA President Steve McGarvey said "I don't think we should do this to ease problems. I think we should do this because we believe in it."

The motion to create the H.A.B.I.T. Senator position was temporarily tabled until the next SGA meeting to allow for further consideration of the proposal.



The Diviners, November 10-20 at the Studio Theatre  
photo by Marybeth Zawistowski

## Gamble's Poll On Target

by Richard G. Cain

Michael Dukakis didn't win the overall presidential election but he did win in Erie County. Many people predicted this before Super-Tuesday. One of them was Dr. John Gamble.

Gamble and his Political Science 404, class recently conducted a telephone poll (which was shown on WSEE 35 news) of Erie and the surrounding area. Of the 449 polled voters from Erie County, 45 percent of them said they would vote for Dukakis, 43 percent for Bush and 12 percent were undecided. These figures closely match the actual results in which 53 percent of the voters in the area voted for Dukakis while 47 percent voted for Bush.

"I think we did pretty well predicting the things we thought we could predict," commented Gamble.

The poll itself was an attempt to present a cross section of the voters in Erie and the surrounding area.

After the results of the poll were compiled they were broken down into various sub-sections. The sex, age, race, religion and previous presidential selection, of each voter were analyzed to see if any patterns arose.

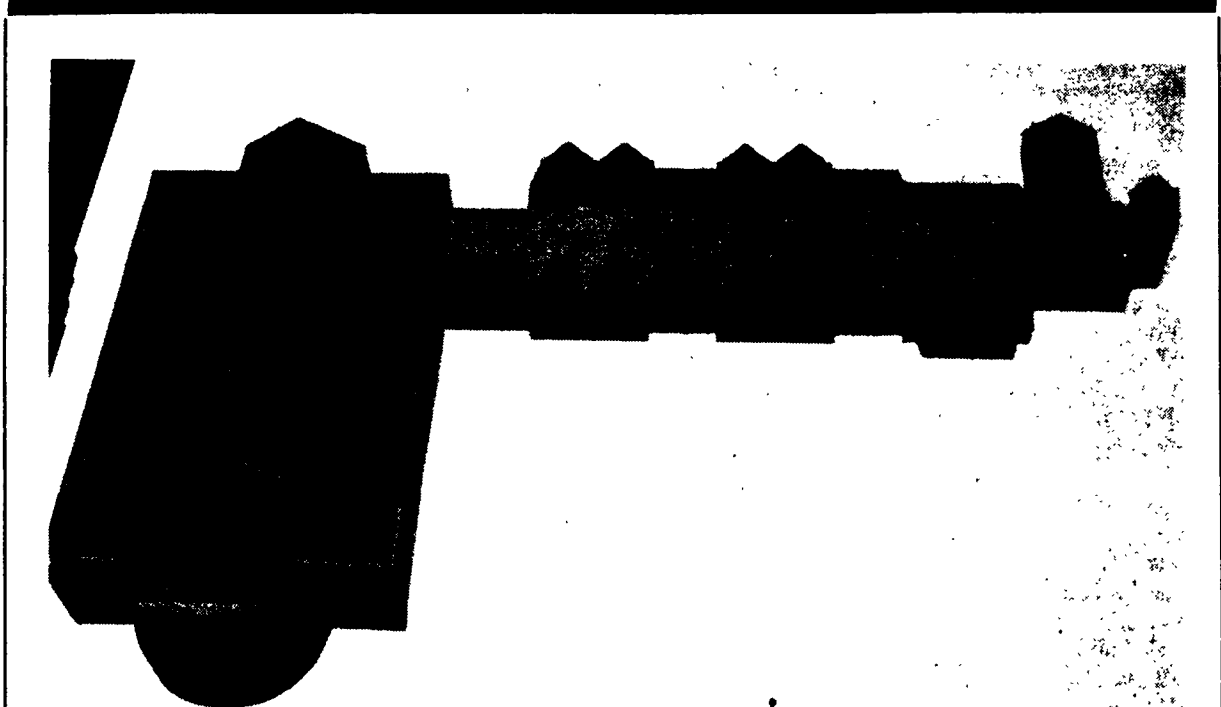
The responses in regard to gender were evenly matched with 55 percent of the voters polled women and 45 percent male. Of the females polled, 47 percent said they would vote for Dukakis, 38 percent for Bush with 15 percent undecided. The male results were drastically different, only 36 percent of the men polled said they vote for Dukakis while 52 percent favored Bush with 12 percent undecided.

As far as age goes, people between the ages of 18 - 34 tended to favor Dukakis while people 35 or older had Bush as the narrow

favorite. Race did not figure into the poll as only eight percent of the polled voters were minorities.

Catholics comprised 44 percent of the poll and gave Dukakis a slight lead. Protestants made up 38 percent and favored Bush. No other religious groups polled allowed enough voters for a valid sample.

The last category by the poll involved the voter's previous presidential selections. Of the 30 percent of the voters polled who favored Walter Mondale in 1984, 82 percent of them said they were voting for Dukakis. Of the 58 percent of the voters polled who favored Ronald Reagan in 1984, only 70 percent of them said they were voting for Bush. The remaining 12 percent of voters polled voted for neither Mondale nor Reagan in 1984. The majority of these voters favored Dukakis.



Artists rendering of proposed library. (photo by Beth Bengtson)

## Construction Forges Ahead

Plans for Behrend's new library will be presented to the board of trustees later this month with the hope that construction can begin next summer, according to Dean and Provost John Lilley.

