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## Increased Faculty Proposed

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As a recently designated four-year school, Behrend must attain some level of autonomy like any other under-graduate college. This process of reorganization is a long one but steps are already in motion which will bring about the change.

SGA will take a leading role in the process by presenting a proposal for a Behrend campus senate early in the winter term. Their proposal will cover all

aspects of the transition and its appearance will open up the way to modification and strengthening of its content. This senate would govern the academic and financial running of the campus. As it stands now, all important questions of policy for Behrend must filter through University Park and this slows down the problems on a more immediate basis and there by produce quicker results.

However, the whole idea hinges on the formal approval of the recommendations made to

President Oswald by the Behrend Campus Improvement Task Force of last year. The task force investigated the need for new teachers, courses, and buildings at Behrend.

Included, was a clause calling for Behrend to receive four faculty department heads, along with approximately twelve new teachers in varied fields. It is the department heads who would form the nucleus for a change to a senate-governed campus, especially with SGA's proposal calling for a 60 per cent faculty representation on the body. The remaining 40 per cent would be equally divided between students and administration.

Walker Moore, SGA president, said of the senate, "It would put the important decision-making power in the hands of a group receiving input from all interested factions of Behrend. Especially with the large faculty percentage, the academic improvement of this campus would be of primary concern."

However, he emphasized that all of this planning is in its early form and definite results are a long way off.

"Maybe by June, and that's at the earliest," smiled Walker.



Dedication is a rare quality. Our photographer caught this cyclist as he was braving Erie's first snowstorm—trying to pedal on the slick sidewalks.

## Olympic Problems

University Park, Pa., Nov.—It might be that some Colorado voters voted on Election Day to close the door to the 1976 Winter Olympics for environmental reasons or as a reaction to the troubled 1972 Summer Olympics, but one expert has seen such a mandate coming for a long time.

Dr. John A. Lucas, associate professor of physical education at the Pennsylvania State University, has repeatedly predicted over recent years that citizens would soon be turning their backs on the chance to host the Olympics.

Finances alone can prevent people from wanting to host the Games, he says.

"Recouping their five-to-six-year investment in the space of five to six weeks becomes an all-consuming and impossible task," he says. "Almost everybody suffers."

One of "the most wretched problems connected with the Olympics" is the site selection process, points out the former Olympian ex-Penn State track coach.

Is there a solution?

Dr. Lucas suggests the construction of a single permanent site, financed by equitable contributions from Olympic participants. He suggests central Switzerland as the year-round site for an "International Olympic Center."

Dr. Lucas admits that many other serious problems confront Olympic officials, but that the elimination of the out-dated site selection policy might lead to other solutions.

## SGA Offers Services

by Darla Berkey

A new service will be offered to students and faculty in a few weeks. The Student Services Committee of SGA has made known their plans to begin operation of an information center in the SGA office before the end of fall term.

Extensive research has been done this past term and the SGA has amassed a file of current information of services offered on the University, local, state and Federal levels.

The services will be available

to any person associated with the Penn. State Universities. The SSC will operate by personal interview or phone and will offer information on persons or organizations who will best be able to help with a problem.

Some areas covered by the committee are: Student Services Directory offering information of student complaints, tutoring services, transportation and housing.

The financial area includes loans, scholarships, V.A. benefits and job referrals. Medical areas includes clinics, birth control and abortion referral and drug clinics.

Counseling information will also be included covering psychological counseling, legal services, on and off campus, draft counseling and religious counseling. These four areas contain many other areas of services too extensive to list.

## Deer Cause Concern

University Park, Pa.—More than 210,000 deer have been reported killed in collisions with motor vehicles in Pennsylvania since 1960.

This number, says Dr. Edward D. Bellis, professor of biology at the Pennsylvania State University, is a conservative estimate. It does not include deer which were hit but died in the forest, deer removed by local residents or simply not reported.

Part of the problem lies in today's super highways which have cut across vast wooded areas inhabited by deer. On one 8.03 mile stretch of Interstate 80, the Keystone Shortway, in Centre County, 288 deer were reported killed by vehicles in only 14 months.

