

## Stiteler Chapel Opens Doors

By Cheryl Baisden

What is now Stiteler Memorial Presbyterian Chapel was once the hayloft of the barn on the William Welsh Harrison estate. Once the Harrison estate became the property of Beaver College the hayloft was converted into a chapel, seating 788. In January of this year reconstruction was begun on the chapel with the final product being completed toward the end of the summer.

This renovation, including removal of the stage, a new floor, 400 new seats and all new equipment, was made possible by 3 large gifts secured by President Edward D. Gates. These gifts include a \$100,000 anonymous grant, and \$114,000 voted to Beaver College by the Presbytery of Philadelphia (from the estate of Frederick Stiteler, a Philadelphia realtor). The final gift covered the cost of the sound and projection equipment, which was paid for by another anonymous donor.

The renovated building was designed by the architect Elizabeth

Lawson, who was employed to renovate and upgrade the existing space. She created the design of Stiteler from the building code requirements for exiting, the building's original configuration, and the pre-designated use of the chapel. The Chapel will serve the college, church and area communities by bringing many types of entertainment to the campus.

Although there was a large amount of work to be done on the building, a certain amount of work had to be done on Murphy, the adjoining building, before the Chapel could be completed. Both buildings had to be brought up to today's

safety standards. Murphy Hall had to be fire-proofed throughout; the college did this itself. Fire doors were re-ordered, since regular doors were originally purchased. There were, of course, the usual problems of dealing with an old building but everything was resolved by the end of the summer.

Stiteler has been used on a few occasions but "We don't plan to dedicate it until spring," stated Dr. Gates. "It's not unusual to dedicate a building sometime after its been constructed," he continued. Officially, dedicated or not, Stiteler Chapel is a welcome addition to Beaver College.

## Gest Collection Sold

By Molly Murray

According to spokespersons at the Parke-Bernet Gallery in New York the Gest Collection was sold for a total of \$189,405.00 on November 1, 1977. More than 3,000 volumes, some rare, most bound exquisitely, which were called the Gest Collection, were auctioned by the college for many reasons.

College Librarian, Russell McWhinney, indicated that the books were rarely used and that temperatures and humidity conditions

were not appropriate for the maintenance of rare books. McWhinney hopes that the \$189,405.00 will be returned to the library so that an endowment fund might be set up. However, Dr. Edward Gates, president of the college, maintains that the decision on the use of the money lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees. In addition, Gates declined comment on whether or not he would make a recommendation to the Board and when a decision will be made.

## Secret Santa Shopping List

Omygawd! It's Secret Santa time again and that means thinking of neat gifts for that lucky person whose name you pulled out of the hat. Small gifts purchased on a budget can be fun for both giver and givee, if you use a little imagination while shopping.

Where to go? The Beaver bookstore is both well-stocked and handy, although the consensus around campus is that you should try to get off campus to buy your big gift. Christmas-y items dominate the shelves this month: cards, decorations, wrapping paper, and gifts abound. Peanuts motifs seem to be in this year, with Snoopy adorning many an ornament. Decorated ashtrays and coffee mugs will help your Christmas spirit, and they have a nice selection of undecorated ones for year-round use. Calendars make useful gifts this time of year, a memo board could solve some problems for that friend who gets tons of phone calls, and frisbees are always popular.

Cedarbrook Mall, conveniently located for your shopping expedition, houses an interesting variety of stores. Korvettes will sell you a goldfish for 19¢ (10 for 99¢) and a bowl to keep him in. The 69¢ one is adequate for a solitary cold-blooded aquatic vertebrate. Tennis balls are sure to please a sports lover, and a hula hoop is guaranteed to give you hours of fun and exercise. Incense wafting through a room is always pleasant, as are candles. Sketch books are nice for art majors; a blank book is sure to please someone who writes. Check out the local toy departments: something humorous nearly always turns up. (The Mystery Date Game is only \$5.79!) Cosmetics can also make nice gifts.

Old favorites include such hot items as food, candy, Advent calendars, Christmas ornaments,

and stationery. Gifts that come in a series can be fun: day one give soil, day two give pot, day three plant.

