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Everything IS Bigger

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Dr. Helmut Schnitter, who is replacing Dr. Daniel of Behrend through the International Education and Cultural Exchange Program, has some interesting comments on his initial rendezvous with America. Dr. Schnitter has taught at the New University of Ulster in North Ireland as well as his steady commitment at Lutherschule Gymnasium in Hannover, Germany. Our new faculty member received his Ph.D. from the Free University of Berlin, his majors being English and history. He also studied at the University of Zurich.

Hannover, Germany is Dr. Schnitter's home. The city's population is approximately 500,000, and the total population including suburbs reaches the one million mark. Hannover's main industries include the Volkswagen market, as well as chocolate and biscuit manufacturing. Hannover's Industry Fair is universally known for its distribution of industrial talents. Dr. Schnitter explained the geography of Hannover as "a large plain." Aesthetic properties, such as the plentiful gardens, are considered with great pride to the inhabitants of Hannover.

Dr. Schnitter, assisted by his wife and two young sons, arrived in the United States in mid August. First on the agenda for the new arrivals was Washington, D.C., where Dr. Schnitter participated in an introductory seminar on Universities in America. Next, the professor and his family visited Niagara Falls, and found the "world wonder" quite beautiful and enjoyable.

"Everything is bigger," was Dr. Schnitter's reply when asked about his first impression of the States. Included in his statement was the fact that the cars, trees and even the quantity of food were larger than what he was accustomed to. The visiting professor was quick to notice the "uneducational" aspects of

America's television programs. In German, politics and critical analysis win top ratings, compared to the United States' trend toward the mystery. "Here you see up to three mysteries on television in one night. In Germany, mysteries are programmed only three times weekly."

Upon arrival in Erie, Dr. Schnitter experienced several more changes. Obvious to any out-of-towner is Erie's abundance of "huge parking lots" usually accompanied by such chain business as MacDonalds, which is a new experience for Dr. Schnitter. Another unpleasant effect is the fact that one finds poverty within 100 yards of "fine houses." To a foreigner, this complete steep transition of economical status comes as a surprise. Also, the fact that the Erie area "produces so much wine" on plain fields is in contrast to the conditional slopes that the professor is familiar with. Along with the surrounding area's abundance of wine comes a welcome abundance of fruits and vegetables, with which Mrs. Schnitter is discovering "a new experience in cooking."

Another interesting aspect of contrast is that of the educational systems. When asked to compare the universities in Germany to those in the states Dr. Schnitter replied: "I can't compare universities" for the reason of extreme difference in the educational systems. Dr. Helmut Schnitter continued with the information of the various differences. The elementary school is equal to our grades 1 through 4. From the fifth grade up to the university the student can either attend a vocational school for learning trades, a middle school which prepares the student for higher clerical, banking and some technological positions, or the gymnasium where one prepares for qualifications to a university. The last three years of the gymnasium is equal to our undergraduate program. During

this period the student takes an average of eight to ten subjects as well as fulfilling a requirement of at least two foreign languages, which are usually English and French. The gymnasium student usually completes this program between the ages of 19 and 20. The next step on Germany's education ladder is a University, a six-year program equivalent to America's graduate school. One comparison that Dr. Schnitter felt secure in stating is that "Europe is more selective in education; meaning that only between 10 and 20 per cent of Germany students qualify for the university level, in which an equivalent to the United States M.A. degree may be obtained.

Dr. Schnitter was also reluctant in discussing student attitudes. "I don't want to jump to conclusions." However, the professor did express a very interesting and surprising question. He feels that here the students are "more well-behaved" in that during a boring lecture American students will "usually keep quiet", while in Germany there is a tendency for "more noise" and general restlessness. This comparison of attitudes also holds true for faculty of Hannover institutions are likely to show disapproval "taking out books" and proceeding to read them. Again, relatively little was said on the subject because the professor felt that "it wouldn't be fair" to make any more comments "in the beginning" of his stay at Behrend.

