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SENATE CALLS SEMESTER TO ORDER

The Senate convened on Tuesday for the first meeting of the semester. Dr. Edward Gates, President of Beaver College, was on hand to present S.G.O. Chairperson Michelle Dock with a ceremonial gavel. Dock accepted and the Senate officially began its business.

The first orders of business were the introduction to the Senate of the officers and brief explanations of the Senate's functions and duties. Dock introduced herself, Vice-Chairperson Cindy Burgess and Secretary, Mary Ellen Shilling. She then explained that this was going to be a year remembered not for the work of any particular officer, but as "the year that the Senate got things done."

Burgess then gave an explanation of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure (the governing rules of S.G.O.). She then explained that they weren't much more than common rules of courtesy, and that should a situation arise which needed further in-

terpretation, she would do her best to make the right decision.

Burgess also took it upon herself to attempt to dispell rumors that S.G.O. wasn't being run in an orderly manner. She stated that "If anyone could know how much work Michelle, Mary, and myself did over the summer, and saw what was really behind the surface, they wouldn't feel that way."

Ad hoc committees for the Chat and Library were discussed as was the fund raiser being held next week. Some senators expressed dissatisfaction in the fact that S.G.O. is able to hold a fund raiser, yet individual clubs and organizations are not. Dock explained that first 800 dollars is being raised to purchase uniforms and equipment for the Athletic Association, but that any thing above that \$800 would go to whatever the student body decided upon.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the functions of the



Dr. Gates presents the ceremonial gavel to Michele Dock as her fellow officers proudly look on.

Security Council were discussed. The Security Council was formed late last semester. Its function is to keep the students and the administration aware of possible and or probably security

problems which may occur on campus. The fact was brought to the Senate's attention that the Council is one member short.

The meeting was adjourned

around 5:40, a bit more than an hour after it began. Although the Senate is supposed to meet every other week, the second meeting of the semester will be held on Tuesday, September 30.

ACS Receives Ninth Consecutive Award

For the ninth consecutive year, Beaver College has been selected to receive the National American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Outstanding Chapter Award. Only 27 of these awards were issued in the United States, which averages out to less than four of every one hundred chapters eligible receiving this recognition of excellence.

"It encourages members to strive to do a better job. It's a motivating thing," commented Chapter Advisor Dr. Arthur Breyer on the award. He also added that recognition of this sort is a good reflection on Beaver College.

In order to be eligible upon completion of the spring term each chapter must send in a transcript of the year's events. These reports are submitted to a national committee. The committee evaluates the programs of each chapter and notifies the winners by letter. Dr. Breyer stated, "We won because we designed a good program."

The 1979-80 ACS officers included President Edna Chisolm, Vice President Beverly Giles, Secretary Linda Matucci, and Treasurer Thu Ba Tran. The club stressed active participation from its members and diversity in its program. Edna Chisolm reflected, "I don't know that we did anything different than any other chapter except that we increased our membership over the previous year tremendously and

stressed diversity in our program. We worked to get students involved and make our chapter more diverse, so that it would be a social club as well as an academic one."

Dr. Bryer also pointed out that having an ACS Student Affiliate Chapter provides the college with many benefits. Basically it gives students an introduction to life of the professional chemist and an idea of what to expect. At the same time it encourages and professionalizes students while giving them an opportunity to meet professional chemists and possibly make employment connections. Dr. Breyer believes ACS builds spirit among students and faculty at Beaver. For prospective medical school candidates ACS provides

literature on medical schools as well as guest speakers.

The Beaver Chapter of ACS, which was formed in 1968, has done many worthwhile activities in the past which include field trips, guest speakers, and raising money for charities. This year is no exception. Already on the agenda is the formation of a tutoring service for students having trouble in chemistry.

Newly elected President Linda Matucci kicked off the new semester on Tuesday Sept. 23, when ACS held its first meeting. Officers of ACS were introduced, plans for the coming year were discussed, and information and statistics concerning medical schools were distributed to all who were interested.