The way you give your gifts can liven up that dreary week before finals. Treasure hunts are an oldie — but goodie; but make sure the person you send on the hunt enjoys doing it. Or have her-him hang up a Christmas stocking to be filled. Most important, consider the person who's receiving the gift. Don't give anything you wouldn't want to get, and think about what interests that person may have. Above all, have fun!

## Senate News

There will be student representation at meetings of the Board of Trustees, it was announced at last Monday's Senate meeting. The Board of Trustees, which meets about five times a year, will now be attended by the SGO officers.

Bev Clausen gave a committee report for Ed Policy. Some discussion arose concerning the English 100 course and whether students should receive credit for it or not. Currently, students enrolled in the course do not earn academic credit.

Lenny Fusco reported on Exam Changes Committee and outlined that committee's criteria for rescheduling student exams.

Libby Close presented a wrap-up of the work being done by the International Programs Committee. A bill presented by Mary Jane Crossen to have proposed legislation given to Senators before they come to meetings was approved.

A report of the last College Council meeting was read. The Council set up a committee to deal with problems of security, parking and maintenance.

## Art History Comes Alive at Alverthorpe

By Paula Oram

As an additional benefit to the slide lectures of the 19th Century art history course, Ms. Jean Francksen took her class to the Alverthorpe Gallery, home of the Rosenwald Collection, during the semester. The trip was in connection with the topic of Romanticism. In particular, we saw the plates and prints of Goya and Blake.

The class arrived at Alverthorpe between 10:30 and 11:00 by means of carpools. As a prerequisite, all visitors must wash their hands before viewing and handling the prints. (The Alverthorpe Gallery's practice of allowing visitors to handle original works of art is a unique one.) As we were waiting for the rest of the group to arrive, I

looked around in the room in which we were to meet and asked questions about the prints on display. Tony Rosatti, representing the Alverthorpe Gallery, willingly explained. On display were prints by 16th century Italian printers. They were small but intricate in detail. Rosatti said they were Nielli prints. The plates used for the prints were originally silver plaques used for ornamentation, but a black substance was rubbed into them to produce the prints.

Class formally began as we sat around a table and discussed Goya and Blake and saw their prints. The highlight of our trip was yet to come. Mr. Rosenwald, owner of the collection came into the room to join

in on our class lecture, an unusual practice. Ms. Francksen introduced Mr. Rosenwald as "the man responsible for the print collection." Mr. Rosenwald quickly quipped in return, "and you're responsible for looking at the prints." The authentic Blake copper-relief etching plates were taken out and placed on display as was Blake's book, *Song of Innocence and Experience*.

After Mr. Rosenwald left, our discussion carried on. We saw more Blakes, plus a work by Manet that was reminiscent of Goya. It was a delight to see the originals, and it was important for the class to see the difference between slides in class and the actual prints.

## News Shorts

By Cheryl Baisden and Kathy Mackin

'Tis the season to be jolly! 'Tis "The Joyous Season"! On Thursday evening, December 15, "The Joyous Season", a program commemorating both Christian and Jewish traditions will be presented in the Castle. Usually Beaver College holds a program honoring only the Christmas holiday, but this year both Christmas and Hanukkah will be celebrated.

The program will include readings and music with a Christmas theme as well as Hanukkah-related readings. The Castleaires and Glee Club will be on hand to sing some customary Christmas carols which will be complemented by unique selections like "Fum, Fum, Fum". Later, Kim Mengel will lead the audience in carol-singing.

"The Joyous Season" is being organized by Lisa Morelli and her assistants Ann Curran, Lisa Wasser, Kim Mengel and Kathy Mackin. It should be a fun way to get into the holiday spirit, so come and join the fun!

### SPB Ski Bash

Student Program Board, under the direction of Linda Brandt, is offering yet another alternative to

blah weekends at Beaver. February 24-26 may be spent in the Catskills enjoying a Ski Weekend at Hunter Mountain. The \$68 price covers transportation, room and board, entertainment, ice skating, skiing, and snowmobiling. Checks should be made out to SPB and a \$20 deposit is due by December 15. Check with Linda Brandt or Carole Jacobs for details.