The summer of '75 marks Dr. Schnitter's return to his home. Let's hope that his teaching experience at Behrend as well as his stay in America is both pleasurable and enjoyable.



Behrend's visiting faculty member, Dr. Helmut Schnitter, presented some interesting views on America.

SGA Introduces New Members

The SGA meeting of September 30 began with the introduction of new SGA members consisting of: Al Lotz, Senior class president; Mike Woods, Junior class president; Jim Mahlon, Sophomore class president; and Phyllis Zimmerman, Freshman class president.

Once again students are reminded that they must vote on the amended constitution. This amended constitution concerns academic and representational items. There will be a member from each academic area: Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Arts and Humanities. The new representatives will consist of dorm and commuter students for each class.

And Elections for these positions and that of SGA treasurer will take place today and Friday (October 3 and 4) from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

A Publicity Committee responsible for informing students of SGA events pertinent to them was formed. Also, by way of committees, Pat Lamb was appointed to serve on the Student Affairs Committee which consists of three faculty members

and three students. The chairman of this committee is Professor Eva Tucker. Dean Lane explained the function of the committee as one of an advisory capacity. It is responsible for student-aid grants when local funds are available and the determination of recipients of such awards as the Walker and Turnball Awards.

Elected to the Student Standards Board was Jim Mahlon. This board, as stated in the Behrend College Handbook of 1974-75 (pg. 26), "shall have jurisdiction over alleged violations of student made rules and regulations..." The board is composed of full-time students located on each campus. The size of the board and its method of selecting students is determined by the students and the chief administrator of the campus.

Bob Lamary and Rick Shroul have been appointed to serve on the Safety Committee and Mike Woods will represent Behrend College on The Council of Branch Campus Student Governments. Dean Lane offered some stern words of advice calling attention to the fact that the council "is not Mickey Mouse", but serious business. He expressed to those present the importance of the council as it is an officially governing body of students, whose members are asked to serve on the board of trustees and the University Senate.

The Association reviewed the budgets of the Keystone Society and the Behrend Collegian after attempts at forming a budget committee were temporarily stalled. According to a reliable source, every year, the constitution of each organization must be reviewed and accepted by the SGA before it can be recognized as a legal organization on campus, and before it can receive money for its proposed budget. Any new organization or club should submit its constitution and budget simultaneously.

The revelation of this bit of information sent the president flipping through his papers. But amid sighs of dire disappointment from various members of the Collegian assembled at the meeting, a Constitution Committee headed by first vice-president, Dave Scypinski, was initiated. Second vice-president, Gina Myers, will head the Budget Committee. But in the meantime the Collegian Budget was reviewed and voted on under the condition that "the copy of the Collegian Constitution on file cannot be replaced by another."

The Collegian is in debt to the tune of \$1,464. Darla Berkey reminded those present that a term-by-term review of the Collegian budget is a much less complicated ordeal and it appears that this is exactly what the association will be doing.

The meeting ended on a high note with Dean Lane congratulating the newly elected officers and mentioning a few monetary concerns. He explained that twenty years ago the per capita activity fee for Behrend Campus was \$15. It has since fallen to \$4 "a head" but will soon rise to \$8. Dean Lane has recommended that the approach to the activities funding be changed and that Behrend due to its collegiate status have its funds sent directly instead of being reviewed at University Park along with the commonwealth campuses. He is also recommending that the amount of money allotted Behrend this year be quadrupled in the future. "I dream too," he quipped.

Here are the dispensary hours for Dr. Kazmi for the month of October: Monday, October 7, Wednesday, October 9, at 1 p.m.; Monday, October 14, Wednesday, October 21, Wednesday, October 23 at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, October 31 at 9 a.m.

Quite Promising

by Ron Wayne

"The umbrella of responsibility was conceived of the idea to have secondary school relations, give orientation assistance and to act as campus tour guides," remarked Ms. Roseland Bainum, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, speaking of the Behrend College Student Staff.

Composed of 21 students, the group was helpful during orientation week. They also plan to attend "college days" at various secondary schools where members of the group will be able to give information and to answer questions about Behrend. There are plans to visit 42 schools in the tri-county area this term. The first is the night of October 3 in Oil City.

