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Discussing Behrend Future

Doug Leichter, Editor-in-chief of the Behrend Collegian, discusses the various proposals brought up at the Task Force meeting with Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, President Oswald's representative to the Task Force. The Task Force proposes 2000 students by 1976 and 5000 by 1985 for Behrend.

Proposals Too Vague At Task Force Meeting

Students, faculty and administration expressed criticism of the lack of specifics presented by the Task Force during the meeting held in the Reed Lecture Hall Tuesday, April 25. The lack of facts and figures made the entire discussion quite vague, as was evident in the type of questions raised.

No definite proposals have been instituted concerning the changes in administration or curriculum to take place at Behrend in the coming years. Although many questions were raised, several

Gehrlein To Speak

On April 27, 1972 at 8 p.m. in the Reed Union Building, the Behrend Campus Library will present Norman J. Gehrlein, Jr. to speak on "Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. - New Folk Hero" as the next program in the Library's current lecture series. Mr. Gehrlein, who has taught English at Behrend for five years, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's in English from Gannon College.

JRC To Sponsor All-Nite Party

The Joint Residence Council (JRC) is sponsoring an all-nite party on April 29 starting at 12:00 a.m. It will be held in the RUB and the price is only 50c. Four fabulous films will be shown, including The Raven, starring Boris Karloff, Vincent Price and Peter Lorre; Spanky and Our Gang; The Three Stooges; and Laurel and Hardy.

Academic Development Discussed At Meeting

The Behrend Task Force held an open meeting last Tuesday during Common Hour in the RUB Lecture Hall. In attendance were all but one member of the Force: Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, Sr. Vice-President for Planning, Dr. David Stewart, Head of the English Department at University Park, Dr. Marvin Rozen Professor of Economics, Dr. Richard Schein, Director of the Office for Programs for Environmental Studies, and Dean Spalding, a Dr. Ed Masteller and Philip Iobst, all of this campus. Approximately 60 interested members of the faculty and student body were present.

Irvin H. Kochel Director of Behrend Campus explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the work of the task force on the plan for the academic development of Behrend, and to meet with, question, and make suggestions to the members of the Task Force.

Dr. Ikenberry, mediator between the Force and University President Oswald, mentioned the Force's desire to work with and gain input from the faculty, administration, and students of both Behrend Campus and University Park.

Dean Spalding then reported on the progress already made by the Task Force. "Essentially, our job is to develop a plan to make Behrend a 4 year college. We found it necessary to define four subtasks to this end"

1. Define the mature institution of 1985.
2. Define the interim institution from 1976
3. Develop the academic plan for the interim period.
4. Develop the academic plan for maturation.

Spalding listed five major points of consideration with which the final Masterplan must be consistent:

1. The Erie area as an asset of Penn State University.
2. The needs of the Erie community.
3. The goals and standards of higher education nationally.
4. The long range plans of the University.
5. The long range plans of the commonwealth.

Thus, the goal of the task force is to formulate the plan which will take Behrend from its present position, to first, an interim status beginning in 1976, with continued growth and development, and final maturation by 1985. The interim institution, as explained by Spalding, would be a period of planned development in four major areas: the physical plant or facilities, student population up to two thousand, faculty and academic programs.

The mature institution, as Behrend will be by 1985, was defined as a comprehensive college offering many types of specialized programs along with Liberal Arts and General Sciences courses. Accordingly, four major program divisions will exist: 1. Social Sciences 2. Arts and Humanities 3. Physical Sciences and 4. Associate Degree.

Behrend's projected enrollment for 1985 will not exceed 5000 students, with roughly 60 per cent being commuters and 40 per cent being residents. The Task Force pointed out that the senior class will always be smaller than the freshman class due to transfers to University Park, but as the programs offered become broader and more diverse, Behrend still end its present role as "feeder" to the main campus and become a viable four year institution.

The Task Force has not yet finalized plans for academic

program development, but its members stressed the criteria by which these decisions would be made. The unique opportunities and advantages of the Erie Community and the Behrend Campus, local state, and national educational needs, money, and available facilities have all been analyzed.

