

## General Reviews Behrend ROTC Program

by Maria Plaza  
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Final exams came early for Behrend's Reserve Officer Training Corp program this semester. The program was reviewed by visiting Brigadier General Wallace C. Arnold on Friday, December 2.

Behrend's ROTC enrollment of about 140 students, a high number for a school of Behrend's size. Between eight and ten officers are being commissioned each year and Arnold says they will make good officers.

Arnold was also pleased that so many students consider ROTC an

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Arnold is the supervisor of 139 ROTC programs from Maine to South Carolina and it is his job to review these programs. He also inspected ROTC programs at Gannon and Edinboro universities during his visit.

Although the program is reviewed annually, this is the first time in several years that a general has visited. "Most of these cadets will be in the army several years before they see another general," said Major Gary "Mike" McDavid, officer in charge of Behrend's ROTC.

"I'm high on Behrend," Arnold said. He credited much of the ROTC program's success to strong support from the administration. "I've found tremendous enthusiasm and support of the program," he said.

Arnold was pleased with

integral part of their education. "I think there's something special about leadership and there's no better place to learn about it than ROTC." He said ROTC also teaches teamwork and service. "It's important to learn how to serve something other than yourself," he said.

As part of his emphasis on building working relationships with the cadets, Arnold began his day by participating in their 6:30

am physical training. He even joined their dodge ball game. "I don't want to be treated like a V.I.P. .... I want to let them know I'm on their side," he stressed.

In the afternoon, Arnold conducted a leadership seminar for the cadets.

Arnold began this job in June, 1987 after spending six years



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Visiting Brigadier General Wallace C. Arnold and Major McDavid.

stationed in Germany. He has also served in Viet Nam and Okinawa.

He is a graduate of The Air Defense Artillery School's basic and advanced courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Naval War

College. He received his bachelor of science degree in industrial education from the Hampton Institute and his master of arts degree in personnel management and administration from George Washington University.

Throughout his 27-year military career, Arnold has received numerous awards and decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

## Intense Verbal Exchange Follows Brief SGA Meeting

by James Martin  
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A brief SGA meeting Monday night at which the HABIT Senator Position was again discussed, was followed by a loud and liberal exchange of ideas.

The meeting, which was to have been shortened because of another group's need for the meeting room, was called to order by Steve McGarvey, who explained that overall discussion time would be limited to a total of one half hour, but that no one person would be limited to a specific amount of time.

At the outset of the meeting, a revised version of the HABIT

senator proposal was distributed to those in attendance. In addition to nearly all of the senators, several student services staff members were in attendance as well as approximately 20 concerned students.

During initial discussion, which was conducted in normal SGA-fashion, McGarvey recognized students who wished to address the HABIT Senator issue. The majority of the student's voicing their views appeared to be in favor of the principle of creating a minority senate position, but several of them noted they would prefer to discuss the issue in a less formal setting than an SGA meeting.

Senator Joan Gelwick opened

discussion by saying that she was in favor of having a HABIT senator but felt that it must be first demonstrated that all other means of dealing with the problem had been exhausted.

In response, Stan Washington explained that councils had already been attempted but had met with limited success.

Megan Iverson, a freshman senator had reportedly conducted an informal meeting on Tuesday prior to the SGA discussion.

Praising Gelwick's attempt to understand her constituents views, former SGA presidential candidate Damon Gray suggested that he

## Behrend Hosts AIDS Seminar

by Maria Plaza

Nearly one hundred community health care workers gathered in the Reed lecture hall on Tuesday to learn about the transmission and prevention of AIDS.

The lecture, "AIDS and the Community Health Care Worker," was presented by Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, M.D., M.P.H., director of the University of Pittsburgh Falk Clinic Laboratories. Valdiserri, who donated his time for the lecture, recently wrote a book on AIDS prevention and has lectured across the United States.

Valdiserri complained that the media's interest in AIDS is slipping but is encouraged that women's attitudes towards AIDS prevention are improving.

The seminar was sponsored by the AIDS Council of Erie County, Inc. The AIDS Council was formed this year to meet the needs of AIDS patients and their families and friends, help reduce the spread of the disease, and initiate and support AIDS educational programs for the community.

Patty Pasky, Behrend's nurse practitioner, helped coordinate the seminar.

