

Communications Class Conducts First Peace Day

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Peace day was held for the first time at Behrend College on December 1, 1988. This day was initiated by members of a three-credit course offered at Behrend, "Strategies of Peace Communication" taught by Dr. Colleen Kelley.

The day was intended to promote student, faculty, and public awareness of the issues of today's society and come up with alternative solutions to things such as nuclear war, the death penalty, and social and environmental problems. "Sometimes," as Chris Stowe, an active member of this class project suggests, "people are ignorant of the problems in society which exist and this can be fatal to us. There have to be viable alternatives to these problems, and in our class we try to discover what they are."

There were movies and skits on public information at 123 and 124 Behrend building from 7:00-10:00

pm. The movies were "Command and Control" and the classic movie "Doctor Strangelove." Between movies there were skits showing the images Americans and Soviets have of each other, typical stereotypes of enemies, nuclear waste, and social injustice around the world.

Commu 297 has several projects going besides Peace Day. They're having a food and toy drive in which members of the class circulate throughout Wesleyville and collect toys and food for the poor. The food goes to the Wesleyville Food Pantry and the toys go to Toys for Tots sponsored by the Marines.

On Peace Day, the students also distributed information on several different "peaceful" subjects such as: Amnesty International (of which there is a chapter at Behrend), nuclear arms, education and social responsibility, and the environment (specifically Greenpeace). They also distributed free cookies with peace signs on them.

This class is experimental and is

one of only a handful throughout the country. The class teaches the importance of peace in the world, and some possible ways to achieve it. The students in the class decided a group final project would be more fun than doing individual projects and "has really developed a sense of close friendship between all of us," notes one member.

They got together, brainstormed, and developed the idea for Peace Day. The students say being in Strategies for Peace Communication has really expanded the way they look at things and has shown them that there are solutions to very complex problems. Everyone contributes to the class, they don't just listen to lectures.

The class came up with a theme this year, "Peace is a form of action, it's not just out there. We have to make peace as people." There is a good chance this course will be offered again next fall, so if you're interested in promoting peace, give it a try.



Students bearing candles formed a human peace sign in front of Hammermill Building in observance of Peace Day.

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Morris Joins English Department Earns High Praise After First Semester

by Richard E. McCartney
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Gregory Morris, the latest edition to Behrend's English department, has - in only one semester - drawn praise from his students who say he brings contemporary American literature alive in his classes. "He's the most interesting, exciting teacher that I have ever had in English, or any other subject for that matter," said one of his students.

Morris received his bachelor's degree in English from Bowling Green State University in 1972. After taking two years off to work, Morris entered the University of

Nebraska to complete his graduate work. Morris received his master's in 1975. Between 1979 and 1980 Morris spent fifteen months in Costa Rica where he spent most of his time working on his dissertation. Upon receiving his doctorate in 1981, Morris spent two years teaching at the University of Nebraska. He then took a job at the State University of New York at Cortland where he taught English part time and his wife worked as an Agricultural Economist. Morris stayed at SUNY Cortland for five years before coming to Behrend this fall.

Morris received his doctorate in contemporary American Literature.

He hadn't always planned to study



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this field, however. When he started graduate school, Morris focused on 19th century literature. He was working on his dissertation on Herman Melville, author of works such as "Moby Dick" and "Billy Budd," when he changed direction and began working on the writings of John Gardner, the author of such works as "The Sunlight Dialogue," "Grendal," and "October Light." Morris said that there was something about Gardner's work that affected him very deeply. He believes that Gardner's work has a moral vision. Gardner believed, said Morris, that significant art was

inherently moral art in that it fostered moral truths, and furthermore, art should test moral questions, and come up with moral answers.

Besides teaching contemporary American literature, Morris has been involved in other projects. He published a book on John Gardner entitled "A World of Order and Light: The Fiction of John Gardner." Morris has also published literary reviews for popular magazines and published critiques in scholarly journals.

Morris is presently working on two books. The first book will be about author Nicholas Delbanco, and the second book will be a collection of interviews with different contemporary writers.

Morris would like to stay at Behrend, because he likes the faculty, the students, and the campus. His major goal is to publish his two new books. The second book will be the most difficult because the interviewing will require a lot of traveling. Morris, however, looks forward to the traveling and the interviews because it will give him a chance to see more of the country and to meet a lot of different authors.

Behrend Briefs

Worship Instead of the Blue Bus, a college van will provide free transportation to local churches on the next two Sundays. The van will also pick up students in the front circle of Kanty Village after it leaves the Reed parking lot at 10:15 am. The van will go to local churches as requested and return to Dobbins Hall by 12:30.

Mensa Scholarship February 1, 1989 is the deadline for applications for the Mensa Scholarship for 1989. You don't have to be a genius to qualify for many of the awards! Awards range from \$200-\$1,000. Hurr the Financial Aid Office, 221 Glenhill, to pick up your appli n.

Holiday Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed at 5:30 j n Reed 117 on Thursday, December 8.

Tempus Beh ad's literary magazine continues to seek submissions for ublication. poetry and short fiction should be dropped off in i Tempus box at the RUB desk. The group plans to hold a used ok sale sometime in February. Students and faculty are urged to donate books for the fundraiser.

