

# WBCR here again

Station overcomes difficulties

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Within the next few weeks, Behrend's radio station, WBCR, will once again be on the air. The Radio Club, under the new title of BCBC (Behrend College Broadcasting Company) is planning to have the station operating in time for the announcing of events for the Spring Arts Festival. Hampered by both technical and administrative problems, BCBC now has new equipment and the proper procedures necessary for the airing of WBCR.

According to Ed Fratus; the person responsible for the putting together of WBCR, the overcoming of four major obstacles has made it possible for them to get underway again. First, he wishes to thank the JRC for their \$600 donation. Secondly, he is grateful for the donation of the entire old language lab equipment for BCBC's use. A major problem for Ed was the locating of transmitters for broadcasting to the dorms. Finally, he was able to purchase three used transmitters from Edinboro State College, one to be placed in each dorm. A fourth problem was the finding of a good control board at a low price. They now have a professional console (which they got from an Erie station) ready for use. Other additions are two new turntables and a tape

recorder. A problem still in the solving for the staff is that of "Operation Mole." An underground pipe, running beneath the dorms, is supposed to have contained the audio cable. However, as of yet, the cable from Perry to Niagra hasn't been able to get through due to water, mud, or ice. Another attempt will be tried, and if unsuccessful, telephone lines will have to be used instead.

The station room itself has undergone positive changes. Its studio has been lined with egg cartons, thus soundproofing it, and eliminating background noises and the unwanted bouncing of sound.

WBCR operates on Carrier Current—that is, a closed-circuit system. It will be picked up in the three dorms, Dobbins, and the RUB. It will run on an AM frequency, probably that of 560. Since WBCR will be closed circuit, no FCC license is required, therefore saving the long involved process of hiring a lawyer, doing studio diagrams and land surveys, not to mention the extra equipment which would be needed.

Another plus for the BCBC was gained by the attending of Phil Wilt, Dan McKay, Chris Reynolds, and Tom Armstrong to a national convention of college radio stations held in Philadelphia over break. Here, information of programming,

operating, and procedures was gained. Also, important contacts with record companies were made. Once WBCR has proved itself, these companies will send records for free or in trade for ad time. This is indeed a valuable asset, as already over a hundred dollars has been spent for records alone.

The staff is changing heads this term and anyone wanting a position next year should be working with the station this term. Since Ed won't be here next year, Phil Wilt now holds the position of station manager. BCBC is in desperate need of typists, DJ's and maintenance people. Also it is looking for students interested in the business and financial department of WBCR, and those willing to help sell ads and promote it.

Ed reminds us that BCBC is still a non-profit, non-company, student organization. WBCR is owned by the students and operated by its staff. So come on Behrend, let's get our station going and get the music playing!

### First aid

A 40 hour American Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care class will begin on April 7, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. in room 112 of the Nick building. The class will cover all phases of First Aid including Emergency Childbirth, Extraction from vehicles, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.). It is open to all student, faculty, staff members and their families. The cost of the course is \$3.00.

If you are interested please contact the dispensary or the Security Office prior to April 5, 1976.

### Who doesn't

(University Park) When unmarried people live together, what kind of relationship do they really have?

A study which sheds new light on the subject was presented to the American Sociological Association by two faculty members of the College of Human Development at The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Robert A. Lewis, associate professor of human development, presented a paper on the results of a study which compared the relationships of 61 unmarried cohabitants with matched, equal numbers of engaged and married students.

The study revealed three distinct subgroups among the unmarried cohabitants: those who described it as a preparation for marriage, as a substitute for marriage and as a temporary involvement.

Dr. Lewis explained that these distinctions should enable future studies to investigate cohabitation more accurately.

"In the past, everyone has lumped them together," he says.

The Penn State investigators found that couples who live together as a substitute for marriage tend to be more committed to each other than those who are living together as a temporary involvement.

Unmarried couples who live together, the study found, are generally just as committed to each other as engaged couples who do not live together. They are



With new and better operating improvements such as the sound-proof studio the Behrend radio is ready to broadcast once again.

## Finally receive just representation

By Dan McKay  
Editor-in-Chief

Students of Behrend College will now have a voice on the Advisory Board. The board reached a decision at last Thursday's meeting to allow a student representative to join. The student will be an ex-officio member with a voice but not a vote.

