Features

Two Behrend Poets Honored

by Millicent E. White Collegian Staff Writer

Editor's Note: promised, here is the feature on Ellen Goldberg and Susan Lavrey. They are second and third prize winners, respectively, of annual first Sonnenberg Poetry Award. The award is given annually to a Behrend student in honor of Kenneth Sonnenberg a 1985 graduate of Behrend. Kim Krynock, the first place winner, was featured in last weeks edition.

While enjoying the sun and sand of Florida over Christmas break, Philadelphia native Ellen Goldberg was notified of her second place finish in the Sonnenberg poetry award in the Sonnenberg poetry award by her teacher and friend, Dr. Diana Hume George. A senior psychology major at Behrend who is minoring in English, Ms. Goldberg was very excited because the Sonnenberg Poetry Award is not just any award -- it is a very authentic and prestigious one.

Based on Ms. Goldberg's three

entries "The Pregnant Receivance," "To the Healer from the Self," and "The Father Reach," the judge and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Maxine Kumin found "The Pregnant Receivance" to be most outstanding. Ms. Goldberg is pleased with the choice but feels the poem she had hoped would win did not because she changed the form to meet contest requirements, and the different form left the poem with a slightly different feel. After writing for many years, Ms. Goldberg feels most of her inspiration comes from inside.

After graduating from Penn State, Ms. Goldberg is going on to graduate school to study clinical psychology. She is not sure what school she will attend. She has applied to eight different graduate programs. As far as possible career moves, Ms. Goldberg is very flexible and would like to integrate research, teaching and counseling. A University position is a possibility.

Ms. Goldberg is very happy with her choice to spend all four undergraduate years at Behrend. It was a big choice for her, as well as one that took much

Sonnenberg Runner-ups

photos by Ken Anderson



Ellen Goldberg



Susan Lavery

consideration. Many of her professors helped her with her decision to stay. She feels that she has gotten a good, personalized education here at Behrend.

Future poetry contests are probable for Ms. Goldberg. She has been writing for many years and has a strong desire to She will continue to write level after graduate school.

The third prize winner was Buffalo native Susan Lavrey. Ms. Lavrey is a junior English major at Behrend. She was very happy and quite honored to win 3rd prize in the Sonnenberg Poetry award.

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How to Begin" judge Maxine key factor. Kumin found "Even at Funerals, essayist.

the best English department in ceremonies in the late spring.

entries "Even at Funerals, My the Penn State system. She Mother's," "From my Great- believes the small campus and Grandmother" and "Wondering low student-faculty ratio is the

After earning her degree, Ms. My Mother's" to be tops. Ms. Lavrey plans to attend graduate Lavrey agreed. The Sonnenberg school, but is still not sure where Poetry contest was Ms. Lavrey's she will go. She would like to first and only poetry contest. teach English at the university

will be featured in this year's Ms. Lavrey's third year at issue of Tempus, the college Behrend brings with it the literary magazine, along with thought that she is glad she chose first place winner Kim Krynock. Behrend's four year English Their awards will be formally program. She feels Behrend has presented at convocation

Abortion Rallies; Pro & Con On the Rise Nationally

by Michael O'Keefe

Prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to rule in a case that could make abortions illegal, rallies for and against abortion have broken out on a number of campuses in recent weeks, and both sides say they will step up efforts to recruit more students to walk their picket lines.

Students at Stephens College in Missouri, Iowa State, Yale and Western Michigan Universities and the Universities of Houston, Washington, Texas and Illinois, to name a few, have rallied for and against abortion in recent weeks with an intensity unusual even for this issue.

Organizers predict more campus efforts will come as the term rolls on, and the Supreme Court's decision -- due this spring-approaches.

In early January, the court agreed to rule on a Missouri law

that limits abortions in that state. If the court rules the law is effectively alter or even overturn opinion than Congress or the its landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which stopped states from passing laws restricting women from obtaining abortions.

The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), a nationwide pro-choice group, and the National Organization for Women (NOW), have long "ignored campuses," admits NARAL's campus coordinator Marcy Wilder, who now says, "It's time to focus on them

again." NARAL and NOW already have pro-choice groups on about 55 campuses, Wilder said, and hope to mobilize students at 400 schools in upcoming weeks. Then they will try to draw "hundreds of thousands" of supporters to Washington, D.C., in April to support abortion, she said, to counter the large pro-life actions held in January.

Since the Supreme Court bases its decisions on the Constitution, common law, case law and previous rulings, it's

constitutional, it would much less susceptible to public president. "Unfortunately, you can't picket the Supreme Court," said Rothman.

> Yet, Wilder says, "If we can convince the court there will be a lot of confusion in American society if they overturn Roe vs. Wade, they may act less drastically."

> Pro-life activists, too, are recruiting students to pressure the court--and sway public opinion-to limit or criminalize abortion.

'We think there should be alternatives to abortion," said Joe Pojman, a University of Texas grad student who is the group's president. "No woman should need to have an abortion because there are no alternatives."

The Missouri law which has led to the renewed abortion controversy states that human life begins at conception, bans public facilities from performing abortions, and requires pregnant women to undergo tests to

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