

## PSU Pageant



Pascale Lakkis, Beth Wilson, Ala Stanford (left to right)

Beth Wilson was named Miss Penn State-Erie at the first annual Miss Penn State-Erie pageant. The November 3 pageant was sponsored by Kappa Delta Rho and hosted by Mike McKay and Natalie Massing of WMYJ FM 98. The five judges of the eleven contestants named Ala Stanford first runner up and Pascale Lakkis second runner up. During the pageant the contestants introduced themselves in formal wear, did a dance routine choreographed by contestant Stanford, and answered questions from McKay and Massing. Wilson is a first-semester nursing student from North Wales, Pennsylvania. (Photo by Tracy Cross)

## Behrend Briefs

**Emerging Leaders Series** On Thursday, November 10 at 5 pm Beth Buck, S.G.A. Vice-President and Joye Dado, S.P.C. President will give a presentation on "College Students and Women as Leaders-Perfect Together." This presentation will be held in the Reed Seminar Room.

**Psychology** Dr. Carl Kallgren will conduct a seminar on applying to graduate school for psychology majors at 5 pm on November 10 in the Carriage House Conference Room. The seminar is sponsored by the Psychology Club.

The Psychology Club will present "The Sarah A. Reed Childrens Center--What's There and What They Do" on Tuesday November 15 from 12-1 pm in Nick 112. Sarah Reed is a full service mental health organization working with children. Learn their mission, their programs, and how you can get involved. Possible field placement, or work study experiences for undergraduates.

**Adopt-A-School** On Wednesday, November 16, Penn State-Behrend will officially adopt Diehl Elementary School during a special adoption ceremony. Behrend's Pep Band, Lion Mascot, Behrendettes, students, faculty, and staff will take part in this program. Through the Adopt-A-School program Behrend students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to share their expertise and activities with the students and staff of Diehl. If you would like to be involved in the program, contact Mari Trenkle at 898-6160.

**Worship Services** The Blue Bus provides free transportation to these local churches on Sundays for 11:00 worship services: East Erie Assembly of God, Messiah Lutheran, St. James Roman Catholic, Wesleyville Baptist, Wesley United Methodist. The bus leaves Reed parking lot at 10:15 am and returns to Dobbins Hall at 12:20 pm. It will pick up students from Kanty Village at Cooper and Station Road. Sponsored by Penn State-Behrend Campus Ministry.

Roman Catholic Worship Service is held every Saturday at 5:30 pm in Reed 117.

**New Health Center Hours** Physicians hours are: Wednesday and Thursday, 1-4 pm. Nurse Practitioner hours are: Monday and Tuesday, 1-10 pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 8 am-1 pm; Friday, 8 am-5 pm. The Health Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8 am-10 pm; Friday 8 am-9 pm; Saturday, 9 am-1 pm.

**Scholarships** The National Roofing Foundation is offering three \$4,000 scholarships for 1989-90. Students majoring in architecture or engineering are encouraged to apply.

SAMPE is offering scholarships for students in engineering, physics and chemistry. They will award twenty seven \$1000 scholarships. Also available are ten \$750 awards for students in Engineering Technology (either associate or bachelor level). Deadline is February 1, 1989.

The Northwest PA chapter of the Society of Plastics engineers is offering a \$500 scholarship to a junior or senior majoring in Plastics Engineering Technology at Behrend. Awards will be made for the spring semester. Deadline for applications is November 15, 1988.

For applications and further details, visit the Financial Aid office, 221 Glenhill Farmhouse, or call 6162.

**Graduating Seniors** This Friday is the last day to purchase your cap and gown. They are available at the bookstore for \$14.

## South African Activist Speaks

by Dawn M. Davis  
Collegian Staff Writer

Imprisoned children and the frustrations of life in apartheid South Africa were the topics of activist Namgobo Sangweni's Human Rights Awareness Week speech on October 28.

Sangweni is the head of the Natal Women's Organization, a group dedicated to helping children who are held captive by authorities in South Africa. Her speech concluded a week-long series of events sponsored by the Amnesty International and Women Today student organizations.

