

"Disco Night" beer blast Saturday

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Evaluation start

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The "new" Mike Woods opened last Monday's SGA meeting at 7:45 p.m. The treasury now stands, not including \$1,500 for Spring Arts, at \$755.88, as reported by Jo Ann Bruno.

The meeting opened with a report by Bill Dale on the Behrend Safety Committee. The main theme of this report were fires and fire prevention on campus. The fire extinguisher problem in the residence halls was noted and some new developments in the placement of them brought up. The problem of the loudness (or lack of loudness) of the fire alarms in Perry Hall was also touched upon.

Mr. Dale then informed the body of a complaint by the Brookside Volunteer Fire Department on the behavior of some resident students. The complaint stems from the way these men were treated while extinguishing a minor fire in a garbage dumpster a few weeks

back. It was thought that the SGA should write a letter of appreciation to the fire department and to apologize for the actions of these "few idiots." A motion was made and passed on this action.

George Spiegel, with the assistance of Mike Woods, then gave his report on the Faculty Senate meeting. Mr. Woods had addressed the senate on the Free University and Professorial Evaluation proposals. It was felt that the faculty was somewhat reluctant in cooperating with the SGA on the evaluation booklet. The idea was put into committee by the senate though. Also proposed, in the faculty senate, was a grade validation procedure. Mr. Spiegel reported that this would let the instructors review the grades after sending them to the computer. This would minimize mistakes in student grading.

Moving on to the business aspect, Mike Woods gave a short outline on Commonwealth Campus Day to be held at UP on February 14. He named Bill Dale

as "King" of this event, from Behrend. Mr. Dale will be responsible for coordinating and promoting it here on campus. There was some discussion, also, on the possibility of chartering buses.

After Mike expressed that he was in a "good mood", he asked for help with the first step of the Professorial Evaluation Booklet. He plans to send for questionnaires from twenty-five other colleges with a similar program. After collecting this data, the most applicable questions will be used in forming one for Behrend.

Spring Arts was discussed and notices on the subject were sent to many members of the Behrend College faculty, staff, and student body. An organizational meeting will be held during the Common Hour. Anyone interested in working on the festival this year is asked to attend.

"The "Disco Night" beer blast sponsored by Student Activities Committee, was discussed. This event is to be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Brookside fire hall.

In open business, a rough draft of the letter to Brookside was reviewed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

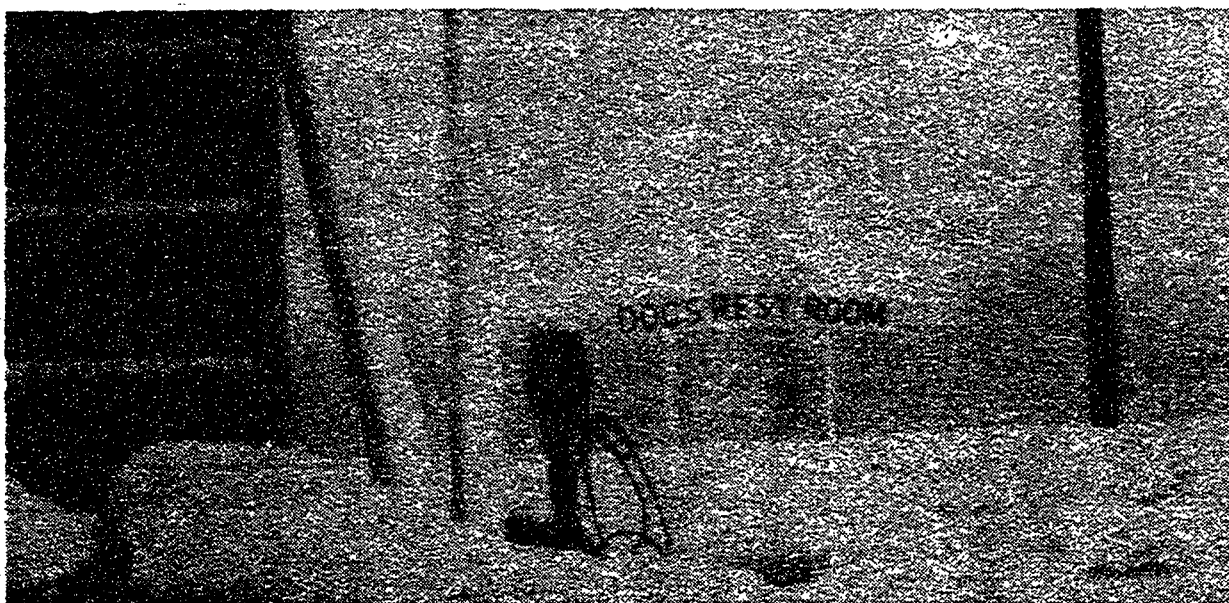
Faucet abuse cited

A group of Behrend students working on a Bi.Sc. 3 project have compiled some startling facts on how many resources are used up in the three dorms and Dobbins Hall. In just one day, 50,000 gallons of water are used. This could definitely be cut down if students could be more aware of using this much water. Reminders are being posted in the dorms, so please try and save! One way of saving is to not let water run—only turn it on when