Athletic Department Becomes Mobile

By Bruce Silverstein

Transportation need no longer be a problem for the sports teams at Beaver. Last week the physical education department was presented with its own "Busette." The busette will be used mainly by the various athletic teams which must travel to other schools for contests. Other school clubs and organizations may use the busette when it is available; however, they must pay for gas.

The purchase of the busette had been in the planning stage since 1976; however, it wasn't

until this year that the money needed was acquired. The money came in the form of an anonymous donation. When asked how much the busette cost, Treasurer, William James commented, "I'd rather not say, but it should pay for itself in rental savings within the next three years."

The busette is a van-sized bus, capable of transporting 17 students and a driver, who must be an employee of the college. It is painted in stock white, with the Beaver College logo on the sides, has vinyl upholstery, and gets

about 11 miles per gallon of regular gasoline.

Linda Detra, Director of Physical Education, was very satisfied with the purchase. Explaining why the busette was chosen over a regular bus or van, she stated, "The busette is more comfortable, easier to drive, and more attractive than a school bus. Besides, we most likely wouldn't fill a school bus." She also explained, "We looked at regular vans, but we were impressed by the dual wheels in the rear and the chasis, which is built to sup-

Senate Reps Selected

The resident senator elections were carried off successfully last week and the official results are as follows:

Castle
Lisa Ely - First floor
Clare Edwards - Second floor
Dilworth
Terry Fusco - Third West
Jeff Neuhauser - Second East-West
Daryl Springfield - First West
Sandy Conlon - Third East
Lois Trebing - First East

Alternates
Kim Crump
Kirk Jacobson
Heinz
Valerie Moore - Second North
Jon Mathews - Second West
Herb Bailey - Third West
Steve Jones - First West-North
William Martin - Second West
Ellen Greenspan - Third North

Alternates
Anna Range
Ramona Alvaradiatz
Kistler
Myra Mays - First South
Dawn Nash - First West
Viola Williams - Second South
Karen Smith - Third West
Jennifer Wright - Third South
Alternates
Audrey Lander
Charmaine Kent

New Dorm

Officers Elected

The elections for dormitory officers were held last Wednesday and Thursday nights. The officers for 1980-81 are as follows:

Castle
Pres - Renee Destefano
Vice-pres - Clare Edwards
Sec-Treas - Cathy Scott
Kistler
Pres - Auvida Henley
Vice-pres - Lisa Tunner
Sec - Debbie Delvechio
Treas - Cathy Price
Dilworth
Pres - Lisa Stewart
Vice-pres - Barb Kipphut
Sec-Treas - Terri Fusco
Heinz
Pres - Caroline Zarou
Vice-pres - Kate Mariani
Sec-Treas - Jeneanne Green

port heavier loads than that of a van."

For those who haven't seen it yet, the busette is being temporarily kept by the maintenance shed, near the art center, until a permanent spot is selected.

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The Beaver News welcomes letters to the Editor but reserves the right to condense letters due to space limitations. Please make sure letters are signed and no longer than one type-written page.

Letters to the Editor

The senate elections for the fall of 1980 have been tabulated and announced; however, the commuter election may have to be rerun. It seems that due to an error on the ballots, the election procedure was unconstitutional.

Last week the commuter students received circulars asking them to place names in nomination for the Senate. These nominations were then tallied, and the students receiving the most nominations were declared senators. Nowhere on the circular did it explain that due to the lack of time allotted for the commuter elections, the nominations were, in fact, votes. As a result of this procedure, students who didn't wish to be senators were elected, while still others who wished to be weren't given a chance to be so.

If nothing is done to rectify this error, anything that S.G.O. will accomplish this semester will have been done so unconstitutionally, since illegally elected senators can not make official decisions on behalf of the students.

