

# Buckley Amendment Yields Student Rights

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Oswald Releases Policy...

## Files, Documents Protected

Today, President Oswald released the University's Interim Policy on Confidentiality of Student Records to be effective immediately. It was developed in response to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("The Buckley Amendment") which became law on November 19, 1974. In addition, it reflects changes resulting from amendments to that law signed by President Ford on December 31, 1974.

This policy also reflects the results of consideration by the following University groups: The University Faculty Senate Council; the University Council; the University Student Advisory Board; the Council of Academic Deans; the Council of Commonwealth Campus Directors; the Council for Commonwealth Campus Deans of Students; and the Student Affairs Committee of the University Faculty Senate.

When guidelines are completed by April 1975, this policy may be revised again in light of those guidelines and final policy will be established.

### I. PREAMBLE

The Pennsylvania State University collects and retains data and information about students for designated periods of time for the expressed purpose of facilitating the student's educational development. The University recognizes the privacy rights of individuals in exerting control over what information about themselves may be disclosed and, at the same time, attempts to balance that right with the institution's need for information relevant to the fulfillment of its educational missions. The University further recognizes its obligation to clearly inform the student of the existence and location of records

as well as to define the purposes for which such information is obtained.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a part of the Education Amendments of 1974, became law on November 19, 1974. This law has caused the University to modify somewhat its previous policies on the confidentiality of student records. Since federal guidelines have yet to be issued relative to this law, the following policy statement is to be regarded as interim.

Comments and suggestions will be welcomed. All such communications should be addressed to Dr. Robert Smith, Assistant Provost, 205 Old Main.

### II. INTERIM STUDENT RECORD POLICY

No information from records, files, and data directly related to a student shall be disclosed to individuals or agencies outside

the University without the consent of the student in writing, except in the case of specifically designated educational and governmental officials as required by Public Law 93-380 ("Educational Amendments of 1974"). Records originating at another institution will be subject to these policies.

### III. STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Student educational records are defined as those records, files, documents, and other materials which contain information directly related to a student and are maintained by individual currently or previously enrolled in any academic offering of the University.

### V. PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENTS

The following is a list of public information which may be available regarding students of

the University without their prior consent and is considered part of the public record of their attendance:

1. Name
2. Address (Local and Home Permanent)
3. Telephone Number
4. Date and Place of Birth
5. Major
6. Student Activities Including Athletics
7. Weight-Height (Athletic Teams)
8. Dates of Attendance
9. Date of Graduation
10. Degrees and Awards Received
11. Most Recent Educational Institution Attended

The student is entitled to request that any or all of this information not be made publicly available by request to the Records Office prior to the end of the registration period for any given term.

### VI. UNIVERSITY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT RECORDS

The following University officers are designated as responsible for student records within their respective areas: the Vice-President for Undergraduate Studies; the Vice-President for Student Affairs; the Vice-President for Continuing Education; the Vice-President for Research and Graduate Studies; the University Budget and Planning Officer; the Vice-

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Alive and in concert, the clanging, banging, and impressive Molkie Cole produced the ultimate in greasy metal music here at Behrend last Friday night (see story page 2).

## Collegian Newspaper Writers Travel to University Seminar

by Mark Reese

Four members of the Behrend Collegian staff traveled to University Park last weekend for a two-day conference. Jay Schonhaler, Bob Wetmore, Paul Corbran, and Mark Reese attended a seminar and training session aimed at improving their skills, and therefore the quality of the Collegian.

The Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses, an organization of Penn State campus newspapers hosted the conference. The purpose of the event was to provide training in writing, editing, layout, and other phases of newspaper work.

Press Association president Ann Cope opened the conference on Saturday afternoon. Seventeen students representing six commonwealth campuses gathered to learn from professionals in the field of journalism.

Work began by dividing into two groups: those interested in improving their writing skills, and those desiring instruction in editing procedures.

The group studying editing was instructed by Mr. Gerry Hamilton, an editor with the York, Pa. Dispatch and advisor to the Press Association. Professor John F. Foltz of the Penn State journalism department taught the session on

news writing. Work the second day concentrated on layout and use of photography.

Much was learned at this term's conference, and another such conference is scheduled to be held during the spring term.

Glinodo Hosts...

## Futures, Careers, Workshop

For those who are confused or uncertain about their future, or who just feel a need for orientation in their lives, the Career and Development Department is sponsoring a Life Planning Workshop. To be held at Camp Glinodo on Saturday, February 1, the workshop will aim at allowing people to discuss their feelings and thoughts as well as to make plans about their career, immediate educational plans, and personal life-style in the future.

Small groups will be led by staff members who participate by sharing their experience as well as by guiding the activities. Through such discussions and a series of structured activities, it is hoped that members will be aided in answering for themselves, "Where are you going?"

Not meant to be a sensitivity or encounter group, the workshop

will be constructive as well as fun in offering a rare opportunity to work with yourself and to discover others with the same problems and confusions about the future. Some of the major goals are to increase your awareness of your own part in determining your future, to help you decide what you want in various aspects of your life, and to set immediate steps in working toward your goals.

This amount of money is clearly not enough to sustain the Collegian for much longer. Measures will have to be taken in order to cover the Collegian's expense. One suggestion is to place a donation basket in the RUB at registration. This would

give the students of Behrend College an opportunity to do something for their newspaper. Another important decision, the SGA turned down a request made by Arno Selco for \$25. The money would be used to help finance a theatre outing to Cleveland. The SGA suggested that each participant going pay an extra 30 cents or so to make up the \$25.

The SGA office received a call last week from University Park concerning the Pennsylvania Interest Research Group. This organization is made up of a group of experts who are concerned with student consumerism within the University and its branch campuses. They are interested in researching such areas as University trustees, dormitories, facilities, and various other aspects of college life. The organization is looking for at least support from 50 per cent of all University students—due to the vagueness of the call, however, the matter will be taken up next meeting or when further word comes from University Park.

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## SGA Short on Funds

by Tim Grosser

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## JRC sponsors many Activities in winter term

Has winter got you down? Instead of complaining, enjoy it! The ice-skating rink that has been constructed over the basketball court is ready for use. The ski lift is operating, and the best news of all is that the Joint Residence Council is sponsoring a ski trip to beautiful Peek'n Peak. Free transportation will be provided for the trip on Thursday, February 6. Sign up by tomorrow, at the Niagara gameroom; one of the assistants will take your name and money. Don't forget—the deadline for signing up is January 31.

The Niagara gameroom has some new additions. A juke box has been installed and some snacks and pharmaceutical items are now being sold.

JRC members are continuing to check with travel agencies for the best prices for a trip to Florida over spring break.

If you wish to keep abreast of the JRC meetings, they are open and are held in Lawrence conference room, at 6:30 on Tuesdays. Also minutes of the weekly meetings are now being posted on the duty offices in each of the dorms.

into yourself and explore your inner-resources."

The bus will leave Behrend at 8 a.m. for the workshop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Transportation will be provided from and back to Behrend. Bring your own lunch. To join the workshop go to the Career and Development Department on the second floor of the Main Building for an agreement and more details.

## Biology Club Features Speaker

The BIO Club had Mr. Kenyon of the Pennsylvania State Fish Commission as its guest speaker last Thursday. He described the role of the Commission in determining the growth rate, mortality rate, abundances, and sizes of various species of fish in Lake Erie. This type of information is useful to the commercial fishing industries

operating on the lake. The informal discussion was very interesting and the club was pleased with the turnout.

The BIO Club would like to remind you of the recycling receptacle in the RUB cafeteria. They hope you will participate in helping to clean up the environment.