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**Meet Your Faculty**

The tall recluse seen darting among the lab desks, shackled students, and balances in the mysterious building way yonder is our chemistry professor, Mr Balmer.

Mr. Balmer was born in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and has one brother. He attended various schools in Philadelphia, Akron, Ohio, and Staten Island, New York. He then advanced to Staten Island High School where he was Director of the Typographical Society (in other words—head of the printing club). Graduate work was started at the Brooklyn College and continued at Wagner College where Mr. Balmer completed pre-med.

Mr. Balmer was active in college dramatics; he had the role of Touchstone in *As You Like It* by Shakespeare. It was a quick change from college dramatics to chemist for the L. A. Dreyfus Company where Mr. Balmer became an expert with chewing gum; he worked with finding new bases for gum.

One day in August of 1941 the future college professor received his greetings from Franklin D. Roosevelt, and it was only a short time before he found himself in the Coastal Artillery Division going to school (you can't escape it) to be a search light electrician.

In a short time Mr. Balmer was sent to Brisbane, Australia and to Townsville, Australia where he fought the Battle of Townsville when a lone Japanese plane maneuvered over the town.

After Mr. Balmer was transferred to New Guinea where he entered the 42nd Chemical Laboratory Camp. Behrend Center almost lost a chem instructor when a sample container of synagen, a deadly poisonous gas, broke, but fortunately our chem prof escaped without harm.

Finally, the discharge points accumulated and Mr. Balmer once more became a civilian. Shortly after to civilian life, Mr. Balmer met the girl who eventually became Mrs. Balmer. Norman was born August 16, 1946. Mr. Balmer then did graduate work and taught at Rutgers University, Brunswick, New Jersey.

In September of '48 Mr. Balmer joined the staff of Penn State and took on the job of teaching chemistry at Behrend Center. When



MR. BALMER

asked what he thought of Behrend Center his reply was, "My elations and praise of Behrend Center could not be put into words."

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Sir;

I am writing you to congratulate you and your assistants on a fine, well-arranged newspaper. It has almost completely covered the news on our Behrend Center campus, and has informed us of what has been happening. As far as I have seen, it has not been prejudiced to any organization or person. It has been faithful in advertising for school events.

Very few people realize what hours of work, disappointments, and anger go along with building a newspaper. We don't realize the great sum of money tied up in a newspaper, that it is a big business. Editors receive very little appreciation or honor; all they receive is gripes from people who can't afford to talk. I am giving you a lot of credit for editing the Nittany Cub.

Sincerely,  
A Regular Reader

PS. I forgot about your advisor. What would you do without him?

**Rev. Bishop Talks To Girl's Forum**

Reverend Russell Bishop, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Erie, will speak to the Girls Forum Service at 10:30 on Thursday, March 24 in the Behrend Center Rec Hall. This meeting is open to all students.

Reverend Bishop's topic will be "Life's Compelling Forces," concerning certain personality factors that make a difference in life; why we do the things we do, and what makes us tick.

On April 18 Reverend Bishop will take up his new pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Newton, Massachusetts. He has been a minister in Erie for the past four years.

**Sal Sez: ...**

Wouldn't it be funny if:  
Marilyn were Lawn instead of Garden.

Clayton were Rain instead of Snow.

Tom were Stab instead of Pearce.  
Willy were Tall instead of Short.  
Ray were Staff instead of Reed.  
Dody were Hunter instead of Fisher.

Rose were Treason instead of Larsen.

Pauline were Walker instead of Rider.

Edwin were Schubert instead of Beethoven.

Marilyn were Nut instead of Boldt.

Dick were Through instead of Dunn.

Bill were Thomas instead of Richards.

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Can you imagine:  
Mr. Turnbull not giving surprise tests.

Joan without Don.  
Nan without troubles.  
Dunk being quiet.  
Al Leibau being glum.  
Rita Jackson being serious.  
Margie Fleming being noisy.  
John Pagonis without chewing gum.

Bill Klaban not dancing.  
Jim Mullard not being a "big gun."

Don without Frank.  
Sturge without a joke.  
Ray Reed without ping pong.  
Beth without history.  
Penny without base-ball.  
Ann Titmus without Alka Seltzer:

Mr. Demp without sports.

Sal

**SKATING PARTY**

Behrend Center's first roller skating party, although offset by many other activities, was enjoyed by many of the students. The party held at the 12th Street Skating Rink last Saturday night included many specialized skates such as waltzes, and provided some of our more experienced skaters with a good opportunity to show their skills.

The general feeling expressed by those who attended the party was that the school would sponsor another one soon when more of the school's population could participate.

**Tolerance**

Tolerance is a big word. It has a vast meaning. Too many college students and adults too, travel through life without knowing the full meaning of this word. Tolerance is a desirable trait in a person, and everyone should try to cultivate it in his life. Just what does tolerance mean to you? Let's find out what the dictionary says about this word.

"Tolerance is the disposition to be patient and indulgent toward those whose opinions or practices differ from one's own." Be honest now. Have you said something mean about a person just because his religious belief or feeling may be different from yours? If you have, remember that this is America and everyone is entitled to worship God as he sees fit.

Tolerance also means freedom from bigotry or severity in judging the opinions and conduct of others. Examine yourself thoroughly now, and find out if you are guilty of being intolerant towards others.

Tolerance brings wonderful results. Everyone benefits beginning with individual and working up the nation. As future citizens of our country let us strive to become more tolerant so that we will help our nation become a better one.

Behrend Center Students!—let's sum ourselves up, and see how we come out in use of tolerance!

Ruth Gross

**Quiet, Please**

How many of the students of Behrend Center have attempted to study in the school library and found it impossible because of the noise and commotion? Recently the school spent over \$100 to have doors put on the entrance to the library to keep out the usual commotion from reception room. This only adds to the difficulty, however, because now no one in the other rooms realizes how noisy the library is, and consequently none of the faculty make an attempt to stop it.

It should not be necessary for anyone to enforce a strict rule for silence in the library; we, the students should keep the library a little more quiet. Many of the students who commute from Erie, and nearby towns, have three and four breaks between classes. Many of them would like to spend this time studying in the library, but usually after 15 or 20 minutes they either join conversations or leave.

A conscientious effort on the part of all those who use the library, to use it properly would benefit everyone concerned.

Lloyd McGough

**Personality Of Week**

By Dunk Zimmerman

Handsome Bob Gallagher, also known as "Dinny," hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Bob can easily be recognized by his tall athletic physique, his blue eyes, black hair, and winning smile.

Bob's high school years were spent in Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in June of 1946.

He joined the Army the following September, and received his basic training at Fort McClelland, Alabama. After being shipped to Yokohama, where he joined the paratroops, he remained one year in Japan. He received his freedom (discharge) on December 13, 1947.

He takes an active part in all sports, but his first love is baseball. Les Brown's arrangement of "Sentimental Journey" ranks high on his list of favorite tunes. When it comes to food, Bob says, "There's nothing like good old pork and sauerkraut!" His chief delight in radio entertainment is "Fibber McGee and Molly." This gentleman prefers blonds!

In the fall of 1948, Bob became a student at the Behrend Center. He has acquired many friends at the hotel employees as bell-hops.



BOB GALLAGHER

Behrend Center, and has unknowingly adopted a sister, Miss Mary Hough. Bob is now enrolled in the School of Education, majoring in Hotel Administration.

Upon receiving his diploma from The Pennsylvania State College, Bob's ambition is to manage the Waldorf Astoria with his new sister, Mary Hough, as the head dietitian; but of course, the previous manager may remain with the hotel employees as bell-hops.