Sincerely,
Bruce Silverstein
Treasurer, D.S.C

To the Editor

The telephone for desk receptionists in Heinz was found missing on Monday. This is just another example of the decaying morality of our society's youth. How are we to foil these criminals who simply take what they want, selfishly satisfying their own desires without regard to anyone else? Must everything in this college be locked up or nailed down? I have no solution. I only hope that the thief who took the phone has the conscience to return it.

An Angry Heinz Resident

Personals

Sue,		Jenni
Are you full yet?		
Kato,		Love,
Why write?	Your brother's friend	
Bean,		Ravina
Meat or milk?		
D,		J & B
Bridesburg or bust.		

You Supply the Elephant!?!

By Cindy Burgess

On October 2nd from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm the Beaver College Student Government Organization is sponsoring The First Annual Get Around the Campus Anyway You Can Fund Raising Marathon. It is an attempt to raise money for new athletic uniforms and equipment and better communication devices. Someone has suggested that some of the money be used for ice machines for the dorms. This is a very good suggestion, but we need more! If you have any suggestions about how you would like the money spent, please contact any SGO officer, Senate member, or a person sitting at the sign-up table in the Chat or dining room.

Here is how it works. On Thursday afternoon you will have one hour to "get around the campus any way you can" (as long as it is not motorized). Previous to this feat you will have sent out pledge letters to all your friends and relatives who will pledge you a certain amount of money for each time you make it around. Sound simple? It is!

All you have to do now is sign up at one of the sign up tables in the Chat or dining room or contact Cindy Burgess x261. You will then be advised of where to pick up your pledge letters. So don't waste any more time.

Some notables who have already signed up include: Andy Burdan and Chris Palmer, co-presidents of the Student Program Board, who are going to jump on the band wagon (literally) in support. Cindy Burgess, vice-chairperson of SGO and Mary Ellen Schilling, secretary of SGO are going around three-legged race style. And if they can do it, anyone can! So sign up today!

Movie Review:

"Fame" and "Xanadu"

By Julie Yollin

I love musicals. The good ones overcome inertia and infuse us with energy and even the ordinary ones are fresh and enjoyable. "Fame" is one of the best ever. It is a high-energy, engrossing, sad, slice-of-life look at New York City's High School for the Performing Arts and the students there who yearn for fame. No more of a description is possible. I sat down at the beginning of the film and neither my eyes nor my mind wandered from the screen until the end. "Fame" is full of vitality, youth and sadness. It is real. Those kids have problems and obstacles and pain but they are driven by an artistic force which pushes them to create, to try, to risk themselves for something more than just existence. While creating, they are maturing and coming of age in society.

As one character says in the film, "Not being happy isn't the same as being unhappy, is it?" "Fame" examines this question and concludes that everybody is just trying not to be unhappy. This film is full of

fabulous realities of life, of love, of New York City, of the performing arts. If you need a shot of adrenalin, see "Fame." It is fantastic!

One of the more ordinary musicals is "Xanadu." It is a corny, old-fashioned story of the Muse Terpsichore (Olivia Newton-John) who falls in love with the artist (Michael Beck) whom she is sent to inspire. This film is so pleasant and enjoyable that it is irresistible. At times it is, however, somewhat tedious, especially during one animated scene. "Xandadu" has some good music; many of the songs have made it as Top 40 hits. The best and most innovative number combines two dance scenes, one from the forties and the other from today. These are blended together to form the idea of Xanadu -- a nightclub. The club symbolizes the realization of the dreams of an older and a younger man.

"Xandadu" is unrealistic but nice, as a piece of corny escapism which every person could use occasionally. I just love musicals.

Weekend in the Wilderness

By Merton Minter

On Friday afternoon, September 19, the Beaver College Outing Club departed on their first camping expedition deep into the treacherous woods near French Creek State Forest. Arriving a bit late forced us to set up many of the tents after nightfall. The next morning, after a good nights sleep and a delightful meal of scrambled pancakes and bacon, we began our fifty-mile job carrying 100-lb. rock-filled backpacks. Joe Schliefer, leader of Group One, carried a 150-lb. pack and still came in first. Two students were lost on this jog, but we hope to receive word from them soon.

