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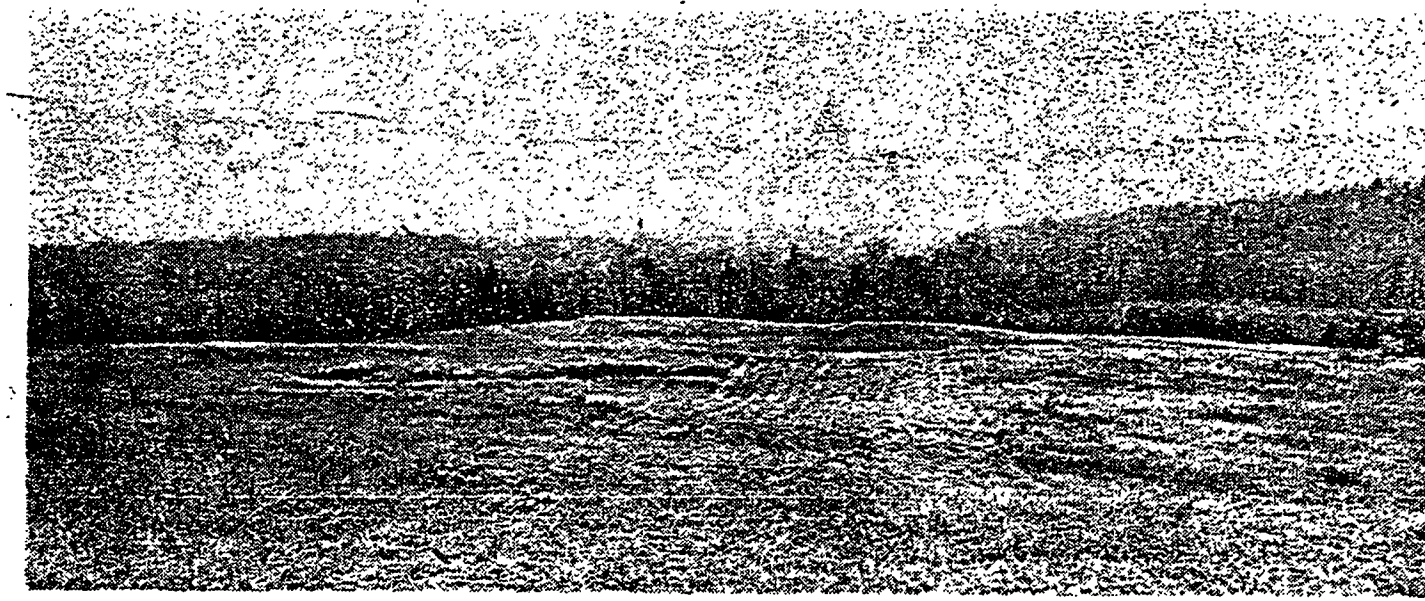
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Behrend Center—Pennsylvania State College

STUDENTS READY for CHRISTMAS SNO BALL

Ideal Spot for Ski Club's New Winter Ski Course on Behrend Campus



Ski Club Gets Plans Underway

Hey kids it looks like we might put Behrend on the map with our ski club. Mr. Gottlund intends to include all winter sports in the club, and one snowy day he plans to have an ice carnival. Sound like fun? Well it's going to be! The program would start in the afternoon with skiing and skating races and exhibitions. In the evening a simple supper would be served followed by dancing in Rec. Hall. After dark the run and the pond are to be lit by flares so the races can be resumed. Mr. Gottlund also hopes to build a huge fire beside the skating pond, and maybe even put a pot of chocolate on to brew. All the plans are still in the making, but they certainly sound wonderful.

At the beginning the ski club will be divided into groups according to ability. Instructions will be given to each group separately, thus making it possible for us all to be able to at least go down standing up before the season is over.

If the skiing equipment is all brought at once through the college, there will be a considerable discount. The skis, poles, and bindings should cost about 17 dollars. For those who cannot buy equipment right away, about ten pairs of skis should be available for renting.

This Club has a big enrollment now, but everyone is urged to join. It sounds like it is really going to turn our Center into a winter playground.

Five Earn High Midterm Grades

According to Mr. Ferguson, five students have made the highest midterm grades with an average of 2. The honor students are David Alexander, chemical engineer; Janet Brown, medical technology; Toros Simonian, mechanical engineer; Harold Storrer, chemical engineer, and Judith Thomas, education.

Thank You, Mr. Lamb . . .

Mr. Edward Lamb
Publisher, The Erie Dispatch Herald
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lamb,

The students and faculty of Behrend Center, Penn State College, express their sincere appreciation and thanks to you for the generous donation to the Ski Club for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the improvement of this organization. Not only have you given financial aid but by excellent coverage in the Dispatch Herald of our activities here at Behrend you have aroused interest and prompted assistance from other sources as well.

We refer in particular to the article on the proposed ski run which, with your aid, has gained momentum and is now under construction. At present it appears that Behrend Center might well become the best equipped and most popular winter sport mecca in this area. May we extend to you a cordial invitation to come out, join us, and observe our progress at any time; the welcome mat is always out at Behrend. We would like you to feel that your time, effort, and money have been well invested in furthering education in Erie. Thanks again, Mr. Lamb.

—Student Body Behrend Center of Erie

Behrend Campus Will Have Ice Skating Rink

Sharpen your blades all you followers of the flashing steel merry-go-round. No, it's not of fencing but of ice skating that I speak. Talking to Mr. Demp this morning and the agreeable phys. ed mentor revealed the little known fact that our ice skating surface is taking shape and should, shortly after Christmas, round into a very satisfactory rink. In fact, if all the tentative plans are carried out, it might well be the most attractive thing of its kind in the Erie area. Skiing has somewhat overshadowed its icy partner so far, but as soon as the ice skating plans begin to materialize, the two will run neck and neck in popular appeal.