Housing "Request for Housing Contract" cards have been mailed to all eligible students for fall 1989 on-campus housing. Students who did not receive one and feel they should have should pick one up in the Housing Office immediately. Phone 898-6161.

Scholarships for Women The Erie branch of the AAUW is offering two \$750 scholarships to Erie County women who are re-entry students. Students must have a 3.5 G.P.A. and must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in a four-year degree program. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, 221 Glenhill. Deadline is January 27, 1989.

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would like to hear further and freer discussion of the issue. Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 pm.

Before the group dispersed, Beth Buck, SGA vice president announced that the room was no longer needed and noted that it would be possible for discussion to continue.

Amidst urging from a number of students, McGarvey said that if students wanted a free discussion of the issue that this was their opportunity. From that point on, McGarvey explained that anyone could talk and there was no longer a need for an individual to be recognized.

The rules relaxed, numerous students spoke up to express their views.

Marsha Cottman, who attended the meeting, said that she was more than ready to hear the specific arguments against the minority senate position.

Senator Neal Cheskis suggested that he felt that there were as many reasons for having a minority senator as there were against having one.

Cottman challenged Cheskis to name any specific reasons for not having a minority senator. Cheskis noted that he was willing to meet with anyone to discuss the issue at any time but declined further comment.

Cottman suggested that it was

Cheskis' responsibility to deal with any questions as they were asked.

"Neal," said Cottman, "you were elected as a senator to represent the students if you can't talk here, there is something wrong."

Cottman and numerous other students criticized the Collegian's coverage of the issue.

Several said they felt Biddy Brooks, was unfairly characterized in the last issue of the paper. One student said the paper made it look as though Brooks was forcing the issue or trying to intimidate people.

"We didn't come here to offend anybody," said Camille Chang. We came in here because we felt our needs weren't being met.

"What I am offended by was that little...B.S. bit in the newspaper," said Cottman.

Later Buck said that while the Collegian's editorial had expressed an opinion, that the news story was completely true.

While formal discussion of the issue lasted approximately 35 minutes, the informal banter continued for 45 additional minutes before the room became unavailable.

Before the official meeting concluded Senator Kevin Trenney had moved that the issue be table for further discussion until the next regular meeting.

Students Protest CIA Recruitment

(CPS) --Spy agencies, on their fall recruiting swings through several schools, again found students telling them to stay away from their campuses.

Students at the University of Colorado, Milwaukee's Marquette University and North Carolina's Duke University protested the agencies' recruiting at their schools in recent weeks.

As in previous protests, the students chanted and picketed against the agencies' covert actions in other nations and alleged domestic spying. During the past two school years, students have vehemently opposed Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruiting at the universities of Massachusetts, Iowa, Minnesota, Vermont, Washington, California, Los Angeles and North Carolina-Charlotte, as well as Brown University, Ohio State and the State University of New York-Albany, to name just a few.

Critics say the CIA has toppled duly-elected governments in Chile, Guatemala, Iran and other nations, operates illegally outside of congressional controls and promotes terrorism by supporting right-wing rebels in Central

America and Africa.

"The CIA is a government organization that amounts to a secret police," said Rick Roderick, an assistant philosophy professor at Duke. "There is no place for them in democracy."

About 75 students and faculty members joined Roderick at a Nov. 1 rally that, as grad student Loris Mirella said, would "make the campus aware of CIA activities around the world, hopefully to motivate them to make changes."

Mirella compared the CIA to organized crime. "They are both engaged in murderous illegal acts. The Mafia isn't allowed to recruit on campus."

In the past years, Colorado has been the site of some of the most militant anti-CIA demonstrations in the nation. As a result, the agency no longer recruits at CU, although students interested in careers with the spy agency can arrange interviews through the school's career services office.

The National Security Agency, like the CIA, is "part of the intelligence network that is our secret government," said activist Michael Terry.

At University Park, some protesters may face charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, and harassment after a November 21 incident.

About one hundred people gathered in front of Old Main to rally and hear several speakers, including a Salvadoran university student, decry the agency. The protester also built wooden crosses to symbolize the countries allegedly victimized by covert CIA activities.

Twelve of the protesters entered the building where CIA recruiters were interviewing and twice attempted unsuccessfully to break past police officers and enter the interview area.

One protester threw a piece of wood that hit an unidentified University

official. Other protesters, calling themselves the CIA Off Campus Committee, confronted interviewees. Officials said none of the interviews were cancelled because of the protesters.

Police said the building was vandalized Sunday night before the protest. Locks on outside doors were jammed shut with glue and matchsticks, an elevator was damaged, and anti-CIA slogans were painted on the walls. A fire alarm was also pulled during the protest.

The protesters asked the University to break all ties with the agency, including CIA-funded research. The University is not currently conducting any CIA research, although it has in the past. Officials say future work is always a possibility.

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IVCF Club Report

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This Friday, December 9, the fellowship will hold a Christmas party at the Wesley Center of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Wesleyville. The party is open to everyone. A spaghetti dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 pm. Please bring a \$1 gag gift to exchange and a few dollars to help pay for the food. We will meet in the Behrend Science Building lobby at 6:30 and transportation will be provided.

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