After the run and calisthenics, we were ready to board the canoes and rowboats at the Mamouth State Forest Lake. The yachting endeavor was highlighted by a canoe flipping exhibition by Craig

Taylor and Craig Tobais. We hope the Coast Guard finds them but it doesn't look too promising.

Our Group Leaders, Joe Schliefer, Patti Shea, Timothy Alsfeld, and Arthur Walters protected their people from the vicious killer squirrels that inhabit the area. There were no incidents with these furry critters. According to the local yokels, this is amazing for a group our size. Gale and Tony DiGiorgio handled the food division superbly. One camper was heard to say after the Saturday Night Lobster and Filet dinner, "Hey, this isn't bad." The only negative event occurred later in the evening when one of the crystal chandeliers fell from the tree to which it was fastened. Fortunately there were no injuries.

Our next Beaver scurry into the wilderness is a one day canoe trip down the Delaware on October 12. A good time is guaranteed for all.



Guide For
The Perplexed

Friday, September 26
SPB film "The Grateful Dead" 8 pm Stiteler
Saturday, September 27
Soccer - St. Francis D 1:30 Allentown
Sr. Class Event - Shore Trip Assoc. of Beaver Blacks Disco 10-3 pm Murphy
Monday, September 29
Day Student Club Afternoon Movies 12-3
Film "Intolerance" 6 pm Calhoun Amp.
Tuesday, September 30
Poetry Reading - Norman Rosten 8 pm Stiteler
Films from the Twenties 9 pm Calhoun Amp.
Wednesday, October 1
Beaver College Student Union - Lunch in the Sukkath 11:30-2 pm Outside Chat
Film "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands" 7:30 pm Stiteler
Club International Folk Dancing 8 pm Gym

★★★★

Last Tuesday night in the Chat, SPB sponsored a coffeehouse featuring Ted Steranko. A folksinger from Reading, he pleased the audience by playing many of their requests. This weeknight event proved to be perfect for people who wanted to come and mellow out to a solo singer. The next coffeehouse will be held on October 2.

The featured soloist will be Jim Turner, a professor of creativity whose talents include playing musical glasses and wrenches. He will be performing in the Dining Hall beginning at 8 pm, so come be a part of the fun.

See you there,
S.P.B.

★★★★

On Tuesday, September 30, Poet Norman Rosten will read from a selection of his works. Rosten has been called a "poet of communication" by some critics. He believes that "poetry should neither exhaust nor confuse, but invigorate and clarify." In addition to writing poetry, he has written several novels, including **Under the Boardwalk**, a nonfiction work about Marilyn Monroe and numerous plays. He is the recipient of various awards including one from the Academy of Arts and Letters for his work in radio. The poetry reading will begin at 8 P.M. and a reception will follow afterward.

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Profile:**Eileen and Charley Moeller**

By Cheryl Lockett

"I'm a real thirsty person," Eileen Moeller, new Resident Director in Heinz Dormitory, describes herself, "thirsty for experience and for learning about myself and other people. I'm fascinated by people. I'm also an optimist. I look at everything in a positive way, even if it's painful, there's something to be learned by it. I'm conservative, but I see myself as fairly tolerant. I'm a cautious person."

Adds Charley, Eileen's husband, "Eileen is very sensitive, sensitive to herself and sensitive to others and what's going on around herself. I see her in touch, aware of what's going on around her. Parallel with this, she's pretty perceptive. She has a sense of what's going on. She can really give a lot to other people. I know this because of how much she gives to me."

Eileen graduated from William Patterson College in New Jersey where she majored in English and Psychology. When in Muncie, where the Moellers lived before moving to Beaver College campus, she considered trying to earn her M.S. in Psychometry, but, she says, "I was undecided, so I didn't continue." Since graduating from college, Eileen has worked with welfare clients and later as a social worker with drug addicts. In Muncie, as a Vocational Evaluator, she did vocational testing with mentally retarded adults.

