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SGA Starts Letter Campaign To Dispute Tuition Raise

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Whether a student is aware of it or not, the amount paid to Penn State for his education is essentially controlled by politics. Since both Federal and state education budgets are either remaining the same or being cut back, and the cost of providing education keeps going up, it is the student, through increased tuition, who picks up the tab. It is not President Oswald, who actually is fighting against these increases, causing the rise, it is the men in Harrisburg. Therefore, "political involvement", perhaps a by-word of the sixties, has come at last to Behrend College, here in the seventies. A tentative program was outlined at the Monday night meeting of SGA in Niagara Lobby.

Tuition is scheduled to go up, as

A Supply Of Blood Required

Dr. E. Mastellar has arranged for the Mobile Unit of the Community Blood Bank to visit our college campus. The new \$20,000 unit will make its maiden voyage to Behrend and will be parked in the Reed Parking Lot Thursday, March 8, 1973, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year parental permission is not required unless your age is under 18.

The blood collected helps both the local community and the campus. If someone at Behrend had need for a transfusion, the blood would be given free because of our participation. In the community, the local hospitals are always in need of a blood supply. Your donation gives many people a new lease on life.

It is used for maintaining those with chronic kidney disease on the artificial kidney machine and for both open and closed heart surgery. It is used for exchange transfusions in newborn babies with an Rh incompatibility. It is also used for accident victims and for many routine surgeries.

Call Mrs. "K" and make an appointment for March 8, 1973, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. An appointment will keep the waiting period to a minimum.

Please abstain from taking any type of drug for 24-48 hours before donating blood to insure the ill person who receives your pint of blood a healthy recovery.

If you have any questions concerning your eligibility contact the dispensary, extension 217.



Third Annual Banana Eating Contest

During last Wednesday's home basketball game, the JRC sponsored their third annual Banana Eating Contest, with hilarious results. Have you ever tried to stuff your mouth and say at the same time: "Banananananan!"

admitted by President Oswald, for next year. However, if students and parents can be mobilized to express their displeasure to the people who really hold the purse-strings for Penn State, perhaps an end to the cycle of lower budgets and higher tuitions can be achieved. These people are Governor Shapp and the local representatives from the student's voting district. It is possible to hear them say how much they support continued low cost education, but when the budgets are formulated those words are as dust in the wind.

The SGA has decided to embark on a campaign to flood Harrisburg with letters from students and parents to their representatives and senators. Already telegrams have been sent to Governor Shapp from SGA, questioning his inconsistency, and to President Oswald supporting his stand against the rising costs.

During the next week general guidelines for writing the letters will be formulated and given to the JRC members and RA's. Then on Tuesday, March 6, starting at 9 p.m. in Perry lobby dorm meetings will be held to inform students of the guidelines and how to get their parents, who often feel the weight of the in-

creases too, involved in the campaign. The meetings will follow at 10 p.m. and approximately 11 p.m. in Niagara and Lawrence halls respectively. Any questions students have about the campaign will be answered at these meetings. Lists indicating names and addresses of representatives and senators from the districts of the state will also be available for students not sure of who to write to.

Faculty members, too, might get interested especially aware that without additional funds, salary increases will be impossible. And too, the desire that many faculty have for more academic facilities right here at Behrend could instill interest in the campaign.

It is useless to complain about tuition going up each year without at least trying to do something to stop it. Legislators do usually value individual letters from their constituency. They know an aware, involved group of voters can watch for their activity in office and if unsatisfied, take that office away from them. It is hoped the campaign will inspire a positive reaction in Harrisburg and education will assume its proper status, high on the priorities list.

Missed Laughs for Behrend Students

Last Saturday night, most of Behrend College missed a fantastic display of comic genius in action. This came in the form of the widely acclaimed comedy group, the "Portable Circus."

Under the direction of George Sherman, who also wrote most of the group's material, the Portable Circus, consisting of Chip Keyes, Mark Williams, Jeff Lippa, and Janet Blake, tore across the stage of Erie Hall for two hours, cutting up the cherished American institution of television in quick vignettes of witty, almost brutally comic satire. The time went all too fast.