Sangweni began by informing the audience that there are 26 million blacks in South Africa and 4.3 million whites. With this amount, the white population is steadily increasing whereas the blacks have remained at the same number for the past twenty years. "How is this possible?" Sangweni asked. She said that most of the

children die before the age of six. Many of the children who do survive slowly disappear. "Where are the children going to?" she asked. Children are gone for weeks and the parents have no way of knowing where they are.

The Natal Women's Organization has been able to find out where the children were located and inform the parents. This way, at least the parents knew of the child's whereabouts. Before the Natal Organization, no one knew that the children were taken to detention camps nor did they have an idea of where the camps were located. What hasn't changed is that most of the children never come out of those camps.

Sangweni spoke of the frustrations living in South Africa. Everything is segregated. The highest level of education for blacks is eighth grade. "Americans take things for granted....In South Africa, there is no freedom of speech. Your future is

predetermined on the day of your birth: where you live, go to school, and the choice of your spouse (you can't cross the color lines)...In the schools the teachers are told what to teach. They have to follow their syllabus. Worst of all, the military is always in the schools," she said.

Sangweni spoke of her own experiences with the law. She and her daughter, who was nine years old at the time, were arrested. They were interrogated and, after fourteen hours, Sangweni was separated from her daughter. Sangweni said she was interrogated physically and needed medical attention, "but the torture was better than the anguish I went through no knowing what was happening to my daughter." Sangweni said she was arrested because they thought she had something to do with Amnesty International. They made her write down what she knew about it. After repeatedly writing that she didn't know anything, they finally released her and her daughter (who

had been placed in detention).

Sangweni spoke of Amnesty International's work and how it should never go unappreciated because it gives hope.

Commenting on the overall situation in South Africa, Sangweni feels that the U.S. could be more supportive. "If the U.S. administration had stepped in, things would be different by now," she said.

She spoke of what the black South Africans want. "We want to be free, able to vote, and work towards a better South Africa so that everyone has equal rights," she said. She mentioned the big corporations in South Africa: Phillips, AEG, and IBM and the fact that they only employ 1% of the black labor force. Sangweni said that although the government says it plans to reform, "that's not true. Actually what they are doing is corrupting people due to pressure of anti-apartheid."

## Plastics Lab Opens

by Emily Koch  
Collegian Staff Writer

On October 25, Behrend celebrated the grand opening of its new \$500,000 plastics lab with a ceremony honoring the companies and individuals who contributed \$1.3 million to Behrend's plastics engineering technology program.

Last year, Behrend became the only college in the Penn State system, and one of the few in the world, to offer an undergraduate degree in plastics engineering technology. In fact, there are only four centers for plastics in the country. Commenting on the demand for plastics graduates, Professor Paul E. Koch, Head of the Plastics Engineering Technology, said that "the graduates of this program will probably receive the most high-paying job offers in the Penn State system."

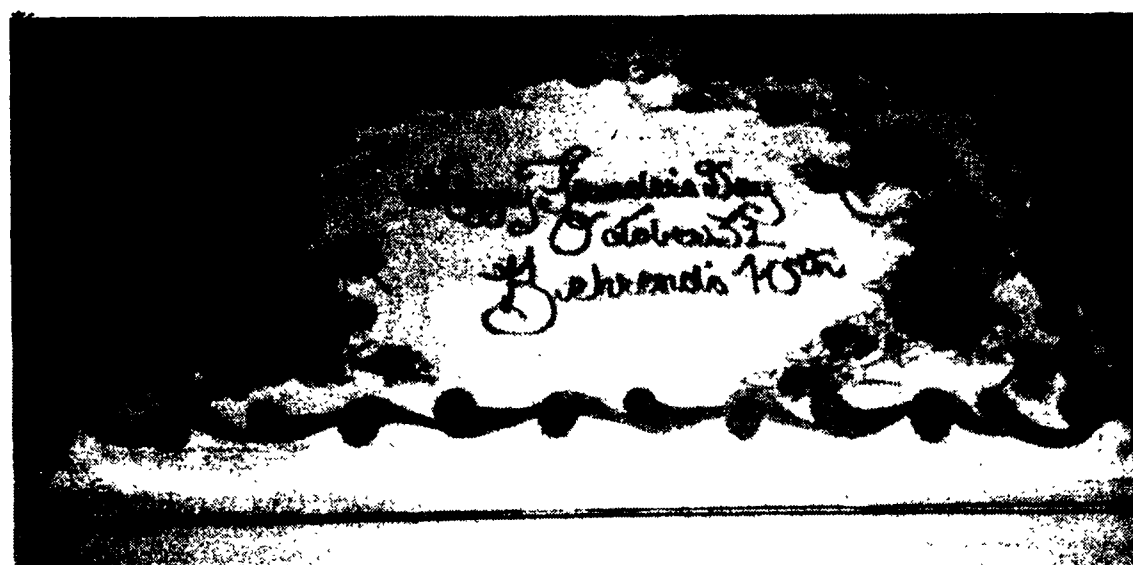
Koch is very enthusiastic about the program. "In five years, this program will be number one in the country because of the commitment of industry, the community, and the university," he said.

