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Registration at Behrend seemed just as baffling this year as it has been in the past. But everything went quite smoothly for registration was held in the RUB cafeteria and Lecture Hall. Faculty advisors and Dean's representatives were on hand for those that did have some difficulty getting the courses they needed.

Lack of Participation

Freshman Customs

Those little purple booklets that several devoted freshmen hung onto during the week of September 25-29; securing a few chosen signatures, describe Freshmen Customs as an "opportunity for the freshmen to meet each other and upperclassmen and to acquaint themselves with their campus." That is exactly what the freshmen have set out to do only without having to use back doors, count ropes on the model Niagara, sing songs or count bricks, doors and stop signs.

The Student Government Association (SGA) had good intentions as stated in the Student Handbook and these intentions were carried out by the freshmen. One example is the "Hello spirit." Fry walking around campus during the week not expecting to be greeted with "Hi!" (not to mention returning it). It will be almost impossible. The freshmen are not afraid to

express themselves; customs or no customs.

Among the many opinions of freshmen and underclassmen, several agreed that Freshmen Customs was a good idea if only it had been given more participation. A few freshmen voiced their opinions saying that: "A lot of students are commuters and if they had been more informed of the customs week it could have had more participation." "It was unnecessary; we still met a lot of friends. Why do you have to depend on having to make a fool out of yourself just to meet people?"

An upperclassman said that last year there weren't any customs and everyone got along fine. This year it wasn't really needed but I think it would have helped the situation a lot. Another upperclassman said: "The upperclassmen didn't want to pick on the freshmen or give them a hard time."

Student Financial Aid, Important For Education

A growing awareness of the importance of a higher education is cultivating an increase in the amount of financial aid needed for education by the student. Many students are prohibited in obtaining this education because of the rising cost of college expenses. Basic expenses can cover tuition, room and board, books, supplies, and other items which add to the cost of attending a college.

The main problem concerning financial aid is that money is lacking to support the financial aid programs. President Nixon has already enacted a plan to revise the loaning aspect of the financial aid system for federal and state institutions, which would allow more students to receive financial aid. However the revision will have to be worked on gradually and therefore will not be in effect until March.

Another problem which affects the financial aid programs is that of competition. Many students are seeking financial aid and depending on the stipulations of the aid, and the competition can be very high. Literally thousands of financial aid programs exist, however, many students are not aware of the opportunities for aid. Financial aid information can be obtained in the upper level of the Student Affairs office in the Administration Building from Mrs. Cynthia Krishna, financial aid officer and assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Estimates on the importance of financial assistance on the Behrend Campus show that one-third of the student body is being aided financially and one-third of this total estimate is composed of freshmen. Under the National Defense Education Act of 1958, a general program of financial aid was authorized through the federal government. The expansion of this program occurred with the passage of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Education Professions Development Act of 1967. Types of aid available are scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study programs. Scholarships are outright grants of money which do not need to be repaid and are usually awarded on the basis of academic achievement and demonstrated need. A grant is an award of money not requiring

repayment which is offered according to need. Loans are sums of money advanced for the payment of college expenses, which expects repayment with an added interest charge. Work-study programs allow full-time students to work up to fifteen hours either on or off campus and eligibility for this program depends on the student's need to work in order to remain in school.

Variety of Aid

The Federal Government now offers a variety of financial aid programs to help defray college expenses. They include the Educational Opportunity Grants (EOG), Guaranteed Loans, College Work-Study Programs (CWSP), and the National Defense Student Loan Program (NDEA). For Federal Aid, a student is required to file a Confidential Statement, and eligibility is usually based on need. Under the state financial aid system, scholarships and loans are available from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The scholarships pertain to students in academic, trade, technical, or business schools. Applications for the state loans can be obtained in the student's home town bank, and the application for the state scholarships are available in the Student Affairs Office. The University also offers some scholarships which are awarded to students with a demonstrated above average need and a good academic standing. Emergency loans at Behrend Campus can also be procured from the Student

Affair's office (the Bernreuter Emergency Loan Fund) and from the Student Government Association (Student Government Emergency Loans) at a maximum of \$50.00. Another local loan that is available under extreme financial need is the Advisory Board Loan. A new nursing scholarship is available for four-year nursing students; information is available at the Student Affairs Office.

Deadlines for the various financial aid programs are as follows: University scholarships, February 11, 1973; Federal Aid, for Summer term April 17, 1973, and regular term, May 19, 1973; PHEAA State Aid, for freshmen, January 31 prior to the freshman year, and renewals are due in April 30 each year for which aid is desired.

Another method of financing a college education is working at various on and off campus jobs. Jobs available on campus can be found at the library, the cafeteria, laboratories, various department assistance jobs, and the Student Union Board. Also some job opportunities offered off campus are as salesmen, dishwashers, cooks, and jobs under the Manpower program. Information concerning solving financial difficulties can be obtained at the Student Affairs Office. The important thing to remember is that in order to be considered for financial aid, the student must be aware of the types of financial aid best suited to his individual need, and to submit the necessary information as early as possible.