"I feel like I'm growing in my job," says Eileen of her job as Heinz R.D. "It started out feeling like all I was here for was to enforce rules. Now, there's more counseling involved. It's the sort of job that gradually takes place."

Both Charley and Eileen feel that the job has not affected their personal life. "I certainly don't want everyone to start stampeding to our door," Eileen says with a smile to her husband, to which he responds with a grin, "but sometimes the students feel a little reticent about knocking at the door. I certainly haven't felt intruded upon. We've started to invite people to visit us. Once they get comfortable with being with us, they'll invite themselves a little more."

"It's weird living in your job," Eileen qualifies, however. "Living at school can be tiring." Adds Charley, "It's nice to go away every once in a while, just for variety's sake."

Charley, who has his B.S. in Sociology and his M.A. in Counseling, is currently "two-thirds of his way through" his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Charley has worked at a variety of jobs, driving trucks, working in a factory, and acting as an electrician's apprentice among them. Currently, however, he is working on his doctoral internship at Benjamin Rush Mental Hospital where he functions as a therapist in the Adult Out-Patient Unit.



Eileen and Charley Moeller, new Resident Directors in Heinz.

"I hope to have more time this year than the last two years," says Charley, who has been busy working on his Ph.D. "Any spare time I did have, I spent with Eileen." Adds Eileen, "You get used to snatching time where you can."

"He's an honest, loving person," Eileen says of her husband. "Very alive. Charley's always involved, and I suppose that's what I mean about him being 'alive.' He's right there, experiencing everything."

Of himself, Charley says, "I'm always surprised or amazed by more things about myself, and that's real stimulating to me. I'm always changing in some way. I'm starting to get comfortable with that. I don't have to be always in control anymore. The understanding that I'm always going to be changing is control in itself."

"Music has been a hobby and a vocation off and on at different times for me," adds Charley, who, having been playing the piano since he was seven, has also played with a band. "At one time I even considered making it my life's work," Charley says, smiling ruefully, "but I was constantly playing for people who weren't into things I was into or who didn't like music at all. I was afraid I would lose my enjoyment of it." Charley also "dabbles" in swimming and racketball and loves animals. He hopes to own a farm someday.

Eileen's hobbies are as diversified as Charley's are. "I crochet," says Eileen. "I write poetry and in a journal. I also knit. I do a little painting, and I love to read." She pauses, then adds with a smile, "None of them are real active things to do, but I really enjoy them."

"Together, we love to go camping, and we're great traveling buddies," Eileen adds. Then, smiling wryly, she says, "But that's not so feasible right now."

Eileen, who is expecting a child in March or April, says of her pregnancy, "There have been a lot of mixed feelings. Our basis for having a child is solid. I think we'll make good parents. But you don't have any concept until you start making a family that it is a process. You usually think about it as an occurrence; all of a sudden, here's a baby. But it's a whole different thing."

"It's been a real experience," Charley adds. "My initial reaction was really happy. I trust my gut-level reactions, which is what my happiness was. But at the same time, I was scared. Am I going to make a good father - whatever that is."

Eileen and Charley are optimistic about the future of marriage. "The family is not dying," Eileen says. "There's going to be a rebirth."

She adds, "There needs to be a hundred percent mutability in marriage. Both people have to be equally invested in making it work."

Charley agrees, but says, "I think marriage is the best and the worst. If you're going to live life, it's the best. There's no way you can go through life with marriage without living. A single person can weave his way through life without experiencing other people, but when you're married, you're part of another person. It's really what life is all about, and it's a pretty full experience."

"The main thing is that when you make a marriage, you grow whether you want to or not," says Eileen. "Sometimes it's painful, sometimes not. It's enriching to share your life with a whole other person."

