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"Sorry, it's closed"

This was the line most often heard by Behrend students attempting to register last Tuesday and Wednesday at Erie Hall. The new registration system attempted to alleviate the problems previously encountered during the Fall Term.

New Behrend Ecological Group Institutes Beneficial Program

by Kathy Baker
Staff Reporter

The Behrend Ecological Group is just getting under way this term. Mark Bodycombe, (2-A, Sci-Los Gatos) said that he made an attempt at the very end of the fall term to contact all Behrend students about the Behrend Ecological Group and make them aware of its purpose and benefit to the campus and community of Erie, but apparently students were too tied up with studies for final exams to show any interest in the new group. But it does exist with the assistance of 15 students, both commuters and dormies. Mark is hoping that additional students will show a more considerable amount of interest this term.

The primary purpose of the Behrend Ecological Group is to successfully educate as many Behrend students as possible and citizens of Erie about obvious pollution problems. Secondly, the group makes an attempt to gather as much factual information as possible with which they would confront local corporations and government associations to help bring about change. They also will make an effort through active participation in community activities by instituting beneficiary programs such as recycling.

The group has not been in existence for very long, but compared to the time it has been in operation, it has accomplished quite a bit. Already, Mark Bodycombe has set up jobs for the three committees and they are now being performed.

One of the three committees is the Community Committee. It is responsible for the communications between other college campuses and any ecological efforts in this community. By this it keeps the community informed of all new ideas, and institutes any action which the Behrend Ecological Group would feel is necessary to undertake. Additional help comes from the Erie Times, which has promised the group as much

coverage as needed and whenever needed. Pamphlets will also be distributed by the Community Committee.

The Campus Committee is responsible for the communication between students and the Group itself on Behrend Campus. They are to make the students aware of the ecological problems in their own environment and also propose changes for certain facilities on campus. For example; the sewer system could be improved and possibly more trash cans could be obtained for the campus itself. Also the committee is planning to arrange for ecology course to be included in the academic curriculum or some new reformed education about pollution. Other communicative ideas were to gather ecological books which would be distributed to students through the library and the bookstore. The biology department has offered to help in this situation. Exhibits will be made in the RUB and also an article will be inserted in each issue of the

Student Education Extended In Erie Community Activities

Much of student's education, takes place outside the realm of classroom, credit and quality points. A vast amount of learning occurs in our everyday relations with others, including those in the community. One of the most rewarding community experiences comes through volunteering one's time and skills to a social agency. Behrend students will be afforded an opportunity to become involved in an educationally rewarding volunteer services program for the Erie area beginning this term.

Applications can be filled out next week, January 17-21 in the Reed Union Building, announced Bruce Behringer, Campus

Coordinator of Community Services. A wide variety of positions are available, he stated, and "it is hoped that we can match the needs of the community agencies with the diverse desires and skills of all interested Behrend students.

Among the needs expressed by Erie agencies are volunteers in the following areas:
—tutors for elementary school students
—drug counselors
—sport instructors, including basketball, gymnastics and swimming
—theater, music, and arts and crafts aides for agencies serving center-city children
—helpers for day-care centers

The group will try to meet about once every two weeks just for general information about each committee. There will be notices about each future meeting. If anyone is interested they are asked to call Mark Bodycombe, 899-1404.

Students and Faculty Review New Registration Procedures

Registration for Winter Term has come and gone, but not so the praises and deprecations by the students for this illustrious system.

The general consensus of the student body is registration this term was more efficient and rapid than in previous terms. Others felt that there is room for more improvement.

Several students were interviewed as to their feelings about registration for Winter Term. The following interviews reflect the general view of the students at Behrend.

Yvonne Rhodes (2-Ed.-Youngsville) said, "I feel that registration went better than last term. Doing it by colleges was more systematic."

Jane Battin (5, IFS, Swarthmore) felt that people who need specific courses should get them before they are given to others as electives.

Jan Schultz (5-IFS-Butler) thought sophomores should get their courses first because of the

problem of transferring to State.

Robert Fornalczyk (4-BUS-Erie) said that he felt that registration gets better and smoother each term. He stated that freshmen should have first choice for the basic courses. However, some students vehemently expressed their dislike for yet another registration.

Debbie Kahl (2-L.A.-Erie) expressed her feelings about registration in one word—"nauseating". She was quite disgusted that all the courses were closed. She feels that because of the size of the school, classes should not have to be closed.

Jim Snyder (2, Engineering-Franklin) noticed some improvement in registration. He complained that better advisors are needed. He also stated that half of the time he was unable to find his advisor.

Kenneth J. Goetz, Administrative Assistant in Academic Affairs was very pleased with registration this term. Most of the problems present are caused by the large freshmen class. This year's class is the largest freshmen class at Behrend. Goetz stated that the decision to turn Behrend into a 4 year campus has caused several small inconveniences. The programs being offered now are designed for the 100-150 juniors and seniors presently at Behrend. In the following years, Behrend's enrollment will remain at approximately 1500 until the turnover of students will fill the remaining spaces; thus turning Behrend into a full-fledged 4 year campus.

Preregistration was stressed by Goetz. Students registration late cause many hold-ups in the system. Goetz continued to receive schedules for several classes after they were closed; thus resulting in the re-arrangement of the instructors and the number of students in each class. Because Behrend is trying to keep as many juniors and seniors as possible, most juniors will have priority for many courses. Goetz remarked

that those students needing Biology 11 should pre-register it for Spring Term. Other courses that will fill the math and science requirements for non-science majors are: Philosophy 12, Math 35 and 36, and the new Biological Science courses, all to be offered Spring Term.

Also expressing his satisfaction with Winter Term was John R. Claridge, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs. He noticed an improvement by judging registration on the basis of the length of the lines and the amount of time each student had to spend picking up his cards. Several improvements over last term contributed to the speediness of the entire procedure. Registering by colleges helped a great deal by:

1. Permitting the administration to establish priorities for certain programs and to make sure that these programs included specific courses.
2. Registering by colleges mixed freshmen and sophomore enabling the freshmen to get advice from the more experienced sophomores
3. More course cards were provided by having cards grouped at specific stations. (sciences, languages, etc...)

A reminder from Goetz and Claridge to all students:

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR SPRING TERM THIS COMING WEEK SO THOSE WORKING ON REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE SWAMPED WITH LATE SCHEDULE CARDS.

Behrend Ski Lift Repaired

Good news for Behrend skiers—the ski lift has been repaired and is ready for student use.

Several repairs were made, including rewiring of the electrical system, realignment of the pulleys, and the installment of a new rope. The total cost of all work done on the lift amounted to over \$500. Mr. Banks, Maintenance Foreman, stated that the repairs would have been made sooner, but due to the ground condition a tractor could not be taken up to the slope to assist in mending the problem. The reason the rope had to be replaced was because it had been cut.

When questioned about the possibility of a new lift Mr. Banks replied, "It would be nice to have a new ski tow, but it would run in the neighborhood of \$4,000 to install one, because it would also necessitate a larger motor." This could be a future possibility. Lowerer Banks added that the lift will be checked at least twice a week by the Maintenance Department to keep it in top working order.

If it is properly used by students, it should be in use full time for the remainder of the ski season.