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New Executive Board takes over

SGA a shorty

by Dan McKay
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In one of its shortest meetings ever, the Behrend Student Government Association last Monday agreed to look into the feasibility of organizing a Pep Club to support the Varsity athletic teams, arranging chartered buses to away basketball.

Sue Larz and Kathy McGinnes are working on the Pep Club idea and Sue Winger games. Regard his motion. President T. Clyde and Nancy Fanale check into the chartered buses. Kennedy remarked "I think that is a very good idea."

Following the opening introductions of newly-elected Executive Board (Prez-T., etc.) Janet Hemberger reported that the SGA presently has 5,900 in their budget. This money was given to Behrend's SGA by the Main Campus University Student Government. It was announced that there will be a closed meeting today during common hour to discuss the disbursement

of these funds to the various campus student organizations.

A petition demanding ample time to purchase tickets for concerts at the University Park was passed to be signed by those present. The petition was prompted by the UCC's failure to allow any time at all for Behrend students to purchase tickets for the Darrel Hall-John Oates at the main campus, is having the concert on September 25. Announcement of the ticket sales reached Behrend Monday, which was also the deadline to have the ticket money sent in.

A band Committee was established for the October 9. Homecoming Dance. Volunteering to serve on this committee were Don Venier, Paul Zorn, Don Bates and Dan McKay.

In the open business, Rick Erdreich expressed an interest in having the hours for breakfast at Dobbins Hall lengthened. For the convenience of later-risers. A show of hands found three or four others in attendance supporting this idea. Also Allen Sheasley

suggested that some campus organization print detailed programs for the varsity sports events. Student Union Manager Jay DiFrank commented that a detailed cost estimate would have to be made before any action could be taken on it.

After the open business, Vice president Mike Pond addressed the present people, members and non-members alike, encouraging involvement and support in the SGA.

Following the adjournment of this 22 minute long meeting, T. Clyde Kennedy explained its brevity assuring the students that "There is not going to be a load of useless flak involved in SGA meetings this year. We're going to get down to business."



Hangin out...

at the dorms is a common experience when Mother Nature pulls through with warm sunshine over Behrendia, as these Niagara Hall students demonstrate their practiced technique.

Speeders beware!

Just a few years ago, a driver on the Pennsylvania Turnpike could travel at a speed of 70 miles per hour without facing a heavy fine for speeding.

But with the recent adoption of a new, revised State Motor Vehicle Code, that same driver today could face a \$65 fine for travelling that same rate of speed, as compared with \$15 just a few weeks ago.

Under the provisions of the new Code, a person arrested for travelling 70 miles per hour under a 55 mile speed limit would pay \$35 for speeding, an additional \$20 from a \$2 fine for every mile over 60 miles per hour, plus \$10 in Court costs.

Thus, it might be a good idea for drivers with a 'lead-foot' to think twice before running up a \$65 speeding violation. And that is just one of many expensive penalties levied by the new Vehicle Code.

Other costly fines effective now include:

— \$100 for failure to stop for a school bus.

— Up to \$2500 for drunken driving, plus a six month license suspension

— Up to \$2500 and one year suspension for failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

Fines for minor offenses have also increased, including \$300 for littering, \$100 for improper use of a license, and \$35 for an illegal U turn.

The new Vehicle Code also mandates a one-year suspension for persons arrested for falsifying operators licenses, altering licenses plates, or registrations.

It is also important to note that most of the other new provisions of the revised Vehicle Code will not become effective until July 1, 1977.

Drivers who think they can turn at all red lights after a full stop today, can not do so legally until a year from now, except where

posted. Other provisions of the Code which do not take effect until July 1, 1977, include:

— Legal U-turns whenever traffic conditions allow.

— Pedestrian violations such as improper crossing.

Still other changes in the new Code do not take effect until 1978 including the ban on studded snow tires and color photographs on all licenses.

The new Code also completely re-structures the system for registering vehicles.

Future renewals will be on a staggered basis.

It is very important to note that these changes and many others are provided in the new Vehicle Code but the cautious driver should be wary of the nature and cost of each change and its proper effective date.

Bucks coughed up

(HARRISBURG)—The first 50,000 State Higher Education Grants of an estimated total of 116,000 for the 1976-77 school year have been made by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The initial awards are worth about \$30.5 million. The total expenditure of state funds for grants to students enrolled in colleges, trade, business and nursing schools for the year will reach \$70.5 million by the end of the processing period in the spring of 1977.

All students involved in the first awards processing should be receiving their notices within the next week or so, the Agency said.

Applications are running about 5 per cent ahead of the same

period last year. Nearly 167,000 applications are now on file.

Besides the 50,000 awards now being made, another 60,000 applicants have not yet been processed because their applications are not yet ready for need analysis. The Pennsylvania program is based on need, and the analysis used by the Agency determines how much a student's award will be, based on family income, family size and a number of other factors.

This is the second year in which PHEAA required that applicants for state grant aid also file for federal assistance under the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (BEOG). Last

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The Lemmings...

are pictured making their annual plunge into the suicidal Sea of Bare End Blues. Actually, in case you couldn't tell, these are Behrend students moving back to the dorms.

Low rent rendezvous

By David Jordan

Many Behrend students are commuters living throughout the Erie area, at home with their parents, but others live in small one room apartments atop a house or in someone's basement, or believe it or not, in the downtown YMCA. The shortage of dorm space is the reason for these unusual housing arrangements, especially for men. There are over seventy-five men on a waiting list, awaiting to get a dorm room. The following is an interview with one of these men, who is presently staying at the Downtown YMCA. Due to the embarrassing nature of the situation he prefers to remain anonymous.

Q: Would you please tell me why you chose to stay at the Y while awaiting a dorm room?

A: "By the time I was able to get up here to make some sort of arrangements, all the more desirable places were taken. You must understand that I'm coming a long distance and it was hard for me to make it up here early in the summer."

Q: How far are you coming from?

A: I live in a suburb of Philadelphia.

Q: What number are you on the waiting list?

A: I'm number 16, but somebody else here is 79th on the list!

Q: How long do you estimate it will take you to get a place on campus?

A: I would say some time

between mid-fall term and the beginning of winter.

Q: What do you base this estimation on?

A: Late registration isn't over yet, and that's when they know how many no-shows there are; after soccer season, most of the players leave and go to main campus; and during the Thanksgiving Break many people decide not to return because their grades are too low, or they decide they just e. cut out for college.

Q: What are some of the disadvantages of staying here at the Y?

A: First, I'm not permitted to have any girls in my room. Second, it is quite a hassle to take the bus back and forth every day to campus. Third, it has been nearly impossible to meet new friends, especially the first few days. Fourth, it's very depressing to see these old men in the condition that they are in and think that I might end up like that some day. Last but not least, I would much rather have an 18 year old in the next room, than somebody who is 88.

Q: Are there any good things about staying here at the Y?

A: I do have a good sized room and I get to use all the athletic facilities here. Also, when I do finally get into the dorms, it will be a good experience to look back on and laugh about.

Q: One final question. Why do you wish to remain anonymous?

A: Wouldn't you if you had to live there?

Note: This is a true story