"To make a good marriage," she concludes, "a person has to be able to compromise and to keep in touch with the love you feel for the other person, which isn't always easy to do. And you also need to be friends."

Like Eileen and Charley.

Pending Vending Venture

By Jeff Neuhauser

As a result of widespread campus interest, the International Lounge, opposite the gameroom in Dilworth, is being transformed into a vending as well as lounge area. Seven different vending machines will be installed to provide students with everything from candy and ice cream to snacks, juices, and cigarettes. There are also plans to refurbish the lounge to make it more accommodating.

Dining Hall Manager Nick LaSorsa is acting as liaison between Beaver and Unit Vending Company since they will not deal with the Student

Government Organization directly. The vending machines were supposed to have been moved into the lounge by last week. However, due to several delays the project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Only five of the machines will be new. The soda machine from the washroom will be moved into the lounge. Also the ice cream machine in the hall will be moved in since it was labeled as a fire hazard by the fire marshal. It is likely that a microwave oven will be added to the lounge in the near future.

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A Tribute To Jim Hendrix

By David Wilson

It's 1980 and the Sixties continue to fade into memory. America is overwhelmingly conservative. Marijuana is passe. Free love is boring. However, some echoes of the era linger on. Ask any latter day flower child about Jimi Hendrix and you'll probably hear "Oh, Hendrix, definitely. Purple Haze, man, drugs. Excellent guitarist. It's a drag he died, man, but you know rock stars." Even ten-years after his death, Hendrix is still widely misunderstood. The young kids with the dirty long hair and the vacant eyes try to claim him for their own, but you know better than that. Hendrix was his own man.

Although his lifestyle often overshadowed his talent, Hendrix should be remembered for his genius as a musician. He had no peers as a rock guitarist. As a rock musician, only Keith Moon of the Who could compare for sheer innovation. Hendrix fused the technical brilliance of Eric Clapton with the apocalyptic mayhem of Peter Townsend to form a guitar style that could be alternately flashy or subtle. For example, he played solos with his teeth which many guitarists could not manage with their hands. He was also capable of the beautifully understated rhythm playing on "Angel" and "Little Wing." Technically brilliant, he never indulged in aimless riffing, opting instead for a concise,

melodic approach. Ten years after his death, most rock guitarists follow the trails he blazed.

But Hendrix's importance transcended his axmanship. His favorite songwriter was Bob Dylan, and like Dylan, he achieved a kind of lyricism that transcends the label "pop music." Apart from his pose as a psychedelic Love Man, his lyrics show him as a sensitive man looking for love amid the transient hedonism of the rock world. Even at the height of his fame, Hendrix was always an outsider to the rock world, and no one knew it better than he.

On the tenth anniversary of his death, Hendrix's legacy still lives on. It lives within the self destructive nihilism of the punk movement, the progressive black bands like Parliament-Funkadelic, and the soaring, emotional guitars of Carlos Santana, Jeff Beck, and Edward Van Halen. It is musicians like these, to name but a few, that bring the same sense of raw talent and adventure that Hendrix had to rock music. It is time to bury the image of freak, the avatar of the drug culture. Remember Hendrix as a lonely, misunderstood genius who struggled to achieve some kind of inner peace and then, to quote Peter Townshend, Died Before He Got Old. No rocker could want a better epitaph.

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HOLTON'S HABITUDE

By John Holton

Mention poison gas, and most people think of the First World War. They will probably also know that it wasn't used for combat in World War Two. So they assume that it has been relegated to our nightmares, and the real world can forget it. Until recently the U.S. Army bought this assessment. They virtually phased the Chemical Corps out of existence. Training in chemical warfare was a standing joke, and field manuals rarely concentrated on the issue. Unfortunately the decision to dump chemical warfare on the garbage heap of history was not unanimous. Someone else has been steadily and deliberately building up an ominous chemical warfare capability. And I'll give you one guess who that someone is!

