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### WOMEN BLAZE EDUCATIONAL TRAIL

Benjamin Franklin stated this, "... that branch of education for our women, is likely to be, of more use to them and their children, in case of widow hood, than either music or dancing . . ." Accompanying this statement was an anecdote illustrating a widow supporting her family by her knowledge of her husband's work. As a boy, Franklin participated in debates concerning female education. Not only Franklin, but also many other great men believed in education for women.

During the nineteenth century, women began increasing their powers. The advance in this way, called for educated women, which led to admitting women into high schools and allowing them to teach in universities. The woman we girls are indebted to is Emma C. Willard. Beginning on the first step of the ladder, Miss Willard was a village school teacher at the age of sixteen. Her climb began when she became principal of an academy for girls at Middlebury, Vermont, and in the same town opened a boarding house for girls, where she introduced more thorough methods of education. Advancing steadily on the ladder, Miss Willard opened a seminary for girls in Waterford, New York. Even the state approved of the seminary and helped to support it, which meant a step in the right direction. Another school was in Troy, New York, and is still known as the Emma Willard School. Throughout her busy life, Emma Willard lectured, wrote, and worked to promote higher education for women. Her services not only included this country, but also European countries where many of her books were printed in various languages. Miss Willard reached the zenith of her ladder when she established a school for women in Athens, Greece.

Today the girls on our campuses across the nation are proving the truth of Benjamin Franklin's statement. Today, after education for women has stood its time test, we may go to any of the many schools, universities, and colleges open to us. As ideas have been tried and changes made, our colleges have been bettered for greater education of our women. Colleges for just women today include Vassar, Wellesley, and Mount Holyoke. Sections of great universities such as Radcliffe at Harvard have been reserved for women. Many other colleges have become coeducational. Outstanding here are the state universities, among which is the Pennsylvania State University and its branches.

We eighteen girls on the campus are a symbol of the growing power of women and the assumption of more rights and responsibilities. Since 1920 when women acquired the right to vote, they have stepped into more and higher fields in industry, politics, teaching, and the professions. The widow of today is in a position to support herself and her family because of her advanced education. With the rising standard of living, more women can afford to attend college and college conditions are better. Remember, girls, we can thank the men and women who fought for our rights of an education, and it is our duty to better our civilization culturally and civically.

### Around The Campus

By Ron Raymond

After spending the last two weeks on campus, a person begins to wonder if freshman initiation is really over. Why else would Bill Murray carry a snow-shovel to analyt class and John Beatty tote a hammer along with his slide-rule? Well, it seems as though poor John lubricated his slip stick with foot powder rather than talcum powder. If you can't guess Murray's motives, just ask some of the other fellows in Math 41.

Janice MacIver, Doris Miesel, and Barbara Wagner have a mutual pen pal in North Warren, although they have never seen him. We think it's very silly since there are so many fine gentlemen here at Behrend.

Bill Murray (what again!) and Bill Novatny were refused admittance to the Gannon Dance of October 12. Maybe the Gannonites fear our Behrend boys' success with the local misses.

We can't find anyone to take credit for the picture of the "American Saddle-light" on the Turnbull Hall bulletin board. Mr. Pat thinks it was probably Wes Carter though, since Wes instigates many similar activities on campus.

Pictures we'd like to see in the Yearbook:

Al Chikosky ala ear muffs from the Erie Times; Jim Rasmussen in his sweat suit; Dick Januleski shooting a left-handed, lay-up shot; Wes Carter sawing down the Behrend Pine; Carl Torretti with a pigeon perched on his shoulder.

If you were head of Behrend Center, what changes would you make? This question was asked of some of the students on campus with more interesting answers intended to be published in this column. After reading the replies, however, and realizing that the eyes of some faculty member might rest upon this column, the answers were not published.

Keep studying and stay AROUND THE CAMPUS.

### + Dorm Chatter +

By Fred Faulk

The latest observance made by the novice astronomers was a peculiar object with dark-rimmed glasses, a suitcase in one hand, and a sign in the other saying, "Schenectady". This satellite bears the name of George Place "nik."