This was, however, another in a long list of disappointments for the Student Union Board, who sponsored the group's appearance at Behrend. Only forty-nine people showed up for the single performance, and most of these were not from the campus at all. As a result, the SUB lost over eleven hundred dollars. But the saddest part of the entire evening was that more people would not share the intense, entirely original, and excruciatingly funny antics of the

"Portable Circus." Remember the name and regret the night you didn't bother to let them entertain you.

Additional Majors At Behrend in 1976

New baccalaureate programs will be offered at Behrend College, hopefully beginning in 1976.

The Task Force analyses indicates that selected baccalaureate majors can be offered by this campus—a tentative list has been suggested, although changes may occur, but it is reasonable to expect that these majors will be included among those offered by 1976.

The programs include majors in Arts and Humanities, Social Behavioral Sciences and Natural Sciences.

The student at Behrend College would also have the option to enroll in a contemporary issue emphasis program.

Examples of such programs have been suggested—such as Environmental Studies, Science Technology and Society, Individual as Consumer and Citizen, Human Service and the Communication Arts.

Majors would include regular course work, individual studies,

tutorial services, seminars, workshops and community projects.

Hopefully, 12 additional faculty will be appointed by the end of 1973 and a total of 30 new faculty members by 1976 to take care of the additional programs.

The Task Force has also recommended that the University pursue appropriation of funds for the development of needed academic facilities at Behrend



The "Argir Group" Headlines SUB

Appearing as members of the Coffee House Circuit will be the new folk-rock group, the "Argir Group", a trio of young singers and guitarists from deep in the heart of Texas. The group will appear in the RUB March 8, 9, and 10 at 9 p.m. Admission to see the Argir Group will be a nominal twenty-five cents with activity card, fifty without.

Argir Group Sponsored At Rub's Coffee House For March 8, 9 and 10

Headlining the SUB activities for the days ahead will be an appearance of The Argir Group, members of the Coffee House Circuit.

Before starting The Argir Group, Fred Argir toured extensively as a solo singer songwriter and recorded two albums, both of which enjoyed "mild success." He organized his group after meeting Betsy Bernard, known throughout folk circles as "The Denver Thrush," at the Red Lion Coffee House in Austin, Texas. With the addition of a bassist, the trio embarked

upon a tour of the Southwest and Texas, where they gained immediate acceptance by audiences in those areas. An audition for the Coffee House Circuit at New York's Bitter End Cafe was successful, and the group has toured on that national college circuit since then.

The Argir Group has changed much since those initial performances. The newest member of the trio is singer-bassist James Lanley from Texas. Instrumentation has added to the basic acoustic guitar sound with twelve-string, electric guitar, and amplified acoustic guitars augmented by harmonica, kazoo, and all combinations of their three voices.

Performances by The Argir Group will take place March 8, 9, and 10 at 9 p.m. in the RUB. Prices for the Coffee House on these three evenings will be twenty-five cents with an activity card and fifty cents without.

The most successful film of the current nostalgia kick, "Summer of '42", will be shown Sunday night at 7 and 9 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall. Although chances are that most people have either seen or heard about "Summer of '42", it's one of those films which can be seen many times over and still be entertaining, probably because the story itself is

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Hufnagel Receives Yet Another Award

John Hufnagel, Penn State's All-American football quarterback, has been named as the 1972 winner of Football Roundup Magazine's "Exemplary Player Award."

Hufnagel, a senior from Coraopolis, Pa., will accept the award at a dinner at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City on April 4.

Joe Carbone, a defensive end at the University of Delaware, will receive a similar award for college division players. Both awards will be presented by Adrian B. Lopez, publisher of Football Roundup, an annual preview magazine.

Previous winners of the award

in the major college division are Mike Phipps, Purdue; Joe Theismann, Notre Dame; and Jerry Tagge, Nebraska. College division winners include Chip Bennett, Abilene Christian; Mike Potchad, Kansas State (Pittsburg); and John Hill, Lehigh.

Hufnagel set 16 school passing and total offense records during a brilliant career at Penn State. He

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