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At last SGA meeting

Tuition increase

Despite a poor turnout for this week's SGA meeting (only 9 members attended) Mike Woods called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Voicing his disappointment in the poor attendance, Woods said there was a lot of important business to be discussed and that he wished more members had attended.

Omitting the treasury report and the minutes (both the secretary and treasurer were absent) Woods went on with the Committee reports.

George Speigel gave a report on what was happening with the pass-fail rule, and as it stands now, a student is allowed 12 credits of pass-fail in a 4 year program and 6 credits in a two year program. Other details, such as where the credits can be used and how, are to be left up to the individual college.

Next, Woods gave a report from the student affairs committee about the possibility of employing a full time public relations coordinator. This person would work for Behrend with the press, TV, and radio. He or she would also deal with promoting our upper level baccalaureate degree program with other colleges. Woods stated that if there was a leeway in the budget, there would be a good chance for this coming about.

Woods also mentioned the possibility of the SGA president and other club presidents receiving a nominal fee. This would be set up almost like a scholarship. The funds being raised in a joint effort of all the clubs on campus. The idea is now in the process of being formalized and probably won't come into effect until next year.

Next on the agenda was the discussion and vote on whether ROTC could have a spot at the awards banquet present to

discuss the issue on behalf of ROTC were Priscilla Hamilton and Rick Nau.

Various problems were discussed, the most important being the fact that ROTC is not a chartered organization. The possibility of ROTC becoming chartered was then brought up. Woods stated that the possibility of a charter this year was doubtful, perhaps next year. During the discussion many questions were raised such as whether or not ROTC was a student organization, how ROTC would serve the students as an organization and whether or not ROTC could be considered an academic pursuit.

Woods stated that the issue couldn't be decided until the constitutional aspects were explored.

A vote was taken and it was decided that ROTC would not have a spot at this year's awards banquet.

SGA treasurer Joanne Bruno, who had arrived late, then gave her report that the treasury at this point has \$360.

Mike Woods' weekend meeting at University Park was brought up next. This is what was discussed: the election for Commonwealth Campus reps. of the U.P. faculty senate were coming up. Generally the SGA would vote and turn in the results, but since Ed Mulkern, a Behrend student, was one of the five nominees, Woods felt that the student body vote would be in order. Even though it would cause some problems, Ed would have a good chance of being elected if he had the whole student body behind him.

The Commonwealth campuses are allotted three seats in the Senate; along with this they have voting powers, they can initiate legislation and lobby. It would be extremely advantageous to have

a Behrend student representing us in the senate.

The SGA was then informed of the tuition increase planned for next year. PSU received \$12,000,000 less than they hoped, so to compensate for this a minimal increase in tuition will go into effect next year. Exact figures of how much the increase would be are unknown at this time but Woods speculates a \$45 a year increase.

Due to budget difficulties, the Board of Trustees are curtailing their trips to Commonwealth Campuses. Usually the Board would hold their meetings at various campuses but due to the exorbitant costs of putting up all 25 or so members, it was decided to hold all meetings at U.P. Also the discrimination policy has been finalized and would be published in the student handbook next year.

Also the remedial program will be expanding; this included

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Anything goes

The campus ski slope will be the scene of some fun this Saturday, May 1st, when residents, commuters, and faculty members will team up against one another for "Almost Anything Goes." Sack races, water balloon tosses, and apple-bobbing are among the events scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m., along with a "Typical Day at Behrend" skit contest.

Twelve eight-member teams have signed up to compete for gag prizes, eight teams of dorm students, two of commuters, and two teams represent the faculty.

The Joint Residence Council and the Resident Assistants are sponsoring the afternoon antics under RA Peggy Joy.



Everyone was a winner. . .

as Ken Bobek dishes out the dough to one of many lucky winners at the SUB sponsored "LAS VEGAS NIGHT" last Saturday.

Experiment held

By Pamela Gilmore
Collegian Staff Writer

Last Tuesday and Thursday, Erie Hall was the scene of an unusual psychology experiment conducted by members of the Psychology 101 - Experimental psychology class. Under the direction of Kiyoe Miszesawa, an associate professor of psychology, the students, Jo Roberts, Larry Snarski, Pamela Gilmore and R.A. Tausan conducted an experiment on reaction time with the assistance of Mr. Stoner, assistant professor of physical education.

In measuring a reaction time of ball players, Engineering students at the Behrend College, with supervision of Mr. Harold Neumann, assistant professor of Engineering, assembled instruments and built new equipment.

The objectives of the ex-

periment were to determine if reaction time and depth perception is of measurable difference between three experimental groups of subjects. Subjects in G1 were individuals currently involved in baseball activities. Members of the Behrend baseball team served as experimental subjects in this group. Subjects in G2 were individuals with prior experience in baseball related activities but were currently inactive. Subjects in G3 consisted of individuals with minimal to no experience in baseball related activities.

Subjects were told that they would receive one of three types of pitches (fast, slider), when in actuality they only received one specific pitch throughout their trial run. Subjects were told to respond to the pitch by pressing a button rigged onto the bat by engineering students, when they were able to distinguish three basic criteria: a) the type of pitch thrown, b) the direction of the pitch in relation to the plate, c) the speed of the pitch. Upon responding, the subject's reaction time was automatically recorded by a timing device and used later in the statistical portion of the paper.

The paper will be presented Saturday, May 1, at the Northwestern Psychological Undergraduate Conference to be held in association with Mercyhurst College. The Psychology majors involved in the experiment, along with K. Miszesawa, will be on hand to present the paper.