The Institute for Research on Land and Water Resources at Penn State has been cooperating with the State Game Commission to cut down that number. Both Dr. Bellis and Dr. H.B. Graves, assistant professor of poultry science, have been instrumental in this program.

Fences are presently being used to try to cut down on the deer casualties. Also, Dr. Bellis said, the Game Commission is experimenting with "Dutch" mirrors which reflect car

headlights into the deer's eyes to warn of danger.

Although the mirror's effectiveness has been neither proven nor disproven, it is known that deer fences do cut down on the mortality rate, Dr. Bellis said.

Dr. Bellis noted though, that the deer fences, however, are not 100 per cent effective. Deer, he said, can either go over or under them.

He said a better method may be to use fences but at the same time place culverts under the highways as a kind of "deer underpass." This would have the advantage of channeling deer movement and hopefully cutting down on the death rate.

Dr. Bellis said the number of deer killed in fall and spring is particularly high. At those times, he said, there is a lack of food in the forest so they come to feed on grasses and other vegetation planted on the highway right of way.

The highway kill is much greater in wooded areas than near farm land. In wooded areas, he said, the fences are located near the edge of the wood. Since the road's right of way often is quite narrow in such areas, there is a strong possibility the deer will wander across the highway if they can get through the fence.

Dr. Bellis said an experimental program is underway in Monroe County to test the effect of putting fences nearer the highway's edge.

Both Dr. Bellis and Dr. Graves suggested in a study of deer mortality, that "highway design engineers and wild-life biologists cooperate in the development of future highways to reduce to a minimum accidents involving deer."

## Course Representatives Coming Counseling Provided

John Claridge, Assistant director for Academic Affairs, announced that a busload of Deans and Department heads representing every college of the University, will be at Behrend, Thursday, November 30.

Sessions will be held affording students and faculty to meet with the representatives of their respective colleges to discuss course requirements and other problems.

There will be 14 representatives from the college of Liberal Arts, 6 from the college of Science and numerous representatives from the remaining divisions.

The group will arrive at 12:30, November 30. Following a luncheon, they will be introduced at a welcoming ceremony in the Reed Lecture Hall. They then will be taken on a tour of the campus.

From approximately 2:30-5 p.m., they will be meeting with students and faculty to discuss

course scheduling and requirements needed for transfer to University Park.

The exact times and places for these sessions will be announced at a later date.

## SUB Presents Experiment To Vent Creative Energy

In an effort to brighten up the Quiet Lounge in the Reed Union Building, a painting, using acrylic paints, will be done by any student interested in the Behrend Experiment. Sponsored by the cultural committee of the Student Union Board, the Experiment will take place in the Quiet Lounge at 8 p.m., November 20, and will consist of the painting canvas, films, slides, and music. There is no charge but a donation is requested. The purpose of the Experiment is to give interested people a chance to

"create" in many medias—painting, music, and audio-visual equipment. The painting will be placed in the Quiet Lounge after framing. Again, the Behrend Experiment is open to anyone who wants to participate and experienced supervisors will assist in the various medias.

Here is a fantastic opportunity for talented, and even non-talented students to vent their energy in a constructive and artistic manner. Anything created will only serve to enhance the student lounge.



Light up the eyes of an underprivileged child this Christmas. Help the Marine Corps Reserves by depositing your old toys in the "Toys for Tots" barrel.

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Again this year, The Marine Corps Reserve will have their "Toys for Tots" campaign. This is our way of helping underprivileged children to have a happier Christmas. But in order for us to help them, we ask for help from you. There will be barrels placed in the Reed Union Building on the first floor.

If you have any old toys, that

are still of any use, please deposit them in the barrels, or take them to the Reserve Training Center. The center is located at 1424 Irwin Drive, just east of Grant City. Or call 452-6232 or 455-5622 and we will be happy to pick them up at your house. Help us to help a couple of children to have a better Christmas this year. Thank you.