The idea for a plastics lab began in 1984 when Erie industry owners approached Behrend with the hope of basing a plastics program in Erie. The companies were having difficulty attracting graduates from the few universities who offered such a program.

Two Erie-area manufacturers, Joseph Prischak, president of Plastek Industries, Inc., and Paul Roche, Jr., president of Erie plastics, led the campaign for four years, amassing the \$1.3 million in equipment and endowments from local manufacturers. Today, Prischak and Roche are the chairmen of the Penn State-Behrend plastics advisory board, a 30-member committee made up of manufacturers dedicated to helping the plastics program succeed.

According to Koch, the lab presently houses the largest injection molding machine in educational captivity. When completed, the lab will represent a complete cross section of the plastics processing industry, including injection molding, transfer and blow molding, extrusion, thermoforming, and a complete plastics characterization area.

## Happy Birthday Behrend!



Behrend's fortieth birthday cake. The Founder's Day celebration also included dozens of red ribbons decorating the campus's trees and red and white balloons. (Photo by Audrey Acosta)

by Maria Plaza  
Collegian News Editor

Behrend College celebrated its fortieth birthday on October 31. A Founder's Day Celebration was held in the Winter Garden to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Mary Behrend's gift of Glenhill Farm to what was then named the Pennsylvania State College.

Commuter Council President Joseph Cunningham opened the ceremony with a brief history of Mary Behrend's gift and explained Founder's Day's intention of honoring it. Following Cunningham's comments, Joye Dado, a member of the Behrend Players and SPC President, reenacted parts of Mary Behrend's

presentation speech.

In his closing comments, Dean of Student Services Chris Reeber expressed his and Behrend's appreciation of Mary Behrend's gift.

On October 30, 1948, Mary Behrend donated her farm in memory of her late husband Ernst Behrend. In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Ernst Behrend was also involved in many civic activities, including serving as president of Hamot Medical Center.

Those attending the ceremony were asked to suggest additions to a time capsule that will be buried in front of the Reed Building and reopened in ten years. Anyone with suggestions should contact Cunningham in the S.G.A. suite or call 6220.

## Magazine Seeks Manuscripts

Tempus, Behrend's annual literary magazine, has announced that they it is seeking submissions for publication. The magazine prints primarily poetry, short stories and creative non-fiction.

The Tempus staff is encouraging all interested Behrend students to submit material for consideration, noting that writing need not necessarily have been done in class.

Submissions for publication will be considered by Tempus' editorial board, who will make all final decisions.

Tempus, which is offered as a one-credit course (Commu 002), is advised by Chris Dubbs. The magazine's co-editors are Kurt Steiner and Darrel Freund, while Mike Quigley heads the editorial board.

Freund explained that he feels the magazine offers a good opportunity for students to get published.

"Most college writers have a big problem - getting something published," said Freund. "Tempus is a start... It's a beginning. It's something you can take seriously

of which you can be proud."

Both Dubbs and Steiner expressed optimism about the next edition of Tempus, due out in the spring.

"We've gotten good material in the past and we expect to get good material this year. If you're doing creative writing, this is the place to be published," said Dubbs.

Steiner noted that material submitted for the Ken Sonnenberg memorial poetry award, will also be considered for publication in Tempus.

## The Collegian

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