SGA president Mike Woods, who has been working for student representation, was disappointed that the representative will not have voting powers. But he notes that, "Through student representation on the Director's Advisory Board, the students will have a voice in crucial decisions which affect the Behrend community as a whole. We have gained much through this decision of the board."

If the Advisory Board meets

again this term, it is expected that Mike Woods will serve temporarily as the first student representative. He states that "I think that as far as decision-making processes go within the College, this is the most important avenue of input we have attained."

Director Kochel, also a longtime proponent of student representation, said that "This action (of allowing a student representative) was discussed on and off for five or six years." He reported further that "The vote was unanimous, and I think that's pretty important." Kochel suggested that possibly the reason it passed the Board this time, but never on previous attempts was that he brought up the issue before the Executive Committee of the Board before bringing it to the entire Board. Some votes apparently were swayed after the Executive Committee approved the motion.

The Advisory Board, like those of all the other Commonwealth Campuses, was established "for the purpose of supporting, promoting and fostering education, and of furthering the advancement of learning in arts, sciences, and occupations at the local Campus of the University. To these ends, the Board may establish or provide scholarships and student aid; support and sponsor education services offered at the local Campus; acquire, hold, maintain or operate facilities necessary and conducive to such purposes."

It is responsible for making recommendations to the University President on matters of financing, programming and public relations. It also raises local support for capital financing of the College. Behrend's Advisory Board was instrumental in raising the funds from the community needed to build Erie Hall, the Otto F. Behrend Science Building, the Reed Union Building, and Perry Hall.

The student representative will serve a one-year term beginning in October. The process of selection is as follows:

The SGA will send a list of six names to the Director. He, together with the Dean of Student Affairs and the President of the Advisory Board, will make the final decision from the six candidates.

The students that the SGA nominate must be full-time degree students with at least a 2.00 cumulative average. Juniors and Seniors would be preferred.

## SGA proceeds well

By Dan McKay  
Editor-in-Chief

Roseland Bainum, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, addressed last Monday night's SGA meeting to call for the organization of a Student Hearing Commission. The commission would go over and discuss the particulars of the Code of Conduct to create a new set of guidelines for disciplinary action in next year's student handbook. Selected for the commission were Mike Woods, Lenny Young, Bill Dale, Doug Roth, and Roger Zanes. Dean Bainum will later meet with commission members from the JRS's and RA's.

Tim Grosser then reported on the progress of the Spring Arts Festival. A tentative schedule of Festival events was distributed. Tim informed the meeting of the need for Marshals, a sort of student policeman. The first meeting of prospective Marshals will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 8 p.m. in the lobby of Lawrence Hall. Because of the training involved in first aid, walkie-talkie use, etc., interested people must attend all subsequent meetings. Tim also emphasized the availability of lighted booths for displays of craftwork by students and faculty alike. Forms for the booths will be distributed later.

The decision of the Directors Advisory Board to accept an ex-officio student member and the effects this will have were discussed. SGA President Mike Woods likened its role to that of Penn State's Board of Trustees.

Lenny Young's report on the Spring Beer Blast revealed that the committee is seeking an indoor hall in Wesleyville, before considering an outdoor event. This decision and choice to be made between hiring a band and spinning discs will rest upon the financial advantages.

Progress in the development of Free University courses at Behrend was brought to light by Roger Zanes and Mike Woods. The Free University concept is highly successful at University Park. The courses, often on unusual subjects, are taught free of charge and they do not count towards degree credits.

The objectives of the Free University this academic year are to offer a few courses and draft a constitution, according to Mike Woods. The first course of the University here at Behrend will be a rock climbing course taught in Wintergreen Gorge. Because of the amount of loose dirt and shale, Roger stated that the course would be strictly repelling. The only dates for this course are the weekend of Easter and the weekend before final exams. Other courses discussed as possibilities are a six hour course in boating safety which would be divided into two three-hour sessions to be taught with the aid of the Pa. Fish Commission, an evening of Dean Lane's histories of universities, and an interdisciplinary look of Wintergreen Gorge taught by some of the members of the science faculty. Doug Roth, JoAnn Bruno, Roger Zanes, Mike Woods, and Bill Dale were elected to the committee to coordinate the availability of classrooms for the Free University.

The upcoming SGA Governing Board elections were also discussed. The elections will decide a new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. After Mike Woods asked if anyone had an idea for someone to succeed him as President, this reporter submitted the name of Lenny Young, who thereupon replied, "I'd like

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