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Visitation Change!
Effective this Friday, March 21st

Weekly hours:

Friday 12:00 pm - 2:00 am
Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:00 am
Sunday 12:00 pm - 1:00 midnight
Monday }
Thursday } 6:00 pm - 1:00 am

This schedule includes the addition of...

The notice pictured at left of new visitation hours was posted in response to a long campaign by students for additional hours.

JRC votes new hours

By Marsha Young

The Behrend Central Committee on Student Rights—which includes Bob Curtiss, Bill Dale and Mike Woods—began an investigation on the possibilities of an extension of visitation hours, here, last term. After numerous meetings with students and administration, letters, and a petition, they presented the problem to the JRC. The JRC voted to support the project and started working with the Central Committee.

Additional hours were granted, first nine and then another ten, by Director Koche. A letter was sent to Mr. Curtiss by Dean Lane concerning the number of additional hours granted. Following this, a questionnaire was circulated, throughout the dorms, on the distribution of these hours.

On Wednesday, March 19, the JRC met and voted on the distribution of the hours and they went into effect on the following Friday. A list of the new visitation hours is included in the picture to

the left. Because of a five-hour no-visitation rule between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., there is no increase in hours after 2 a.m.

There will be weekly, Tuesday movies shown in Lawrence Lobby. These are short movies covering a variety of topics. Starting time is 7:30 p.m., and a list of those to be shown will be posted on the Dobbins Hall bulletinboard.

JRC has planned a free bowling party on April 4. This event will be held at Eastland Bowling Lanes from 12 midnight until 2 a.m. Games and shows will be free.

Those of you who have not as yet stopped in at the Niagara Hall Recreation Room are in for a surprise. There is a large selection of munchies and games to choose from, not to mention three pin-ball machines.

Any student wishing to offer a suggestion or voice a gripe is invited to attend the JRC meeting which is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Lawrence Conference Room.

SGA Acts On Campus Affairs

By Elaine Grove

The following business was conducted in the three most recent meetings of the SGA. In the meeting of Feb. 24, a motion was passed to write a letter to Security inquiring about the possibility of cashing in confiscated beer kegs and giving the deposits to JRC for their pizza party and to SGA. The reply, read by Barb Jolly during the March 24 meeting, stated that the confiscated kegs are held for one academic year and then drained. A motion was then passed to send another letter to Security to ask about cashing the kegs in after the holding period; the money to be given to SGA.

Jennifer Gregor said in last Monday's meeting that she is asking members of some student organizations to attend the next SGA meeting to inform them of SGA's lack of funds and ask for donations from them for the Spring Arts Festival.

In the meeting of Feb. 24, support from SGA requested by Mike Woods of the Behrend Central Committee for the visitation protests was given. Last Monday night, an instructor evaluation booklet being compiled by Mike Woods was discussed. The booklet would be constructed from questionnaires given to students and distributed to the students as a reference

about instructors.

A decision was tabled until next meeting on the allocation of \$100 to send a Behrend ping-pong and bowling team to the Inter-Campus League Tournament to be held April 5 at the DuBois Campus.

Approval was given in the March 17 meeting for allocation of \$50 to the Psychology Club. The

money is to help with their gas and other expenses on a trip to Washington, D.C. for a seminar. The remaining expenses will come from \$75 per person.

Mentioned on the 17th and also last Monday was the Eric Walker Award, to be chosen April 8 from outstanding sophomores at Behrend. Nomination forms are available at the SUB.

New Financial Aid

By Ron Wayne

Some recent changes will affect those seeking financial aid for the next scholastic year. The new laws pertain to the several programs, sponsored by the federal government, and which assist students in post-secondary institutions. The programs include Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study Programs, National Direct Student Loans, and Guaranteed Student Loans.

Veterans may now list one-half of their benefits for other income, when applying for BEOG. Social Security may also be placed under other income. Independent students' income for the 1975 academic year will become the basis for financial aid consideration. Pertaining to treatment of assets, BEOG has increased the amount from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The family size off-set will be considered according to the 1975 consumer price index. Applications are available throughout the year.

As with other programs, assistance is available for both half-time and full-time students. Students can now secure not less than \$200 and not more than \$1,500 per year from SEOG.

The College Work-Study Program has increased the number of hours a student can work from 20 to 40 per week.

The National Direct Student

Loans has made several changes. Students completing two years of a baccalaureate degree program can receive up to \$5,000. The loan is based on need, and determined by the Parents' Confidential Statement (PCS). Repayments starts nine months after graduation or upon leaving school with up to 10 years to repay. A 3 per cent interest rate is charged on the unpaid balance. No payment is required for a maximum of three years if the student serves in the armed services, Peace Corps or VISTA after graduation or departure from school. This deferment also also applies for Guaranteed Student Loans.

Application for SEOG, College Work-Study Program and National Direct Student Loans will be accepted till April 1, 1975 for the 1975-76 school year.

The maximum amount available from Guaranteed Student Loans is \$2,500 per year. These are guaranteed by the state and issued by the Federal government at an interest rate not more than 7 per cent. Some students are eligible for Federal government benefits; that is, the government will absorb the interest. The requirements are an adjusted family income less than \$15,000, a recommendation based on a need analysis for the family with an income more than \$15,000, a recommendation for the student with a \$2,000 loan. Repayment starts 9 to 12 months after graduation, for a 10 year period.



Chairman Bob Curtiss of the JRC leads a meeting concerning visitation policy. Their efforts resulted in revision of the disputed policy.

Scholarship Program

A scholarship to complete the undergraduate program at Penn State is available to qualified undergraduate students who are planning to go on to graduate library school. The Martha Conner Memorial Scholarship was established in 1964 by Mrs. Grace C. Whittemore in memory of her sister, Martha Conner, who was a member of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries staff.

It provides for scholarships at Penn State for undergraduates who need funds to meet necessary college expenses, who are planning to enroll or actually have been accepted in a graduate school of library science, and who are maintaining satisfactory undergraduate averages.

Scholarships are awarded without regard to undergraduate majors but the number granted each year and the amount of the award are dependent upon the amount of earnings available from the Martha Conner Memorial Fund.

Each scholarship shall be awarded for the duration of one academic year but may be renewed if the recipient continues to meet the conditions of

eligibility.

Students who wish to apply for the 1975-76 academic year may obtain further information from the University Libraries, 505E Pattee. Applications should be made no later than May 21, 1975.

BIO Plans

By Priscilla Hamilton

Spring term holds a lot of exciting things in store for the Behrend BIO Club. On April 9, Dr. Kenneth Garver, the area genetic counselor, will present a program on genetic diseases and other interesting topics. The BIO Club also has many films planned for various meetings. On April 10, the film, "Trout Unlimited" will be shown.

In late April, the club plans to join forces with the Keystone Society in the annual Wintergreen Gorge cleanup project. And on May 3, a tentative field trip to Pymatuning Reservoir Wildlife Museum and Rookery is planned.

The club extends an invitation to all students and faculty to attend these functions and the regular meetings, which are held in Nick 8, on Thursdays during Common hour.

BC Radio

The Behrend College Radio Series will open its spring term schedule with a program entitled, "The Archeology of Erie County." It is going to be narrated by Arno Selco, and the guest speaker this week will be Charles Kolb. The series will continue to broadcast from WQLN-FM, 91.3 Stereo, on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

All Behrend College students are urged to listen to this informative and highly interesting program as a continuing part of the series.