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## Night of the Arts Held Celebrates Behrend's Beginnings

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This year Penn State-Behrend celebrates its 40th anniversary. Friday's A NIGHT OF THE ARTS marked one of the highlights of that celebration.

The night began with the 40th annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony at the Behrend Chapel in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery. The event is held in honor of Behrend's founding family. Professor Emeritus Benjamin A. Lane opened the ceremony with brief remarks. The program that followed included readings by Marybeth Zawistoski, Dee Gross, Elizabeth Buck and the Hanging of the Greens by Steve McGarvey, president of SGA. Christmas carols were performed by the general

assembly several times throughout the ceremony. "Silent Night," performed by the Penn State-Behrend Choir and the general assembly ended the 40th annual Hanging of the Greens.

The evening was highlighted by the premiere performance of "Anniversary Psalm." The work was commissioned to help celebrate the college's 40th anniversary of the College.

The text of the song was written by Lane. "I was very pleased to be able to write the text for the psalm" he said. "I tried to show how the lovely farm has been changed to a growing school."

The song describes how the harvests have changed from those of the field to those of the mind.

Lane, who has been with Behrend since 1952, has held the positions of instructor, Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Admissions. Retiring in 1985, he now serves as an Associate Professor of English and Dean of Student Affairs Emeritus.

The music of "Anniversary Psalm" was written by Roland E. Martin. "The inspiration from the music was spurred from the last three lines of the text," he said. The lines read, "An anguish passed, a challenge won, a spirit, now forever freed." "Anguish and pain surrounded the Behrend farm as Mary Behrend lost her 19 year old son and her husband within a span of 11 years." He went on to describe the "challenge won" when Mary Behrend lived to see the Glennhill Farms develop into a

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Freshmen Pat Truitt, Scott Paul, and Otto Williams join Frosty in celebrating the first substantial snow fall of the year. Those used to Erie weather know it's only a mild beginning to another snow-filled winter.

## New Dorms Planned

by Steve Decker  
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Penn-State's board of trustees has announced that it has authorized an architectural firm to design a new residence hall at Behrend College. The firm, John C. Hass Associates, has already been on the campus several times and is now developing the plans for the new residence hall.

Although little information has been released about the project, the new hall will be designed to contain "suites" instead of ordinary dorm rooms.

The proposed two hundred-bed residence hall is expected to feature units containing two to four bedrooms, one bathroom, and a living room, but no kitchen. Instead, the meals will be served in Dobbins Hall.

John C. Haas Associates, which has designed structures at University Park plans to adopt a prototype layout that was originally used for Nittany Apartment housing several years ago.

"It's more cost efficient to re-hire a firm that has a prototype plan already developed for the university, then to re-hire a new firm to create new plans," said George R. Lovette, vice-president of operations at University Park.

At the present, no construction date or completion date has been set, but a dollar estimate on the project should be released with the completion of the firm's plans. The new residence hall's proposed location would be just west of Dobbins Hall.

## Weights Stolen From Gym

by Laura Weaver  
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The theft of weight-lifting equipment from Erie Hall was reported to Police and Safety on November 17. The stolen goods, valued at \$187, included ninety pounds of weights.

November 19 was the date that two criminal acts were reported to officials. An unknown person pulled the fire alarm on the second floor of Perry Hall at 2:20 am. At approximately 12:00 am the same day a rock was hurled towards the fire door at the west end of Niagra Hall. It broke the glass but caused no further damage.

A hit and run incident was reported to Police and Safety on November 22. Sometime between 1 and 2:15 pm a vehicle struck and damaged a 1982 Eagle that was parked in the Turnbull parking lot. No one has been charged with the crime at this time.

## Santa Visits Peace Tree

by Janet Ocampo  
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On November 30, Santa Claus made his first appearance at Behrend at a Peace Tree trimming party hosted by the Lion Ambassadors.

The Winter Garden was brimming with decorations of Christmas cheer as groups of students gathered throughout the evening. Refreshments and some Christmas tunes were provided by the Lion Ambassadors. The tree was provided by Student Services.

The aim of the ceremony was to celebrate peace and help the poor. Students were asked to bring socks, mittens, and canned foods to the celebration. Anyone still wishing to donate may place the gifts in the box beneath the tree.

Lion Ambassador advisor Linda Cornwell hopes that this will be the start of a new tradition at Behrend.

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