During the 1973 war the Israelis captured from the Syrians a new Soviet chemical decontamination kit. Inside, they found a strange little bottle of brownish liquid. Chemical analysis soon revealed that the liquid was an antidote for Soman, a nerve gas. This discovery began a sudden reassessment of chemical warfare in the U.S. Army. Evidence, that until then had been ignored, was considered; and it became clear that the Soviets were preparing to fight and win a chemical war.

The story of Russia's poison gas program begins after the destruction of the Third Reich. The Russians carted home German chemists and stocks of nerve gas. Hoping to offset the American atomic bomb, they mounted a determined poison gas program. They assigned special decontamination units to all levels of the Red Army and developed delivery systems ranging from land mines to intermediate range missiles. They established an intensive chemical warfare training program for their soldiers that actually involves the use of poison gas. (Indeed it is common knowledge that the Red Army loses 15 to 20 soldiers a year to chemical weapons training). Their efforts have paid off. Russian soldiers are masters of chemical warfare: they can operate in a contaminated environment with minimal losses of efficiency. Every Russian tank division has a decontamination unit that literally works like a car wash to decontaminate a tank battalion in 70 minutes. And they possess enormous stocks of chemical weapons.

There exists good evidence that the Vietnamese have used Russian chemical agents against the Cambodians. And the State Department estimates that there is a 50/50 chance that the Russians are using poison gas in Afghanistan. Should the Warsaw Pact attack Western Europe, they would use chemical weapons in several ways. Aircraft and medium range missiles would create a drizzle of nerve gas over Nato airfields, supply units, and assembly areas. This would impede Nato supply and air support. Nerve gas would also be spread along the flanks of Soviet thrusts to contain side attacks. Special non-persistent blood gases (causing convulsions and asphyxia) would be dropped on the targets of direct Soviet assaults. Because these blood gases dissipate quickly, the gassed area would soon be safe for Soviet troops.

This could be so devastating that one Nato division commander has publicly called the Russian chemical advantage "by far the greatest tactical threat to Nato." But this needn't be so. World War One for example, showed us that chemical warfare is most effective against soldiers who are not prepared for it. Against such troops it kills many and causes mass panic. But for soldiers who are well trained in the use of protective clothing and decontamination, chemical warfare is more of an inconvenience than a threat. They simply button up. Gas masks might slow them down, but not many of them would be killed by chemical agents. Thus it is worthwhile to use chemical warfare only when your enemy is unprepared for it.

Unfortunately Nato forces are not well prepared. In 1976 the U.S. Army began rebuilding our chemical capabilities, but much remains to be done. Our decontamination units simply do not have the mass, car wash capability of their Soviet counterparts. It is estimated that the available U.S. stock of poison gas could be expended in 48 hours of combat. Although training is improving, most U.S. units would suffer a severe loss of efficiency if they were forced to don gas protective garb. Not only front line troops but aircraft mechanics and supply officers must be able to operate effectively in a contaminated environment.

A key part of the Army's catch-up program is the development of binary shells. They contain two chemicals that mix together in flight to produce nerve gas. Strong opposition has formed to this program. Most of it is based on knee-jerk fear of such weapons. Unfortunately, those opposing this program aren't the ones who will be caught in the Russian gas drizzle. If the U.S. has the ability to retaliate effectively with chemical agents, the Soviets are far less likely to start spraying our troops with nerve gas. Otherwise I guarantee you that they will exploit chemical warfare to the hilt. Their fiendish modern chemicals will make World War One look like a frolic.

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SPORTS REPORT

Soccer Squad Receives Trophy Mugs; Victorious in Season Debut

Five years ago they didn't even exist. Three years ago they were darn lucky to win one game. The last two years they've been undefeated league champions. They are Beaver sports' greatest success story - the Soccer Team. Last Saturday the members of last year's winning team were honored in a special ceremony where they were each presented with a trophy mug as league champions. Mugs were also presented to those people who had worked hard behind the scenes to help promote soccer, people such as Tony Giampietro, Dr. Gates, Dean Landman, and Charles Materson of A.L.A.

