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Student Government Holds Emergency Meeting; Three Students Evicted Despite Student Protest



Emergency Meeting

Lane Apologizes

Benjamin A. Lane, Dean of Student affairs, formally apologized to students at Tuesday's emergency meeting. The apology came in response to disruptions in Perry Hall last Saturday during the shooting of a film that is to depict student dorm life.

by Becky LaPlante
Staff Reporter

The Behrend Student Government Association and the Joint Residence Council held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, March 7. The purpose of the meeting as stated by Buggy Seigel, SGA 1st Vice-President was "to find out what position people (students and administration) have taken (concerning an incident in Dobbins Hall last Saturday morning; and to answer questions." Approximately 150 students were in attendance.

Robert Finley-director Food and Housing, presented his estimation of the damages in-

flicted on Dobbins Hall. The cost, between \$750 and \$800 is just an estimation not having received the statement from the contractors. Finley also gave a detailed account of the extent of the damages: Two ventilators on the outside of the building were damaged, the air duct (used for entry) must be rebuilt from the roof down to the ceiling, an automatic airflow control and 125 sq. ft. of ceiling were damaged and also the ceiling support rods. Secondly, the petitions distributed on campus were compiled by concerned students, having no backing from any specific club. A total of 455 residence hall signatures were

obtained. Finley was asked if he would accept these signatures to allow the three suspects to remain in the dormitory until the end of the term. Finley stated he would not, saying the decision of eviction made by all administrative people concerned and aware of all the facts, was to be the best action to be taken.

The offense committed is a civil offense. Security was given permission to call the State Police by Robert Baughman-Business Manager Behrend Campus. Dean Lane stated that, had the State Police not been called the institution (Behrend Campus) would have been an accomplice because of its knowledge of an alleged felony.

A special meeting of the Student Government Association and the Joint Resident Council was called Tuesday over the eviction of three students from the dormitories. Robert Finley, Manager of the Food and Housing Service was presented with a petition of over 400 names of students from the resident halls who wanted the three students to remain in the halls until their hearing, scheduled for next week.

Task Force Meets; Groundwork Laid

by Carol Turkington
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The first meeting of the Academic Planning Committee Task Force met on Thursday, March 2, to provide orientation for the University Park members of the committee, and to begin discussing ideas which they intend to investigate. Those professors appointed from University Park include Dr. Marvin Rozen, professor of economics; Dr. Richard Schein, Assistant dean of the College of Science; Dr. David Stewart, and the three members from Behrend: Dr. David Spalding, chairman; Dr. Edward Masteller; and Philip Iobst. Irvin P. Kochel, director of the Behrend Campus, Mr. Greg Lozier, U.P. staff member, and Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, Senior Vice President of Development, also attended.

The meeting attempted to acquaint the professors from University Park with the Behrend Campus, including the programs, faculty, and physical facilities which are available here.

Spalding indicated that he was "very pleased" with the committee; "It's apparent that all of the committee people are very capable and seriously dedicated to the task."

"It accomplished what we hoped in terms of orientation; it more completely defined the goal involved in our report, which is currently planned for completion in midsummer, where it will be presented to President Oswald," stated Spalding.

A preliminary report is planned for presentation to Oswald sometime in mid-spring.

Iobst commented that "I was impressed with the range of

topics we covered." He stated that it would be difficult to pinpoint any specific topic covered because of the relative importance of each item and the great number of ideas discussed.

The final report will be a confidential recommendation to the President.

Among the intended goals of the task force are a re-examination of present programs, a projection of enrollment patterns, assessments of the organizational structure, and an exploration of the uniqueness of the Behrend Campus.

Stewart in Shenandoah

The Student Union Board Movie of the Week will be Shenandoah, starring James Stewart, Doug McClure, and Katherine Ross. It will be shown Sunday, March 12 at 7 and 9 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall. Price of admission is 35 cents with an activity and \$1. without.

Never has the epic struggle of the Civil War been shown with greater faith and fury than through the eyes and hearts of the proud Andersons, a family of six sons and one daughter, caught up in the war. Stewart, as Charlie Anderson, Virginia farmer, wants no part of the war on either side, but when one of his sons is captured by the Union forces because he was wearing a confederate cap he is drawn into it. Thus the fighting Andersons challenge both the armies of the North and South. The film is climaxed by enduring faith as Charlie Anderson, who is softened and humbled by his experiences into realizing he cannot live alone.

Behrend Campus News Happenings

New Book Exchange

Are you tired of being ripped off by the Book Store's high prices on used and new books? Then support the TRADING POST. The Trading Post, in conjunction with SGA, is a way for students to sell their used books to other students, from a central location.

The students fill out a small form which gives their name and the price they want for the book. They keep a receipt with the same information. The students may pick up their money when their book is sold.

Start bring your books to the SGA office AT THE BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM. The office is open from 9:30 until 4:30 or 2nd through 6th periods.

Benefit Jammy

There will be a Jammy featuring "Sergio," a group from Buffalo, in Erie Hall Saturday, March 11 at 9 p.m. Admission is 50 cents and donations are welcome.

Fencing Club Proposed

Any members of the faculty, student body and staff interested in forming a fencing club, should meet on Friday, March 10, 3 p.m. in the Seminar Room. The sponsors are Michel Small and Philip Iobst, and equipment and instruction will be provided. If you cannot attend the meeting please call Small at 868-3853.

Attention Golfers

All prospective golf team members should meet with Mr. Monahan some time before the end of the Winter Term. His office is in 102A Turnbull. He will be available most of the day this Thursday, March 9 except for 1st and 3rd periods. He is also available Saturday morning and all afternoon on Tuesday and will discuss briefly golf schedule for this Spring, methods of selecting participants, etc.

Reward for the return of four mikes. Contact Randy Southern, 225 Perry All, 899-8369. No questions asked.

3 Students Apprehended

Three Behrend students were apprehended on Saturday morning, March 5th, at approximately two a.m. as they were forcibly entering Dobbins Hall. Entry was gained by opening two ventilation vents and dimbing down an air duct. During the process, one student fell through the duct and ceiling to the floor striking his head on a cafeteria cart. Considerable damage was done to the duct with electronic controls being broken and metal work bent. A large area of the ceiling tile was knocked out also.

The student was apprehended in Dobbins Hall by State Police after having been notified of the disturbance by Behrend Security Police. The other two students were later picked by State Police after identification had been established.

The three suspects were arraigned before Justice of the Peace, John Deitrich later that morning. All three admitted to the crime. They were released on \$500.00 bond, awaiting a hearing set for Thursday, March 9th.