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Blood Donors Needed

Mrs. Barbara Kuligowski, Behrend College's nurse, is now taking the names of prospective blood donors for the Mobile Unit of the Community Blood Bank which is visiting the Campus March 8.

PSU to Have Grads Evaluate Courses

A University-wide evaluation of courses by both baccalaureate and associate degree candidates graduating in June will be conducted this year under the auspices of the University Council.

A final evaluation questionnaire was approved by the Council Thursday. The evaluation will be conducted through the office of Dr. Robert L. Dunham, vice-president for undergraduate studies, with the Division of Instructional Services collecting the data.

The survey will ask each graduating senior to name the two best courses in his or her major, the two worst courses in the major, and the two best and worst courses outside the major. Factors to be considered are content, mode of instruction, the instructor, and the usefulness of the course. Students will be asked also to record their grades in the eight courses selected as the best and worst of his college career.

The questionnaire will be given to seniors scheduled to graduate in June at the same time they receive their diploma cards during Spring Term registration. The Division of Admissions, Records, and Scheduling will provide the forms for the evaluation.

Results of the questionnaires will be tabulated by computer and made available to department heads in which the majors are located to assist in evaluating courses within the department as well as requirements of electives taken elsewhere. Each depart-

ment head will also get a summary report on how courses in the department were evaluated by students in other departments.

Dr. Ronald J. Harshbarger, assistant professor of mathematics at the Beaver Campus, was chairman of the Council sub-committee which recommended the evaluation to the full Council. He emphasized that it was an experimental study on a one-time basis only at present to determine its value in improving the University instructional program.

The Council recommendation is the result of a follow-up study of Faculty Senate recommendations in 1970 calling for comprehensive evaluation of course content and instructional effectiveness.

SGA & JRC Hold Dorm Meetings

By Margie Campbell
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) and the Joint Residence Council (JRC) are organizing a letter writing campaign to the state senators concerning the feared tuition increase and the deficient budget proposed for Penn State. Meetings were held in all the dorms Tuesday, March 6, and were fairly well attended. Walker Moore expressed the purpose for the drive and its necessity. A tuition increase of \$15 a term was proposed by the University

SGA to Go Ahead With Plans On Letter Writing Campaign

By Jim Benner
Staff Writer

Last week Ken Mushrush, SGA Vice-President, and Henry Walker, newly elected as treasurer of SGA, went to the Penn State Council of Presidents meeting (COPS) and brought up the intended letter-writing campaign Behrend is organizing. They received little if any support, and were told such action may have a negative effect on the work of paid Penn State lobbyists as they try to get the necessary allocations for next year. The lobbyists claimed that eventually the legislators in Harrisburg will come around and give the school the amount it requested.

However, at the SGA meeting of Monday night, March 6, it was decided that such caution was typical of lobbyists working within the slow political maneuverings of government and protecting their jobs. SGA decided to at least go ahead with the scheduled dorm meetings Tuesday evening and inform the students of how to write the letters and to what importance such an effort can lead. Since the representatives should generally answer to the wishes of their constituents, it was agreed such a campaign was the students' right as voters in the state. So too, an effort to get parents involved in writing letters was emphasized.

The second area, of equal importance, pertained to the establishing of the Faculty Senate, which would bring a high level of academic autonomy to Behrend College. As originally envisioned the Senate would include percentages as follows: Faculty 60 per cent; students 20 per cent; administration 20 per cent. However, the constitution meant to be ratified at a faculty

meeting Thursday March 9 in the RUB lecture hall during Common hour, does not include provisions for the inclusion of students with voting power on the Senate. Mr. Zimmerman, SUB advisor, related that Dr. Oswald himself would probably deem the constitution invalid without student participation, since that is one of the President's major themes. SGA will attend the meeting, with as much student support as can be aroused and question this vital aspect before the document is ratified. It is important that students have a say on the Senate because the body will have the

power to outline needed and desired courses, faculty, etc. Academically it is the strongest tool Behrend will have to develop a tradition as a college of high educational standing.

Because of the publication schedule for the Collegian, the outcome of the SGA action will probably be printed in the first issue of the Spring term.

