



Course Clustering Expands; Provides Broad Background



Dr. Pradyumna Chauhan, Associate Professor of English.

By Cheryl Baisden

It seems that Beaver College's liberal arts curriculum, its concern "with those qualities of mind and emotion which contribute to effectiveness in all major endeavors", has become an important concept in today's society. "The broad background that should exist in human thinking does not anymore," stated Dr. Pradyumna Chauhan, Associate Professor of English. "Employers are looking for people with broad backgrounds," he continued, "and a general understanding of the major disciplines." Because of this growing need for general knowledge in the working world, as well as in the classroom, Beaver has introduced course clustering into its curriculum.

"Course clustering is a part of the general national movement toward generalization which has developed due to thirty years of unproductive overspecialization," Chauhan explained. Since World War II, there has been an existing trend toward

specific studies such as Literature or Biology. This trend changed as "the world came to realize that knowledge is not, and cannot be divided into water-tight compartments because, total understanding comes only with total education," stated Chauhan. "Through clustering we hope to integrate the student's comprehension of material within his/her major with material outside of that major."

Sophomore Karen Anderson is taking the course cluster offered this semester with professors Maimon, Belcher, Haslett and Curchack. She feels that the program has been

extremely beneficial as far as comprehension is concerned. "I think the program is good because it has allowed me to gain different perspectives on one basic idea," Anderson explained. "The input from each discipline explains how a specific topic relates to society as a whole." She also feels that the work she produces is better since there is more student-faculty discussion about material than in most courses.

"As an English major the program has given me a context in which to place the literature I have studied," stated another student presently taking advantage of the program. She has found it easier to understand how literature and history fit together and her work load has been considerably lightened. "When you are dealing with the same general ideas in two courses you get to see things from more than one angle and that makes

it easier when it comes to studying."

The course cluster program was developed by Dr. Elaine Maimon, Director of Writing, and is an outcome of Beaver's new writing program. It is a way of reinforcing the writing skills being taught to all students and a way for students to get feedback from different disciplines.

During the fall semester of 1978 two course clusters will be offered on the curriculum. Each course offered may be taken separately or with one or two of the related courses.

Cluster I — American Studies

English 227, American Literature: Dreams and Realities — T Th 10:30-12:00, Dr. Chauhan. History 327, American Ideas: T Th 1:00-2:35, Dr. Abernathy. Religion 318, Protestant, Catholic, Jew: The Development of American Religion — T 7:00-9:50, Dr.



Dr. Elaine Maimon, Director of Writing.

Cluster II — Children and the Law

Sociology 355 Child Welfare: M W 4:00-5:40, Ms. Kirby. Psych-Educ. 214, Introduction to Exceptional Children: M W F 1:30-2:35, Dr. Nodine. English 310, Principles of Written Communication: W 7:00-9:50, Dr. Maimon.

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honorary Society is now receiving nominations and self-nominations for membership. To be eligible, students must have taken at least three history courses in college and must have at least a 3.1 grade point average in those courses. In addition, students must have a 3.0 grade point average in two thirds of their non-history courses.

Phi Alpha Theta's dual tasks are to recognize excellence in historical studies and to promote interest in history. The Beaver Chapter of the Society has sponsored a history conference on campus at which several students gave papers and holds several meetings-social functions each year.

Interested students should contact Dr. Belcher (Classroom Building, Room 114) before May 1.

Senate Ratifies NSOC

By Sue McCormick

The new Student Orientation Committee (NSOC) was ratified by Senate Monday, April 17. The purpose of this committee will be to acquaint incoming freshman with life at Beaver College.

The NSOC plans to more thoroughly develop the orientation programs; they will work with the Admissions Office in welcoming students accepted by Beaver College.

Although the committee is new, they have all ready sponsored several events on campus. During last semester, they held a "Guess Who's Coming to Visit" program. Faculty members volunteered to have freshman come to their houses for dinner or a snack. The students

got a chance to converse with professors about their classes, college, or whatever. The event was so successful, that "Guess Who's Coming to Visit II" was held this semester. However, the program was reciprocated; students invited faculty members to their dorm rooms or homes.

The NSOC, in cooperation with the Admissions Office, held a phone-a-thon to contact high school students who had expressed an interest in attending Beaver College, and to invite them to an Orientation Day.

The Orientation Day, April 6, 1978, started off with registration, followed by a talk, given by Dr. Matthews, on the Castle. Faculty members availed themselves to the

visitors to answer their questions about specific majors and their requirements. Lunch was served on the lawn, and in the afternoon Beaver students participated on panels to talk with the visitors about college life and the pros and cons of living on or off campus.