In case you didn't know, the rink is situated directly behind the classroom building and is approximately 150 feet long and 75 to 100 feet wide. It has already been leveled off and the main difficulty

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Christmas Tea Opens Festivities

Last Sunday afternoon was the realization of joy anticipated by all women students, faculty and the wives of the faculty, when a tea was held by Mrs. Ferguson in her home, "The Cottage." Candle light, pine boughs and a Christmas tree all contributed to the spirit of Christmas which prevailed there. Until everyone did away with the thought that it was much too pretty to eat, a lolly-pop Christmas tree was the center of attraction. The delicious refreshments included tea, margarites, sand tarts, chocolate nut cookies and appropriate red and green mints. The tea was poured by Miss Davis and Miss Fieker, while little Cornelia was the un-official sampler. This delightful afternoon was the beginning of Christmas festivities here at Behrend Center.

BOOK STORE HOURS

Friday 3:30-4:30
Monday and Wed. 2:30-4:30
Tuesday and Thurs. 1:00-2:00

Pugh Addresses Center Students

Mr. David B. Pugh, administrative head of all Penn State Centers, was the speaker at the student assembly held Thursday, December 9, in the student lounge. Mr. Pugh traced the origin of the centers and gave a few of his own experiences in the early days of the Bradford and Warren Centers, which are now fifteen years old. Mr. Pugh, a very friendly, capable man and an interesting speaker, included in his "Fireside" talk some of the problems that may be encountered on the campus and how to best adjust ourselves to these difficulties. He also cited Behrend Center as one of the best equipped and progressive centers in the state and lauded the initiative shown the opening and developing of some of the winter sports in the Erie area.

Mr. Ferguson also gave a short talk on recent correspondence with Mrs. Behrend in which she expressed the desire to have the library and two of the other rooms in the main house returned to their original decoration and furnishings. The library could then serve as a club room to the various organizations of the school. Mrs. Behrend also requested that a wreath containing the different kinds of evergreens found on the estate be made and placed on Mr. Ernst Behrend's grave in the Wintersgreen Gorge Cemetery. Mr. Ferguson named Tom Pierce, Ray Metz, and Lee Delle Donne to fulfill this request.

An announcement of major importance to the Ski Club and a boon to the school as a whole was that the Erie Dispatch Herald through the owner Mr. Charles Lamb has made a donation of one hundred dollars to the ski club, in which Mr. Lamb is very much interested, for the purpose of purchasing a rope for the ski tow. Free cigarettes and a cigarette case were also given away with the compliments of the Camel cigarette people.

Neil Charles' Orchestra Plays

The girls of Behrend Center had better get their best formals ready to wear on December 16, 1948. The fellows have their suits all picked out, and they are even learning how to tie a bow-tie for the super-duper Christmas Dance. "The Dance of the Semester" will be held at the Masonic Temple Ballroom in Erie. Neil Charles and his orchestra will supply the music from 9-1. That's right fellows, the dormitory girls have late permission, so you had better ask your date before someone gets to her first.

Tickets may be obtained for the nominal fee of \$2.00 from any of the class officers, in the cafeteria, or at the Reception Desk. No tickets will be on sale after December 14, so don't delay. Refreshments will be served all evening. Come on guys and girls—buy your ticket now so that we may have 100% representation at "The Snowball."

Ray Reed Is New Dramatics Club President

On Monday, November 29, the Dramatic Club had its first meeting in the student lounge at 6 P.M. Under the direction of Mr. Horean, a group of students organized the club and elected officers. Ray Reed was elected president, Marilyn Garden is the secretary, Nan Bierman was elected vice president, and the treasurer is Rita Jackson.

The club decided to put on a play on December 15, and two more next semester. The play which will be given this month is John Galsworthy's "Escape". Try outs were held on December 1.

Student Council Recognizes Clubs

Student Council has officially recognized the following clubs: Spanish Club, French Club, Glee Club, Dramatic Club, Ski Club, and Gorman Club, also the bowling league and Intermural Athletic Association.

A committee consisting of Wes Pfirman, Gib Brownlie, Tom Pearce, and Ed Kittka were appointed to be in charge of the budget for remainder of the year. The committee took into consideration the funds previously spent by the various activities, and based the final results according to which activities would benefit the greatest number of students and have the largest participation. Total funds available for the remainder of the year are \$1514.02.

Social	\$588.27
Newspaper	\$391.15
Athletics and ski club	\$350.00
Lounge	\$100.00
Dramatics	\$75.00
Total	\$1504.42

The Student Council reserves the right to rearrange the budget as the Student Body fluctuates.

A Look at Christmas Past

Reproduced on the left is the front page of Behrend College's newspaper from exactly 40 years ago. The Nittany Cub averaged about 4 pages per issue that first year - not too bad considering that the student body consisted of only about 150 students.

A lot has changed since that first Christmas edition of what was to later become the Collegian. Today's student has one major advantage over the students of '48. In those days, the paper cost a nickel.

Back then, Mrs. Ferguson's tea was one of the social events of the season.

But some things never change. Even then, questions about where to put the library and how to accommodate student clubs figured heavily on everyone's mind.

Finally, examine the page carefully. Even the dedicated crew at the Nittany Cub made an occasional typo.

Our thanks to Ben Lane for use of The Nittany Cub.

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