Dean Spalding's summary of the progress made by the Task Force was followed by a question-answer period. It was brought to the attention of the Task Force that it would be advisable to define in the near future the programs of study which will be offered in entirely at Behrend, and those which will not.

When asked about the degree of autonomy which Behrend will achieve along with its growth, Dr. Stewart replied, "Administrative autonomy is necessary. The director (of Behrend) must be quickly responsive to local needs and developments, and this is impossible when he is completely under the thumb of the University president." Dr. Stewart favored independence in the areas of spending funds and hiring faculty members. But both he and Dr. Schein expressed the continued need for the University to specify course material as a means of academic quality control.

The question arose as to whether the University would back the May 1 recommendations by the Task Force to President Oswald. Dr. Stewart expressed complete optimism. "The University realizes that a commitment must be made of faculty, administration, and monetary resources. We (the Task Force) want to push this ahead as quickly and as far as possible."

Circle K Convention

The Tenth Annual Pennsylvania Circle K convention was held at Harrisburg the weekend of April 21-23. The purpose of this convention was to recognize and present awards for the achievements of the various clubs across the state; but more importantly it was to exchange ideas and set new goals for becoming involved with others through community and campus service projects. Four representatives from Behrend's Circle K attended the convention. They were: Jack Richebacher, Terri Sue Hites, Beverly Levine and Terri Rich. Jack Richebacher, past district secretary, was appointed at the convention to the post of Lieutenant Governor of Circle K for the 1972-73 year.

Behrend, although one of the smallest clubs represented, has been involved in such service activities and fund-raising projects as sorting mail on campus, collecting for Multiple Sclerosis, preparing daily bulletins of student activities, selling popcorn at Sunday movies, volunteering for construction work at the Erie Day School, and selling plastic meal ticket coverings.

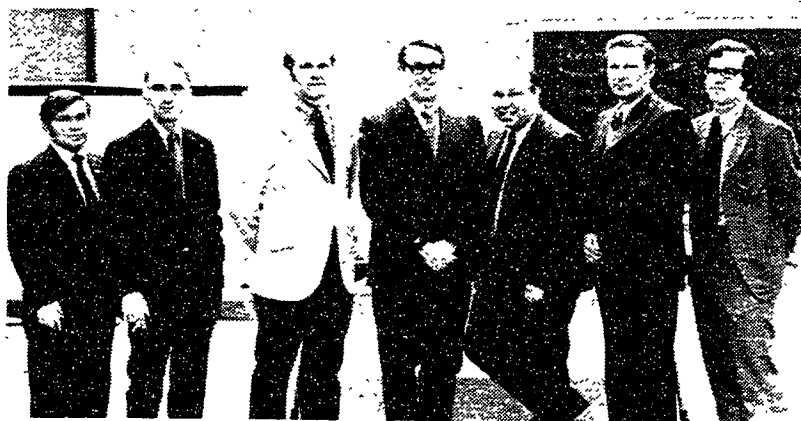
For the members, the outcome of the seminar was the desire to build bigger and better Circle K clubs throughout the state. This can only be achieved with the help of students by "involving youth" - the theme of the club.

expansion program at Behrend, if not in the immediate future.

The general consensus of those present at the meeting was that the Force did not present a concise picture of things to come at Behrend. Dr. Ikenberry stated that the Force is working to gradually narrow their plans by May 1 to present to President Oswald.

If there are any further questions or suggestions interested persons can contact any one of the following Task Force members at University Park:

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Behrend Task Force

Pictured are members of the Behrend Task Force. From left to right: Dr. Ed Masteller, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. David Stewart, Chairman of the University Park English Dept.; Philip Iobst, Instructor in Philosophy; Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, Sr. Vice President of the University; Dr. Marvin Rozen, Professor of Economics, Dr. Schein, Professor of Environmental Qualities; and Mr. Lozier, staff member and co-ordinator for the Task Force.