Then there is "the little riot of the eight room suite" who tells of the good time he had drinking chips and eating beer. (He said this while sober.)

The dorm council members are Herb Durkee, president, Ed Roberts, Marsh Fisk, and Mel Zarletta.

Who are the fellows that are going to Florida to be apprentice baiters on a fishing boat next summer? (What advancement could be made doing this?)

What do Ma and Pa do down in Kenya country? If in doubt, ask Bernie.

Poor Sid Wallace couldn't find a thing to do one night so he spent a whole evening "studying." Were you studying at your desk, Sid, or could it have been in your

### MEET YOUR FACULTY

By Jack Randinelli

If you're ever in the vicinity of the Behrend Pine and notice a small, rustic building with rather large barn doors, why don't you step inside and see what's there? Inside you'll find the quiet abode of Margarita M. Filer, our congenial librarian and English instructor.

Miss Filer is a native of Erie, and this is her first year with us at the Center. Receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree at Vassar, a women's college in Poughkeepsie, New York, Miss Filer then obtained her Master's in English at the University of Wisconsin.

The hobbies that receive most of Miss Filer's interest vary immensely. Water skiing holds top priority with her, but right now Miss Filer explains she is finding great pleasure spending the seven hundred and fifty thousand dollar endowment received by Behrend Center from Dr. Otto Behrend.

Our librarian commented that she loves Behrend Center and that the students (only occasionally) give her a, shall we say, "hard time."

As a pet peeve, untidiness seems to be the only thing which actually disturbs Miss Filer.



Margarita M. Filer

When she was asked, "Do you like Elvis Presley?" Miss Filer's nonchalant reply was, "I prefer other things."

Even though there may be an onrush of students from Mr. Thurbon's English composition classes, all of whom are trying to complete literature assignments at once, Miss Filer remains the friendly, charming hostess of her small abode known as the Behrend Center Library.

### Behrend Center Presents . . .

By Janice MacIver

Woman of the hour! Long black hair and dark brown eyes describe 5' 2" Ruth Angelotti. Ruth is a freshman and comes to Behrend Center from Erie. When asked what she thought of Behrend she replied, "I like it real well."

Ruthie was graduated from Academy High School where she was a twirler for the band and secretary of the National Honor Society. During the summer, Ruthie worked in the offices of Bliley Electric to earn money to continue her education here at Behrend.

Ruth is enrolled in the college of education and plans to major in math. She is also the recipient of one of the Hammermill scholarships.

Already Ruth has caught the school spirit and is active as a member of Student Council, the Girls' Chorus, Nittany Cub, Yearbook, and the bowling league. She is also becoming a whiz at ping pong and is developing quite a



Ruth Angelotti

backhand slam.

When asked what her pet peeve was, she said, "Writing themes for English."

We are sure that Ruthie will rate high this coming year among the top "five" in popularity and pleasing personality.

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Is it worth being sick to have young ladies come to visit you, Harvey Bain?

We are wondering if the dorm girls last year kept Mrs. L. up as late as the dorm fellas. These midnight movies in the cafeteria must be okay.

Pete Hovis and Marsh Fisk found out the curtain goes on the inside of the tub while taking a shower. Oh well, the reception room floor needed mopping anyway. It certainly helped Mrs. Ring.

Who are these "snow flakes" the analyt and physics students are talking about? Just ask one of Mr. Pat's students and he will tell you.

It certainly was quiet over the past weekend with George Place sick in bed and Herbie Durkee at home. We didn't realize it could

be so peaceful.

The gorge seems to be a popular spot to go for a walk now that the leaves are changing color. If you haven't gone for a walk back that way, try it. It may be well worth your while. I hear there is other scenery besides autumn leaves back thataway. Ask Jerry Sedney and Chuck Ball about it.

Heard frequently this past week was a feminine voice calling through the dorm asking for admittance and a masculine voice answering, "Sure, if you're not bashful."

Last week it took Herbie Durkee over an hour to hitch a ride home. Could the 20-gauge shot gun he was carrying have anything to do with it?

Herb Bain has opened a branch office of his "special service." Anyone interested in special services?