### Bulletin Sponsors Career Day

Graduate and undergraduate students considering a career in print or broadcast journalism or public relations are invited to spend a day on the job with a professional.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, will schedule the day during your Christmas vacation.

Although there are no special qualifications or cost, the application process is easy. Simply write a letter including: your name, college, year, specific career interest (such as television, radio or newspaper reporting, magazine writing) and three dates, in order of priority, when you are available to spend a day on the job.

Send the letter, as far in advance of your semester break as possible,

to Ms. Marci Shatzman, Evening Bulletin, 30th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Penna. 19101. (No phone calls will be accepted).

The society will handle all of the arrangements and notify the student when and where to go and with whom you will be spending a day.

Those students having more than one career interest in journalism should indicate that in the letter. List specific career interests in order of priority.

Please be certain that all letters include an address and phone numbers where you can be reached during working and evening hours on weekdays and weekends.

### Women's Hoopla Begins

By Kathy Bodner

The girl's basketball team of Beaver College has started practice in preparation for the new season. The team looks promising this year with the strength and vigor of many returning players. Valerie Holmes, Anna Lee Gonsalves, Kaylan Elliot, Deb Rose, Sue Sullivan and Caryn Best, all promise to be great assets to the team.

In addition to these players the team has some new members such

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## Editorials

Some students do not receive academic credit for what is perhaps the most important course they will ever take in college. English 100, Basic College Writing, is directed towards "students whose mastery of English is not yet sufficient to meet the entrance requirements of English 101." Students who take English 100 include it in their schedule as a fourth course and for many it is a required prerequisite.

On the basis of its remedial nature, academic credit is not offered for English 100. Proponents of this practice claim that it is justifiable on the grounds that English 100 is an introductory course designed to prepare students who are supposedly not capable of handling college-level work. It's not hard enough, they say.

Are students in English 100 witless clods, illiterate fools incapable of writing a coherent sentence? Of course not. And even if they were, would that constitute valid grounds for discrimination?

The students are in college, which by definition excludes them from the illiterate category. They take three other "hard", college-level courses at the same time they struggle through English 100. Improving one's writing is no easy task at any level and denying credit to someone who needs to strengthen the basic merely starts a vicious circle. It's difficult to put a lot into a course when you don't even get credit — and then the student (now classified as inadequate and incapable of handling college work) must fill in the blank space on his/her transcript by cramming five courses into one semester (no easy task, particularly for the "inadequate illiterate".)

One way to eliminate the problem would be to give credit for English 100. Why should a person be punished for being a victim of the system? mtt

## NEWS SHORTS (Continued from Page 1, Col. 3)

as: Elizabeth "Missy" Wilson, a strong player who has had basketball camp training, Linda Hawks, another promising player, and Ann Wilson, a transfer day student.

The first game will be after the Christmas break. Come see and support the team coached by June "Spike" Cryer.

## Winterim Ideas

By Laurie Comes

Winterim is a free time to pursue career experiences. Programs offered during the January period include everything from Computer Language, and off campus teaching programs, to studies abroad in Spain and England. Some popular choices are the writing and tutoring

course with Dr. Maimon, Computer Analysis, and experimental internships in psychology.

This winter month is a period set aside for personal growth. If one has a specific career in mind, it helps the individual to get practice in his field to decide if the choice he made is best suited for his needs and interests.

It is a time that the individual can take advantage of to experiment and expand his learning experience, and to broaden his scope of knowledge in outside fields.

Previous projects have included working as a teacher's aid in elementary schools, pearl diving, weaving, egg decorating and Flamenco dancing. Other students have chosen to work in admissions,

or in the zoological center in Philadelphia as tour guides.



A handful of folks are planning a dance marathon for April 1, with the proceeds to help fund the fight against muscular dystrophy. Show your concern by helping out — organizers are needed immediately. There's a possibility of gaining Winterim credit for your work. If you're interested, please contact Nancy Harris at ext. 287. — Your help is needed!

## Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

In regard to the editorial in the November 22, 1977 issue of the Beaver News referring to Senate and the S.G.O. chairperson I wish to explain and clarify several points made by Editor-in-Chief Molly Murray.

— The S.G.O. officers are responsible for proposals coming before the Senate. But, the Senators must also realize that they, too, have an obligation to submit proposals that are pertinent to their constituents, i.e., security.

— The Chairperson of S.G.O. has told the Senate that **Roberts Rules of Order** is not to be used as a game but, as an efficient means of producing output. However, some Senators seem to be overly fascinated with **Roberts Rules of Order**, thereby wasting necessary meeting time.

— I feel that the Senate has accomplished more than just routine duties. Issues dealt with by the Senate this semester have been:

the creation of the Society for the Advancement of Business Administration  
 approval of Party Security Regulations  
 approval of Judicial Board Procedures  
 approval of the constitution and by-laws of Residence Hall Council

approval for the creation of a Freshman Council  
 creation of the Beaver Association of Fine Arts.

Senate has approved funding requests of large amounts of money for the Math Club, Student Program Board, Beaver Log, Beaver Association of Fine Arts, Residence Hall Council, Society for the Advancement of Business Administration, Athletic Association, Day Student Club, English Club, & Beaver Soccer Team. Senate has also ratified students to sit on numerous student and Faculty-Student committees.

Are these "...minor pieces of legislation?" I think not. The clubs could not function without their money, policy decisions from committees couldn't be made without student representation, and new organizations couldn't be formed if Senate did not act on these student concerns. What Editor-in-Chief Murray seems not to realize is that even in the halls of the United States Congress a great majority of time is spent in mundane duties that are essential to the smooth functioning of government. Only when these legislative matters are completed can the U.S. Congress (and likewise the Beaver College Student Government Association) face the substantive issues.

The S.G.O. officers gladly accept any ideas concerning student government here at Beaver College for we too, see the need for improvement. However, contributions can best be made when criticism is concrete, backed with ideas and responsible suggestions, not when used to merely tear down a student government that its leaders are trying so hard to make viable.

Sincerely,  
 Lisa Wasser

## BCF Plans Holiday Party

By Kathy Mackin

In the true Christmas spirit the Beaver Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a welcoming party for all ALA Students. The purpose of the party is not only to welcome ALA Students but also to explain why the United States celebrates Christmas. Each ALA student will receive a personal invitation. The bash is scheduled to be held December 9 from 7:30 to 10:30. It will be highlighted by games, skis and refreshments and should prove to be great fun.

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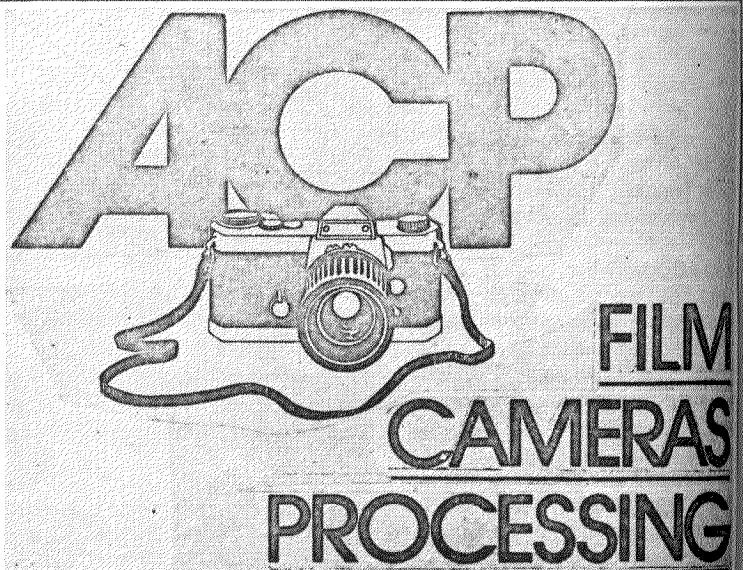
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