S.G.A. Initiates New Constitution

All Student Government Association meetings, except when designated, are open to all students. The next meeting will be held October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the S.G.A. office. The office is located on the lower level of the Reed Union Building near the RUB desk.

Officers are: Walker Moore, president; Ken Mushrush, vice president; and Ed Moore, treasurer.

The S.G.A. is a student government body, duly elected to represent the interests of all Behrend students. It sponsors social and intellectual events for the betterment of life on campus. Its strength lies in the fact that it is an elected body and it controls the budgets of most student organizations. Yet, the primary purpose of S.G.A. remains to involve students in Penn State.

The S.G.A. held its second and third meeting of the fall term in the S.G.A. office. At the second meeting, held September 25, a revised list of by-laws for elections to the S.G.A. was discussed and approved.

S.G.A. vice-president, Ken Mushrush, stated the biggest change is that all classes shall be represented by their own officers in the future. According to the Constitution, these elections will be held within the next two weeks.

The third meeting, held October 2, covered a wide range of student events and issues. Money was allocated to the Collegian the literary magazine, and the Tempus.

Temporary representatives to the faculty committees were appointed until after the elec-

tions.

The Constitutional Review Committee, checking into the constitutions of student organizations, and their possible revision, reported cooperation in all cases so far.

A particular item of importance, the Student Loan Service offered by S.G.A. was covered. The application for a loan was tightened to prevent a recurrence of unpaid loans for which S.G.A. had no recourse once the student left school. Anyone 18 years or older is held responsible for money borrowed now, and the threat of legal action is meant to safeguard S.G.A. funds. However, it was noted that since loans are provided interest free, they remain a vital student service.

S.G.A. will attempt to resolve some parking problems occurring to both students and visitors. A recommendation suggesting a student limit himself to one administrative position in his extracurricular activities was made, and the financial situation of the S.G.A. book exchange service was reviewed.

The library hours problem was mentioned, since numerous student complaints have been made to S.G.A. members. The issue arises out of the reduced schedule of hours the library is open. Students protest the hours are inadequate and the administrative officials defend by noting a cut in budget. Since the issue concerns academic life of Behrend students, the S.G.A. decided to delve further into the matter, and hopes to bring about some constructive action upon the issue.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. Judy Moffett for the publication of her poetry.

To Dr. David Daniel upon the receipt of his Doctoral Degree.

To Dr. Raymond Kearney on his Doctoral Degree

To Dr. Frankforter upon his appointment to the Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania.

To Messrs. Tauber, Mester, Lauffer, and Dr. Agnes Dinn for their promotions to Assistant Professorships.

To Dr. Masteller upon his appointment to Associate Professor.

To Miss Kiyoe Mizusawa upon her appointment to the East Asia Studies Sub-Committee.

To Richard Bollinger for his service as Regional Editor of the spring migration report for the Western New York-Northwestern Pennsylvania Region.

To Dr. I. Jeffrey Ptaschnik upon his appointment to a lecturer of the faculty of the graduate school.

Job Placement Offered For Behrend Students

One important service provided by the counseling program at Behrend is its job placement service. This is helpful to both graduate and undergraduate students.

For the undergraduates there are sheets available on how to conduct yourself and establish ease at a job interview. Guest speakers are scheduled to talk with students on this subject. Another offer for undergrads is a summer placement service based on career related jobs. This gives a student some experience in working before graduation and also helps in financing the following year of school.

Graduate students can find information concerning employment with such companies as Kodak or Argon. There are now

nine companies on record that will be recruiting from Behrend Campus.

For the two year, Associate Degree graduates there is an Internship Program offered for Engineering and Accounting students.

If you are interested in any of the above programs, go to the Behrend Building to Ernest E. Fryer, Director Counseling Center; Warren G. Hohwald, Counselor, Counseling Center; or Cynthia Krishna, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs in the Main Building.

According to Mrs. Krishna, "These years need guidance," and "Students should be more aware that there is a counseling program at Behrend."

Homecoming Events

Behrend will hold its first Homecoming Weekend this Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7.

On Friday, there will be a Pep Rally in Erie Hall at 8:00 p.m. At 9:30 that evening a Coffee House will be held in the Wilson Picnic Pavilion. Both these events will be preparatory to the Gannon-Behrend soccer game on Saturday.

Saturday's events will start at 1:00 p.m. as the Behrend Cubs meet Gannon for soccer. At 4:30 p.m. an Alumni Reception will be held in Lawrence Hall, giving the students a chance to meet informally with alumni. The alumni will then proceed to a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Reed Union Building. The weekend will finish with a free dance for alumni and students featuring the Dale Higgins Jazz Group.