The NSOC has also assisted the Admissions Office by helping to organize other programs aimed to further acquaint new students.

The committee is chaired by junior Penny Polakoff, a business major. Other members include Luci Sparrow, Yale Smith, Deena Grossman, Kathy Mackin, Brian Goldschlack, Beth Weiner, Linda

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York Voted Chairperson

By Jaci S. Goldrosen

"I thought it was a good clean campaign period which showed a lot of healthy competition between the S.G.O. candidates". So said Judy York newly elected chairperson of S.G.O. Nancy Deyirmenjian was elected as Vice-Chairperson and Chris Palmer as Secretary. They defeated Mary Jane Crossan, Sherry Herring and Andrew Burdan in the S.G.O. Officer election of April 17th. There was an excellent turn out for the elections, hopefully representing renewed student interest in Student Government. Of her opponent, Mary Jane Crossan stated, "I intend to give Judy my full support next year."

York, a Sophomore Art History major, has been a Senator since her first semester at Beaver. Last year she was instrumental in organizing the Day Student Club and served as its Secretary-Treasurer. This year she was elected as President of that organization. She has also served as Chairperson of Lobbying Committee, a member of both the Budgetary Committee and the Committee to re-write the Constitution. This Spring she is also dedicating her energies to Beaver's Lacrosse team.

The full impact of the position hasn't hit York yet, "I never realized until now how much the job entailed — there's so much responsibility, but I'm willing to put forth my best effort."

In keeping with her Campaign Platform, York has stressed her first priority, "The first thing I want to do is get the Constitution ratified." York plans to stick carefully to her Platform in the Administration of her office. She hopes to revitalize both the Steering and Forum Committees while working to booster the image of Student Government and aiding communications between Senate and the student body. By electing Senators from Dorms rather than halls she hopes to prevent unrepresented halls. She would also like to sponsor an area wide leadership conference at Beaver.

The formation of a Student Union is another major objective. In an effort to bring Faculty, Administration, Day Students and Residents closer together the formation of a Campus Concerns Committee has been advocated. Furthermore the platform stresses the desire to serve as the voice of the Student Body, "The present S.G.O. administration has proposed worthwhile ideas...but has failed to keep up with them...overall the Wasser administration has been too cautious in voicing the student opinion."

York stressed her admiration for the sincere effort put forth by the other candidates and wishes to "Thank Lenore Randolph for all her help and all the other students who came out to vote."

Flashes of Lightning Highlight Annual Shakespeare Program

By Nora O'Dowd



Scenes of Demonic and Deviant Behavior and a program called "Flashes of Lightning" will highlight Beaver's annual commemoration of William Shakespeare's birthday. The celebration, which began Sunday with a concert by the noted Folger Consort, is sponsored by the English and Theatre Arts Department, Forum Committee, the English Club and the special efforts of Dr. William Bracy.

The festivities begin tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Little Theatre and continue throughout the evening, featuring the talents of Beaver and Penn Charter students, visiting artists from Oxford, and a birthday dinner party.

The afternoon program will open with early English folk songs to be performed by Candy Brasch and Lynne Brown. Beaver students, as well as students from William Penn Charter School and Basil Burwell, will then perform selected scenes of Demonic and Deviant Behavior from Shakespeare's histories and tragedies. Nancy Kent will narrate

the scenes, which include the Porter Scene from Macbeth and Mad Queen Margaret from Richard III.

The Castleaires plan to perform songs from The Tempest in addition to John Ward's "Fly Not So Fast," which will be followed by scenes from Shakespeare's comedies which demonstrate the Demonic and Deviant theme. Tay Adams will narrate this portion of the program

which features scenes from Taming of the Shrew and Twelfth Night.

"Following the afternoon program, the English Club is sponsoring a reception in the Faculty Chat," said Lynne Brown, head of the English Club. "Everyone is invited to bring dinner down and we'll be serving wine and birthday cake."

In the evening, at 8 o'clock, British actors Arthur Kincaid and Deirdre Barber will present an hour program of scenes from Shakespeare entitled "Flashes of Lightning." Dr. Kincaid is a Shakespeare specialist as actor, director, scholar, teacher and an Associate of the British Drama Board. Deirdre Barber is a professional actress, director and writer.

"The Shakespeare program is great — it brings it all to life, especially by combining the music with scenes from the play. It gives you a real understanding of the time and the man," summed up one student participating in the program.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Recently, members of Theatre Playshop have met with resistance at area schools while trying to publicize Playshop's upcoming production, *To Be Young, Gifted and Black*. Playshop member JoAnn Balazs has been flatly refused publicity by schools which had formerly advertised Beaver productions. Balazs feels that the play has alienated and even scared people. Beaver students have told Dr. Rosary O'Neill that they do not intend to attend the play because of the title.