The Beaver Soccer team then went on to kick off this year's season with a 2-1 victory over Cabrini College. Coach Hollingsworth used the game as a chance to let everyone get their feet wet and there were plenty of substitutions as the two teams battled it out in a fairly even and exciting match. Khaled Bouchaoui scored first for

Beaver and it looked as if the Beaver squad was going to dominate the first half until Cabrini came back and evened the score.

Beaver's second and winning goal came in the second half when Tony Castillo was awarded a penalty kick. Unfortunately, Tony was injured later on and is probably out for the rest of the season with a broken leg.

With 25 members on this

year's team, including five new freshmen, Beaver Soccer has a lot of talent going for it. But, as Coach Hollingsworth says, "It's just a matter of getting everyone out for practices so we can build up a strong team to carry on our undefeated record." The soccer team has twelve more games this season, and every one of their opponents is out to be the first to beat Beaver College.

Bryn Mawr Edges Beaver In Field Hockey Fray

By Cathy Price

The Beaver-Bryn Mawr hockey game turned out to be a lesson in losing for Beaver. Last year, Bryn Mawr, a top team in the league, walked away with a 6-1 victory and this year it looked as if they would do the same. However, the members of Beaver hockey team (League B) had other ideas. The first half was coming to a close with Bryn Mawr leading 2-0, but then the Beaver freshmen turned on their sticks with Brigitte Foley scoring Beaver's first goal. A rush-on goal, it helped to give Beaver some sorely needed confidence.

The next bully evidenced Carla Morris' confidence as she burst through the tough

Bryn Mawr defense and scored. The half then ended with a surprising 2-2 tie.

Second half began with tough defensive team work on Beaver's behalf as the Bryn Mawr offense pushed desperately for a goal. Goalie Marianne Ritaldato did a superb job of protecting goal for Beaver. Unfortunately, in the last three minutes of the game, Bryn Mawr bullied their way to a third and game-winning goal. Despite the 3-2 loss, Beaver's Field Hockey proved they were a team to contend with in any league. Says Coach Betsy Kovash, "The game was exciting; there was a lot of pressure. But we still need more experience working together."

Tennis Team Raises Racket

Although they had never played Pharmacy before, the Beaver tennis team played as though they knew them well. The team is stronger than last year. It includes four returning players: Anita D'Amore, Sherri Kasloff, Jan Beer and Mika Mizobe. Meg Moyer and Kerry Jampolis have recently joined them to create a victorious team.

In Singles play, Anita D'Amore faced her first loss, 2-6, 1-6. Sherri Kasloff went on to tie the score with a decisive match of 6-1, 6-2. Michelle Cherry put Beaver ahead, winning 6-3, 6-3. The Doubles teams were unbeatable with Mika Mizobe and Jan Beer sharing a 6-0, 6-1 win. Meg Moyer and Kerry Jampolis continued Beaver's success with 6-0, 6-2 wins.

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Academics Vs. Athletics

Many athletes feel that when it comes down to classes and practice, academics are of primary concern. The question is not which of the two is more significant, because both are important for physical and mental well-being.

Says Coach Betsy Kovash, "Academics and athletics can work together if both sides are willing to cooperate. They are equally important in developing the mind and body." Besides the healthful aspects of sports, there are also educational values to be learned through participation. "Academics can't teach you everything," remarks senior field hockey fullback Susan O'Neill. "Athletics teaches how to get along with people

through teamwork."

Physical Education Director Linda Detra agrees with this. "Athletics are a good socializing and learning experience. They provide leadership and fellowship opportunities."

Despite these arguments, some athletes are unable to leave their books to enjoy the benefits of sport. Tennis Coach Weiss is very unhappy that so many of her players have late classes which prevent them from attending matches. "Beaver students should be able to participate fully in athletics as well as fulfill their academic requirements," comments Weiss.