Plans for the building, which is expected to cost nearly \$10 million, were drawn by the Pittsburgh firm of L.D. Astorino and Associates.

According to head librarian Robert Rose, tentative plans call for a dramatically improved facility of approximately 48,000 square feet. In addition to the space allocated for the library, a separate, additional area of approximately 18,000 square feet will be used for classrooms and office spaces.

The library itself will consist

of three levels. Visitors will enter the building on the middle level which will be used for the library's offices, reference section, and will house the circulation desk. The building's lower level will house the majority of the library's circulating books. The third floor will consist primarily of a large study area which will surround a central, glass atrium.

The new structure, designed to accommodate 900 students and approximately 150,000 books, will dwarf the present space which contains 67,000 volumes and study space for fewer than 200 students.

Other features of the new building include 15 individual study and typing rooms, two

microcomputer labs, a language lab and an art gallery.

To complement the new facility, Rose has requested a supplemental budget of \$.75 million. He notes that this figure is considerably higher than the annual book and periodical budget of \$130,000. "We hope the overall budget will be increased as well," said Rose.

He also notes that a number of additional LIAS terminals will be included in the new library.

"It'll be a relief for the people who work there as well as for the students, to have a good facility for a change. We do the best we can but sometimes its awfully hard," said Rose.

## Behrend Sniper?

by Laura A. Weaver  
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On November 2, Behrend's Police and Safety received a call that brought new meaning to the phrase "We've seen it all."

It seems that a female student, passing within the shadows of Lawrence Hall, had the urge to gaze upward. When she did, she noticed a strange figure moving about on the roof of the building. Looking more attentively, the young lady noticed that the person was holding something resembling a gun. Surprised, she went to inform the police of the suspected sniper. Officials promptly responded. But instead of a sniper, the investigating officer found a maintenance man, wearing camouflage and carrying a broom.

In other news, the last weeks of October brought early winter weather and which brought early-winter antics. On the 27th a snowball fight broke out betwixt the ranks of the residents in the halls. Police officials were called in to referee. One student's glasses were knocked off when a snowball struck her face but no other injuries were reported.

Two thefts were reported to Police and Safety on November 2nd. The first was a computer mouse from the Zenith Lab which is said to be compatible only to the computer to which it was connected. The second was a spotlight which was taken from a truck parked in the Turnbull Hall parking lot. The theft took place sometime during the night.

Chief Johnson wishes to commend the students of Behrend for their behavior over the Halloween Holiday. It seems that silence was a predominant quality for the weekend. "There hasn't been such a quiet Halloween [on campus] in some years..." said Johnson.

Chief Johnson is asking that motorists who drive their cars on the walkway in front of the Glennhill FarmHouse do so more carefully to avoid any possible mishaps.

## Owner Defends Conditions

by Maria Plaza  
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Kanty Village owner Ken Lochbaum, taking strong exception to an October 13 Collegian article on the housing complex, met with Collegian reporters on October 7 to discuss the article.

The article reported on a petition residents had presented to Lochbaum at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on October 9 and some other student complaints about the conditions. The petition requesting better cleaning was signed by 84 of Kanty's student residents. Lochbaum noted that there are 112 residents instead of the 139 residents reported by the Collegian.

Lochbaum sent a copy of the article to each of the residents, asking them to write their feelings about it and return the signed note to him. Most of the respondents were ambivalent towards the article: most agreed that the cleaning problems, the chained doors, and the possibility of asbestos were relevant issues; but many felt that the reported lack of control of parties, noisy quiet hours, and smell on the men's floor were not problems.

"I do agree on the cleaning problem," one resident wrote. "If we pay for cleaning, it should be done, and done well," she wrote. Another student felt that "it would be very easy for Kanty Village to become a major health problem." The same student also wrote "I don't expect the place to be spotless. But a gallon of bleach a week on shower floors, disinfectant in toilets and on bathroom floors, and an occasional vacuuming of lounges and mopping of halls isn't too much to ask." Responding to the complaint of mold, one student wrote: "Personally, wading through dirty water to get to a shower is not fun for me."

Commenting on the students' complaints, Lochbaum feels that they should practice more self-discipline. "I'm not going to be their wet nurse," he said, pointing out that the residents bring many of the problems upon themselves. "I've had Roto-Rooter (to unclog drains) out here four times in the first month--I only needed it one time last year," he said. He blamed

the clogged drains, like most of the problems, on resident irresponsibility. They were probably caused by "someone barfing in them or something," he said.

Responding to the complaint of mold in the bathrooms, Lochbaum said that one bathroom had some mold in it which he cleaned up himself.

Although some residents feel there should be more cleaning staff, Lochbaum says he will not hire any more. In addition to the one part-time and two full-time cleaners, any employees who aren't busy with their primary jobs also assist in the cleaning. Lochbaum said that since it is an old building, it's difficult to keep it clean.

Some residents have noted improvements, such as toilet paper and soap in all the bathrooms since the October 9 meeting.

Lochbaum mentioned that work orders--forms for residents requesting jobs to be done--were introduced at the October 9 meeting. He said he received over fifty in the three weeks, but only gets one or two a day now. He added that some of the jobs requested have been as little as changing a light bulb.

The chains on the front doors have been removed since the October 9 meeting. Lochbaum said he chained the doors to prevent students forcing their way in, damaging the door in the process.

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