It's hard to believe that anyone could be so close minded. Personal prejudices will never be eliminated, and this play has no ulterior designs to preach any doctrine or dictate any moral judgement. It is an eloquent perspective on life; any life, black or white. To deny the play, or anything, audience because of a title is immature. Give it a chance before you condemn it.

Nora O'Dowd

To the Editor:

Spring weekend is over. But how many people will remember it? The 150 persons who attended the coffeehouse? The six couples who danced away Saturday evening to the strains of a Roaring Twenties band? Or the crowd that gathered for the free beer and rowdy band Saturday afternoon? The events that SPB planned were haphazardly organized. Some people behind the bar were novices at tapping kegs and when unable to do so, assumed that they had the wrong taps. One worker had a keg roll on her leg and consequently is limping around campus. Fortunately party security was present to help the band set up, because SPB members didn't show up on time. Saturday evening, a low class band with a high class price practically ruined the evening. Party Security had to watch the money box due to the lack of responsible SPB members. It is not the function of Party Security to do the "odd jobs" during campus events. Anyone wishing to see the BCPS guidelines are more than welcome to do so. BCPS does not mind helping organizations in any way they can, however, a little common courtesy on behalf of the sponsoring organization would be in order. Constructive criticism on the setting up of tables (in accordance with fire regulations) should not be scoffed at when offered by a BCPS member. In my opinion, SPB has not proven itself capable of having an event, such as Spring Weekend. Perhaps a faculty advisor would be of benefit to the group. At any rate, I am thankful for one thing — Spring Weekend is over.

Susan McCormick

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who helped to make this year's S.G.O. and Class Officer elections a success. The turn out was excellent and the other members of Nominating Committee were particularly co-operative in helping to organize and carry out this vast undertaking.

I would especially like to thank both Mary Jane Crossan and Judy York for the very fine and very fair job which they did during their campaign. I'm sure that I echo the rest of Nominating Committee as I wish a very happy and successful year to all of the winning tickets.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Close,

Co-chairperson, Nominating Committee

Janet Emig Will Speak on Writing

By Paula Oram

Janet Emig will be the guest speaker and program evaluator at the Faculty Writing Workshop to be held Saturday, April 29, from 9 am to noon. Dr. Maimon explained that Emig "is one of the most important national researchers on the composing processes of writing."

Maimon further described Janet Emig and her work. "She is the Professor of English Education at the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University. Emig has made observations for teaching in looking at procedures to write a paper, rather than analyzing the finished paper. Her book entitled *The Composing Processes of Twelfth Graders* had created a revolution. She found that successful writers were using techniques not taught in school or covered in the usual composition books. For example, no one began with a formal outline, on

which Beaver's writing philosophy is based."

How did Emig achieve this breakthrough? She had in depth interviews with twelfth grade students. The students were asked to do protocols, or state out loud all their thoughts as they wrote a paper. All the information was recorded. She also looked at all the documents she could find that discussed methods professional writers used when they wrote.

Janet Emig's visit will contribute to the faculty writing workshop. This is a follow up to the Winterim workshops for students and faculty. The workshops have substantially added to the writing program on campus. First, a writing center has been established. "The clinic is set up with students who were trained during the Winterim program. The students were nominated by their

departments to help others in reading, writing, and studying," Dr. Maimon said. Secondly, "the participating faculty were able to apply new concepts to the formation of the syllabi. Many of these techniques are reflected in their courses."

A faculty meeting will be held between 9 and 11 am. Various reports will be given by students and teachers. Between 11 and noon, Janet Emig will give a public lecture. The speech is open to Beaver students and people in the surrounding community. Special invitations have been sent out to teachers in the area. Any students who are planning to become teachers are urged to come.

The Beaver English Department plans to have more speakers on campus. In addition, a new graduate course plus new cluster courses will be offered in the fall. Dr. Maimon said that "the Beaver program has been receiving a great deal of attention from writing teachers all over the country."

International Programs Wine and Cheese Party

By Libby Close

The International Programs Committee will host an informal wine and cheese party on Monday, May 1, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Rose Room. At this time all students who are interested in the London Summer school program will be given the opportunity to ask questions and see slides, as well as get to know Dr. Belcher, Mrs. Butell and Mr. Davis, the 1978 London Summer School instructors.

In case you don't know, "the Beaver College London Summer School is an outgrowth of the London Semester, specially adapted to give as many of the advantages of the full semester as possible to those students who are unable to participate in either of the regular semester programs." Students who participate in the summer program will reside at the program Headquarters, 26 Egerton Gardens, London, located in the heart of one of

the poshest residential districts in that city. Students may participate in either one or both of the summer sessions.