you definitely need it. Another outrageous fact is the usage of electricity. In just the dorms and Dobbins the electric bill for one school year is \$125,000. This bill has greatly increased because of increase in the cost of electricity, however, usage has also increased. Reminders have also been posted on peak hours of electricity usage and what to do to cut down. Simple steps students can take to save electricity are making sure stereos, lights, radios and other electrical appliances are used only when needed and immediately shut off after usage. Housing has taken steps to save electricity by removing every other light in corridors. These two factors, water and electricity, have increased in price, volume, and usage. These increases have greatly influenced housing costs. To keep housing from increasing costs, students have to start saving resources.

Chocolate sale

The Keystone Society of Behrend College will be taking orders for Pulakos 3 oz. chocolate almond bars Thursday, February 6th in the RUB. The cost is 60 cents per bar. Orders may be picked up one week later February 12th and 13th at the booth in the RUB.



Only in Erie

...Are canine comfort facilities provided at gas stations. Staff photographer Lynn Boone spotted this unusual restroom south of the city.



Ferraro performs

Joined by four friends, guitarist Dan Ferraro graced last Wednesday's Coffee House with his version of Wind on the Water and other soft rock selections.

WBCR ribbon-cutting

Behrend College Radio, which has adopted the call letters WBCR, will begin broadcasting again on Sunday, March 7. This will end the long period of facility improvement and re-organization which forced the station to suspend on-air operations in December. An official "ribbon-cutting" ceremony in the form of throwing the switch will take place during registration.

WBCR plans to air basically the same variety of music it aired during its fall term debut, with the emphasis on progressive rock and jazz. Station Manager Ed Fratus assures the listeners that, "In no way will this facility be turned into a "Top 40" station." Weekly program sheets listing the DJ and type of music to be

played on each show will be distributed.

Disc Jockeys, who will be chosen on the basis of voice quality and style, will receive added training at seminars by professional area DJ's. This will give the station a smoother, more polished sound. The "jocks" on the station will relay information such as registration schedules, late sports scores, ski conditions, and course changes.

The regular newscasts are expected to be aired twice daily at 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. On-campus and University news will receive emphasis, but there will be some coverage of important local and national events.

In addition to the regular music and news programming, special feature shows are being planned. Guest speakers and musicians may be taped for delayed airplay. A syndicated show called "The Street Level" is scheduled for Sunday broadcasts. Live, remote broadcasts of Behrend's athletic teams could give an aspiring sportscaster experience while keeping the campus tuned-in. Taped interviews of key figures are being planned. If the interest is shown, WBCR is capable of handling a telephone talk show, with unlimited possible subjects.

The versatility to do all these shows is due to the investment of new equipment, among which are the following:

—A high quality closed-circuit system reaching all three residence halls. With this system, students in the halls will receive clear distortion-free reception of WBCR at a frequency of 690 Kiloherz (AM). Another advantage of being on a closed circuit system is that no FCC

license or regulations are needed.

—A soundproof broadcast studio, located in the rear of the radio station's room next to the commuter cafeteria in the RUB. This will eliminate background noises while the disc jockey is on the air.

—A professional, solid state broadcasting console. This expensive but vital piece is due to arrive within a week.

—Two Technics SL 1500 direct drive turntables equipped with special studio cartridges for perfect cueing.

—The addition of WBCR to the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS). This network of over 600 radio stations provides assistance and advice for effective programming, news, advertising, licensing procedures, etc. WBCR will send a delegation to the next IBS convention which is March 4, 5 and 6 in Philadelphia.

To partially offset the cost of these expenditures, the radio station will hold an extensive fund and record raising drive. It will receive a portion of the proceeds from this Saturday's Disco Night at the Brookside Community Center. The blast will begin at 8 and is sponsored by the SAC. Anyone wishing to donate record albums is advised to contact Record Librarian Steve Crandall (Perry 204) or drop them off at the RUB desk.

Ed Fratus stresses that "since we are a student activity produced by the students for the students, we can only be as good as their involvement." To date, there are 38 members of WBCR. Some of these members were added at the recruitment meeting