Spring Arts next week

By Amy Snyder
Collegian Staff Writer

Plans are well underway for the 6th annual Spring Arts Festival, which begins Monday, May 3, and will run through Sunday, May 9.

Put on by the SGA for the Erie community, the festival contains events, productions, and displays for the furtherment of the arts. Various committees have organized events including great American films, a presentation by the Erie Civic Ballet, a poetry recital, art exhibits, and even a sky-diving show to name a few.

With the exception of the Behrend Players' production of "La Ronde", all these events are free. Food concessions by the JRC will be available Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, with the proceeds paying for the cost of the festival. Scheduled events are listed in the box.

Student saves life

By Dan McKay

"I looked out and I thought it was just clothes, because I didn't see a head or feet," says Chris D'Alesandro of his recent life saving experience.

Chris, a Behrend freshman, and his brother Mike, jumped into the Monongahela River in Pittsburgh to save the life of a drowning woman Easter Saturday morning. Home for Easter weekend, the D'Alesandro brothers were cleaning out the ticket office of the Gateway Clipper Fleet for their father Zack, the fleet's general manager.

Chris credits three little kids with fishing gear who were near the office for spotting the woman first. They shouted to Chris, "Hey mister, hey mister, there's someone in the water!" Taking heed, Chris ran down to the water's edge, removing his

jacket and right working boot en route. Because he was struggling with his left boot, he dove in with it still on.

Hearing the commotion, Mike, too, was on his way. "I came up behind her and got her in a simple chinpull, then Mike came upon her left armpit. My left boot was pulling me down slightly but I'm glad Mike and I pulled her in because it was easier," says Chris.

When they reached the side, they raised her onto the wharf's edge with the help of one of Mr. D'Alesandro's deck hands. "She looked passive in our arms, but after we got her on shore and we asked her if she was alright, she opened her eyes and said, 'I can't swim!'"

Once ashore, they told a bystander to call an ambulance while they set her up for artificial respiration. But the police rescue squad arrived to take her away. The woman, identified later as Georgette Howard, was described as wearing long pants, a pullover shirt and a mid-length coat. She was apparently attempting suicide and was taken to Western Pa. Psychiatric Institute for observation. Witnesses said she had been staring at the river for several hours the previous day.

The brothers, both lifeguards at Pittsburgh area pools, utilized their basic lifeguard skills successfully. Chris apparently was impressed by the smooth teamwork. "Just knowing Mike was there made everything easier. You know, I didn't even notice if the water was cold."



Chris D'Alesandro

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 3
Art Exhibit: Tri-State Area Artists
Nittany Lion Mall - Reed Union Building
Visual Arts: Photography, Paintings, and Drawings - Behrend Students, Staff, and Faculty
Seminar Room - Reed Union Building
Great American Films Festival: "Stagecoach"
12:15 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Prelude to the Ring: An Introduction to Richard Wagner's "Ring of the Nibelungs" by Dean B.A. Lane
3:00 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Erie Philharmonic Chorus and Chamber String Ensemble
8:00 p.m. - Erie Hall
Great American Films Festival: "Stagecoach"
9:30 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Tuesday, May 4
Art Exhibit: Tri-State Area Artists
Nittany Lion Mall - Reed Union Building
Visual Arts: Photography, Paintings, and Drawings - Behrend Students, Staff, and Faculty
Seminar Room - Reed Union Building
Jazz Concert: Behrend College Jazz Band
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Nittany Lion Mall - Reed Union Building
Great American Films Festival: "To Be or Not Be"
12:15 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Erie Civic Ballet Dance Presentation
8:00 p.m. - Erie Hall
Great American Films Festival: "To Be or Not Be"
9:30 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Wednesday, May 5
Art Exhibit: Tri-State Area Artists
Nittany Lion Mall - Reed Union Building
Visual Arts: Photography, Paintings, and Drawings - Behrend Students, Staff, and Faculty
Seminar Room - Reed Union Building
Great American Films Festival: "On the Waterfront"
12:15 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Fantasy Workshop: "Freeing Your Creative Impulses" by M. Koschir
3:00 p.m. - Banquet Area - Reed Union Building
Poetry Recital by Robert Wallace
8:00 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building
Behrend Players Production: "La Ronde"
8:00 p.m. - Studio Theatre
Great American Films Festival: "On the Waterfront"
9:30 p.m. - Lecture Hall - Reed Union Building

Election results

Committee chairpersons for the 1976-77 Student Union Board have been selected by the current board and are as follows: Special Events - Nick Monaco; Cultural - Jeff Doerr; Coffee House - Mary Jo Santilli; Recreation - Kurt Cavano; Social - Nancy Mullen; Publicity - Yvetta Moat; Treasurer - Brad Phillips; Positions of President, vice president, secretary, films, and promotional chairperson are still open. Anyone interested in applying may do so by consulting Jay DiFrank at the RUB desk.

The SGA elections took place on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of April.

The results are as follows: for president, Tom Kennedy came in first with 175 votes; followed closely by Dave Yoculan with 156 and Lenny Young with 98.

Mike Pond was voted in as vice president with 161 votes. Behind him were Bob Clark with 112 votes and Mike Karle with 93.

The only candidate running for secretary, Flo Busby, received 311 votes.

For treasurer, Tom Collins won out over Robert Pillar 220-144.

The SGA constitution was accepted with 143 voters satisfied with the constitution as it was and 34 voting against it.