The first session, June 28- July 28, will be English Culture and Society, 1660-1914. Taught by Dr. Gerald Belcher, this course is open to all current Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

Art and Theater in London, an English-Fine Arts course, will be held from July 29-August 29, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Butell and Mr. Jack Davis. Open to all current Juniors and Seniors, this course has also been approved for graduate credit.

The application closing date is May 15. Any further queries may be directed to the CCEA office, on the first floor of Grey Towers or better yet, at the wine and cheese party on May 1.

Tennis Team Improves

By Jack M. Goldman

Tennis matches in April are not pleasant events when the winds are strong. The spectators run for shelter while the players dare not peel off their warm-ups for fear of frostbite. The ball behaves as though it were drunk; few shots fly true on windy days. Such was the scenario on April 17, when the Beaver men's team faced a strong Westminster squad. The singles matches were tied 2-2, and Westminster won the sole doubles event.

Ray Zapf, the number one singles player for Beaver, lost to John Muether 1-6, 6-7. In the tie-breaker, the score went 4-4 before Muether successfully volleyed a subtle net shot that skipped past the on-rushing Zapf. Zapf is now 1-1 on the season. Post-graduate Joe Archie, playing number two singles, handily defeated Chris Jungen in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0. In number three singles competition, freshman Andy Kosman faced Westminster's Rick Downs and was turned back 0-6, 7-5. Kosman, playing his first match for Beaver, played tennis for Northeast High School and possesses an abundance of talent. Downs, player-coach for Westminster, played on the Beaver men's basketball squad. In the number four singles match, Jack Goldman entered the winner's circle by defeating Marlin Wismer in three sets 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

In the doubles match, Coach Betty Weiss teamed Joe Unruh with the more experienced Jim Reisenberg. Westminster's Downs and Jungen stopped Unruh and Reisenberg 0-6,

1-6. Reisenberg has just recovered from a wrist sprain that kept him from playing for two weeks.

Coach Weiss said, "I am pleased with the team's progress." Coach Weiss is also enthusiastic about the upcoming matches with Valley Forge on April 25 (away), and the May 2 home match with Spring Garden.

SENATE RATIFIES NSOC

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) Paskall, Bret Martin, Gale Parisi (Director of Student Affairs), Ellen Landau (Ass't. to the Dean of the College), and Laura Lee Reeve (Staff member of the Admissions Office). The membership is open to all interested faculty members, administrators and Beaver College students.

The NSOC is working on additional orientation programs to strengthen incoming classes. One idea is to reinstate the Big Sister-Big Brother program. Each incoming freshman would be assigned an upperclassman who would help him/her adjust to college life.

The committee is considering taking the responsibility of the Freshman Council, which would be a core group of freshman responsible for directing the activities of the freshman class.

Parisi and Polakoff both expressed a strong desire to make the NSOC prominent on campus. They feel that the committee will help to develop a strong class spirit which will alleviate apathy on campus.

Lacrosse Wins Again and Again

By Kathy Stewart

The Lacrosse team added two more games to the win column by defeating Cedar Crest 8-2 and Chestnut Hill 13-3. This raises their league record to 3-0. Both games were played on the Castle lawn accompanied by the cheers of about twenty-five dedicated Spring Garden, ALA, and Beaver students.

Against Cedar Crest, a tight defense kept the visitors from scoring during the first half. During the second half, Cedar Crest could still manage to score only twice. Hard checks and quick passes by Beaver's defensemen kept the ball out of the shooting zone most of the game.

At the other end of the field, Pam Anderson turned in another brilliant performance with four goals. Sue Groseclose kept up her average by scoring three times while Tina Perry tailed once. A tough Cedar Crest goalie kept Beaver from running away with the game while the constantly falling Cedar Crest girls provided extra entertainment in this otherwise uneventful game.

Attack was the key word in Beaver's runaway game over Chestnut Hill. The spearhead of this attack was Leslie Simons who was playing in her first game of the season. Simons, mostly unassisted, scored five times while Pam An-

derson once again showed her consistency with three goals. Two goals by defenseman Kathy Stewart and one each by Tina Perry, Doretta Erb, and Debbie Castor rounded out the scoring. Beaver's strong defense, headed by Candy Alsentzer, kept the ball on the opposite end of the field the second half and Beaver goalie Lenore Randolph continued her record as an excellent goalie. Beaver will defend its unbeaten streak today at 4:00 on the Castle lawn against a tough Swarthmore team. Come get into the excitement of tricky shots, fast running, and hard checks and support your lacrosse team!



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