The Staff was formed during the summer by Dean Bainum. She obtained lists of possible candidates from several administrators and group leaders. To narrow the list, she only contacted the students who were mentioned twice or more on different lists. Twenty-one of the possible twenty-six responded and volunteered to be in the program.

They were: Darla Berkey, Sandy Borkowski, Michael Chiricuzio, Angela Detlev, Brian Ferris, Joni Grauso, Robert Hohn, Margaret Innes, Barbara Jolly, Joey Kennedy, Alan Kirk, Bob Lamary, Pat Lamb, Jeff

Lang, Ken LaSota, Gina Myers, Michael Razanauskas, Susan Rieke, Dave Scypinski, Jane Truskey, and Mike Woods.

Dean Bainum feels this program will be a success because students will respond to those of their same generation rather than an older advisor.

Timely and Nostalgic

Along a misty, lonely beach on a summer-colony island, a man walks slowly among the sandpipers. On this solitary morning stroll, he relives the summer of 1942 when he was 15, a boy named Hermie, on the threshold of manhood.

Thus begins "Summer of '42", a nostalgic excursion for some and an open door to a generation ago for others. But for everyone, it is a simple human comedy with a timeless feeling, as true today as it was then and will be tomorrow. Only the calendar changes.

Michel Legrand's poignant theme won the 1971 Academy Award for Best Original Score. Robert Mulligan directed the Technicolor film, which will be shown Sunday night in the RUB lecture hall, with two showings at 7 and 9 p.m.

CWENS Rolling

"I'm really excited about it...with twice as many active members, CWENS should accomplish twice as much as last year."

With this statement, whether she knew it or not, Shari Bronski described the National Society of CWENS better than any student handbook ever has—excitement, enthusiasm, goals, accomplishment—CWENS, a national honorary society for sophomore women, is much more than "just" another honor society. Unlike most, where recognition seems to be the only purpose, CWENS is an active unit on the campus directed to the service of the college and community.

All students (female) who, in the spring of their freshman year, have a cumulative average of 3.0 or better and no published disciplinary record are eligible for pledgeship in the Behrend chapter of CWENS. Future members are selected from this group on the basis of interest shown in student activities, leadership potential and maturity.

This year's active members are: Shari Bronski (president), Deb Wickwire (vice president), Angela Detlev (treasurer), Sue Rieke (secretary), Pam Berry, Ginger Brown, Mary Beth Finke, Barb Frank, Joni Grauso, Lynne Hamlin, Barb Jones, Jennifer McAlevy, Gina Myers, Sylvia Polasky, Heidi Rutz, Cindy Salak, Karen Smogorzewski, Jane Truskey and Pat Wahrenberger.

As CWENS, their activities this year will include: collections for organizations like the United Fund, wrapping books for the underprivileged overseas, distribution of "CARE" packages for students during exam time (nice!); and work with

emotionally disturbed children. Without CWENS, Behrend wouldn't have its new scoreboard (they donated it last year). This year there will probably be another donation of this nature; and well, the list seems endless.

Besides these services, the CWENS think about themselves occasionally too. Right now they're in the process of raising money for a trip to a national convention of CWENS. Discussion at the convention will probably center around the revision of the various rituals that are traditional with the CWENS. The Convention will be held at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., on October 11, 12 and 13. The CWENS hope to raise most of the money they'll need at a bake sale tomorrow, Friday, October 4, at the RUB.

Immediately after the convention, work will begin to raise money for a popcorn machine. It will be used during movies and other activities of this nature. Since such a great percentage of the work CWENS does involves money-making, the machine (though it will cost around \$150) should be a good investment. Even if it doesn't prove extremely profitable, it will serve what a few of us think must be one of CWENS' purposes. Between "CARE" packages, bake sales, and future popcorn, they're sure to make the student body at Behrend one of the happiest and fattest in the state.

Thursday, October 10

Common Hour

TV Lounge-RUB

Meet you class officers