The meeting ended with the appointment of Jim Meyers, SGA commuter representative and Henry Walker to a committee involved in seeking out student ideas for definite changes in the traffic regulations for next year.

Behrend Has Advantages

The first twenty-one days of the Spring Term 1973 will represent a time of decision for a large number of Behrend College Sophomores. It will be during this period that sixth term students must finally decide whether to remain at the Behrend College or transfer to University Park. This year, even more than in other years, this will not be an easy choice.

As most Behrend students are aware, Behrend College presently offers all of the course work necessary for earning the baccalaureate degree in English, Mathematics, General Arts and Sciences, and Science. Many students however, are not aware that, commencing with the 1973-74 academic year, Behrend will also offer the baccalaureate degree in the additional majors of Psychology, Sociology, Pre-Medicine, and American Studies. In addition to these, students may also remain at Behrend through their Junior year in History, English Education, Mathematics Education, Science Education, Biology, Chemistry, Social Science Education, Political Science, and Pre-law.

The advantages offered by Behrend over University Park, subjective though they are, are many. Certainly the small class size, the accessibility of faculty and administration, the spirit of community and the pleasant rural surroundings enjoyed at Behrend College distinguish it from University Park with a decided advantage to Behrend. These factors become increasingly important for students interested in going on to graduate or professional school for whom faculty recommendations are important. Even those students planning to enter the business world locally find the local contact very important, par-

ticularly when one bears in mind the fact that Behrend College both awards the Penn State degree and reports its work on the Penn State transcript.

Any students who might be undecided about where to spend their junior and/or senior year are urged to discuss it with their faculty advisor. Mr. Goetz and Mr. Claridge also remain available for answers to your individual questions regarding your academic future at Behrend College.

Behrend's Who's Who

This is the first year for Behrend to have students listed in the publication -WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Nomination forms were made available to students and staff. From the nominations, the Committee on Student Affairs selected Behrend nominees. The Office of Student Affairs coordinated the selection. Eligibility requirements included that the student be graduated from September 1972-June 1974 and that students must be enrolled in the Baccalaureate program.

Students who were selected and whose names will appear in the national publication are: Pamela P. Babcock, Albert J. DiFrank, Dennis M. Hart, Robert J. Jeffrey, Michael T. Joyce, Vic J. Kopnitsky Jr., Mary E. Mellin, George W. Moore, Kenneth W. Mushrush, Leslie D. Rossin, Barbara M. Schneider, Sandor J. Vargyai, David G. Watt and Darrel W. Whitney. Congratulations to all for this fine achievement.

JRC to Sponsor Band Concert

Take a break before finals and attend a concert in Erie Hall. JRC is sponsoring their last event of the winter term with a Jammy Friday, March 9. The featured group will be Quille Ller, formerly known as Stillwater. Fifty cents will be the admission charge. The Jammy will begin at 11 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.

Members of JRC discussed the proposed amendment to be presented at the Faculty Senate meeting today. Many Behrend students want to have voting power on issues that are now only passed or vetoed through faculty voting.

Students do have the opportunities to pass ideas through a faculty member, but cannot

openly and personally express their views at a meeting. The students can attend meetings, but not as voting participants.

At the Senate meeting today only a small contingent of students may attend. Michael Chiricuzio, Chairman of JRC, feels "even if students are outvoted on their proposed issues, at least the students would have a chance to express their views."

The letter campaign sponsored jointly by SGA and JRC begins this week. These letters are to be written by the students to their county representatives regarding the deficit of state allocations to Penn State.

Each student writing a letter should express genuine and

personal concern about the issue indicating the 5.5 million dollar decrease in allocation of funding to the rising of Social Security. It may also be mentioned that this loss creates a deficit in complete educational opportunities for the student. And last, the individual may request his response as to how he will be voting with respect to Penn State.

Niagara's dorm rec room is now in the process of being painted through JRC sponsorship. In charge of the mural painting is Jack Reidy of Perry Hall.

Another topic under discussion was the Spring Arts Festival in which JRC will host a movie to be shown on Behrend's ski slope.



Spring Ends Winter Fun

At Peek 'N Peak, the local super-ski resort, ski buffs and snow enthusiasts spent their last, long weekend of winter snow in frozen bliss.