

Spring Arrives at Behrend at Last-Hopefully

Students and faculty alike have taken the coming of Spring at Behrend to heart. Gone now are the winter snows and biting winds that pervaded Winter Term; at least hopefully gone. Students can now look forward to lounging on the grass, sometimes classes outside, swimming in the pool (?), going to the Peninsula and the Gorge, and having a good time in general, much to the chagrin of Behrend faculty.



University Park Begins Test Recycling Program

University Park, Pa., - If you come away from a visit to your youngster at College with the uneasy feeling he's accumulating a lot of trash - you're right.

On the average, just about 350 pounds of it a year, if he's at The Pennsylvania State University.

If every bit of it were recycled, your youngster would come home a \$1.70 richer.

That may not sound like much, but wait.

There are about 35,000 students and staff at the University Park Campus. They generate close to 12 million pounds of trash a year.

If only half of it could be recycled, it would be worth about \$60,000 a year.

In an effort to find out

whether recycling is economically feasible, Penn State this week began a 12-week trash separation and evaluation program in selected academic and office buildings.

A pilot paper recycling program, already being conducted by the Eco-Action Committee of the Penn State Outing Club, will probably be integrated with the new program.

Prime movers of the new study are Dr. Craig R. Humphrey, assistant professor of sociology, and Dr. Stuart H. Mann, Associate professor of operations research in the Division of Man-Environment Relations. Dr. J. Lowen Shearer, Rockwell professor of engineering, is also involved, and the

program is supported, in part, by the University's Office of Environmental Quality Programs.

"We not only want to help the University participate in the timely and relevant environmental improvement movement," says Dr. Mann, "but help the taxpayers of Pennsylvania get the most from their dollars as well."

"Later we will want to explore the willingness of people all along the e'litter trail; personally to participate in a more enlightened program."

Once a week for 12 weeks at key locations on the main campus, trash will be carefully weighed and an estimate made of the percentage and types of

recyclable material it contains.

Ralph F. Spearly, of the Department of Physical Plant Maintenance and Operations at Penn State, believes that 60 or 80 percent of the trash could prove to be recyclable paper.

"It would of course have to be GRADED.. and separated before it could be sold," he says, "and that would be and expense to the operation. But it's to make this kind of a cost analysis that the trial program is being conducted."

"The Eco-Action group has already proved that paper collection and recycling can work at Penn State. We'll be hoping for cooperation in the new effort."

The new program began on April 5 and will terminate on June 23.

"That's about a week after the end of classes," observes Spearly, "and most of the students will have left campus."

But not their trash. In June, it just comes "busting out all over" as students unburden themselves of just about everything they've accumulated since September.

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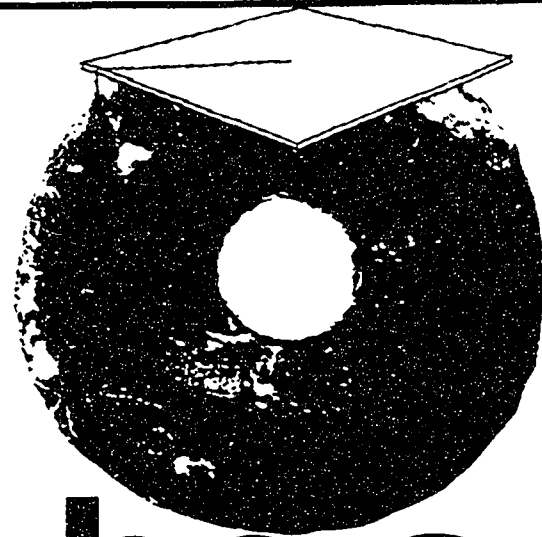
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