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SUB presents NORML

By Colleen Gallagher
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"When I started out, people were going to jail for using marijuana, and when I finish they won't be," declared Frank R. Fioramonti of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (N.O.R.M.L.), here Tuesday for a lecture and film presentation of his cause.

"Marijuana will not be legalized soon in Pennsylvania, but it could well be decriminalized in 1977," Fioramonti believes, depending upon the support his organization can muster. Even though a college campus already may be presumed to be sympathetic to easing marijuana restrictions,

and therefore in little need of N.O.R.M.L.'s services, Fioramonti explained, "The college lecture series is very important to us as a fund raising device, and a means to get around various towns... and when we're in a college town, we can address the larger audience through the media."

N.O.R.M.L.'s main thrust is towards the legislatures of ten "target" states, including Pennsylvania. But although N.O.R.M.L. does extensive direct lobbying of legislators, they understand the importance of influencing voters, too. "Leaders don't lead in this society anymore; they follow," asserts Fioramonti. "Political people are not likely to go out on a limb.

They're going to follow what they think their constituents are up for." In the last three years, eight states have changed their laws, reducing marijuana penalties.

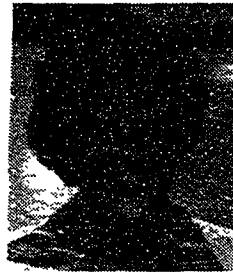
A Playboy Foundation grant is currently N.O.R.M.L.'s primary source of income with some "Occasional rich individuals" contributing also. But N.O.R.M.L.'s 25,000 members each paying \$10 or \$15 a year in dues alone accounts for over the \$250,000 Fioramonti claims as N.O.R.M.L.'s total budget. This discrepancy may be due to an error in figures. Fioramonti says he is paid a "totally inadequate" \$10,000 a year, and the executive director, \$35,000; all salaried workers took a 25 per cent pay cut recently. Funds also come from lecture fees of \$650 per engagement, ("We couldn't come to Erie any other way.") and T-shirt, button, and pin sales. "We're perennially underfunded," says Fioramonti.

No money goes toward any candidate's campaign, since they have none to spare, and since their nonprofit status prohibits it. "We're not basically in the business of endorsing candidates. We are in the business of informing the public," he declares, adding, "If any money comes in we'll pay our back debt of \$40,000 and then pay decent salaries."

Fioramonti assessment gives a plan of this year's presidential candidates: "Ford's son sits in the White House, smokes marijuana, doesn't get arrested. Black kids who are smoking five and six blocks from there are going to jail. Our point is that we don't think that kind of hypocrisy makes any sense in this country... If we're going to enforce the laws, let's start at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

Jimmy Carter sits a little better with him, but Fioramonti regrets Carter's opposition to federal reform. "He's primarily a states-rights man. But we need leadership in Washington to set the tone. Indeed, we hope to change ten or twelve states, but if we could get a federal change it would make it easier on a lot of others, particularly southern states."

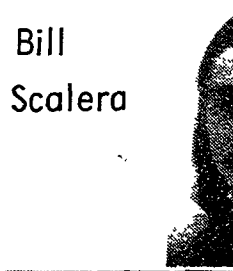
At the poorly attended presentation in Behrend's Erie Hall, on Tuesday, Fioramonti showed portions of the films, Reefer Madness and Assassin of Youth. Approximately 60 people paid \$2.00 for the Student Union Board sponsored program. Reportedly as many as 75 per cent in attendance were not Behrend students.



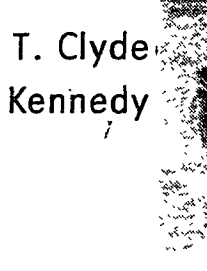
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Albera



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Bill
Scalera



T. Clyde
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Dean
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Gave their opinions on changing the name of the paper. For their comments look on page three of this issue.

Elections coming

The upcoming Homecoming Dance was the first item on the agenda at last Monday's SGA meeting. President T. Clyde mentioned that a band, "Jordan", had been auditioned for the dance. "They were a good band," he said, "but they didn't know enough slow music." So the Homecoming committee is still looking for a band. If another isn't found, "Jordan" will play.

On the subject of Pennsylvania's drinking age, T. Clyde mentioned that he'd "like to see some dittoed form letters distributed by the end of the week."

In new business, the topic of possibly changing the name of the Behrend Collegian was brought up for discussion by Editor-in-Chief Dan McKay. Although the SGA has no official voice in the matter, Dan said he thought that since the Collegian is chartered through the SGA like any other student activity. He said also that he hoped to get more reaction to this possibility through the front page, tear-out ballots. "The important thing," Dan said, "was to decide whether or not to change the name at all." Various opinions on the matter followed, but without reaching any conclusion.

Following this discussion, JRC

chairman Murray Markovitz then announced that the Joint Residence Council is now organized and that if anyone had complaints concerning the dormitories, they should inform the floor advisors. Also, plans for a pizza service are now underway.

This concluded the new business, so T. Clyde then announced the following:

—Tickets for the Sha-na-na concert at University Park will be available at the RUB desk for \$3.50.

—Tickets for All U Day (North Carolina vs. Penn State) can be ordered at the RUB desk until Monday. Tickets are \$3.00 apiece. There are only 136 tickets, so students with season tickets are asked not to order any.

—Elections for SGA openings will be held the 4th, 5th, and 6th of October. Anyone interested in running may pick up an application in the SGA office.

—Positions are available on the Council of Branch Campus' student governments. Needed are: a chairperson, a representative to the University Council, two representatives to the Student Advisory Board, and a representative to the Board of Trustees. If anyone is interested, see T. Clyde.

Shortly following this, the meeting was adjourned.

JRC now organized

By Jean Porac
Collegian Staff Writer

The Joint Residence Council held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 23. The JRC consists of nine students and Mr. John Giesman, Area Coordinator. This year's members are Murray Markovitz, chairman; Keith Kratzer, treasurer; Ruth Fries, secretary; Ron Barcelos, Kathy Morton, Dan Dressel, Jean Porac, Dale Ramsdell, and Lee Simons.

The purpose of the JRC is to relate the views of the students living in the residence halls to the administration and the SGA regarding student welfare. Also, the JRC sponsors activities oriented toward the welfare of the resident students and to resolve student problems. Regular meetings, which are held on Thursday, sixth period, are open to the student body.

A few topics of general interest were discussed at the first meeting. The JRC voted to reinforce the rule regarding the

private use of furniture from the lobbies and the TV rooms. Both roommates will be charged \$5.00 for the first offense; the second offense will result in a \$10.00 fee and disciplinary actions. The JRC also hopes to form a liaison committee to work with the Housing Office. This committee will offer ideas for special dinners, menus, and other suggestions for the cafeteria. Another topic discussed was the possibility of extending the hours for hot breakfast.

Murray Markovitz, Chairman, had the following comments to make regarding the goals of the JRC. "One main concern this year is to try to improve the state of disrepair in the dorms. Also, we will try to reinstate the fifth period lunch, have more all-night movies, and to have every-night pizza service. One activity tentatively planned is a concert on October 21."

The JRC is always open for suggestions. They represent you, and your voice will count!

Agreement reached

(UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.)—State Mediator William J. Smith announced Thursday, September 23, 1976 that final understanding has been reached between The Pennsylvania State University and Teamsters Local 8 regarding The University proposal that the Union is taking to its membership for a vote on Thursday, Sep-

tember 30, 1976.

Mr. Smith stated that the Union has indicated that it will recommend acceptance of the proposal. He said that no details of the proposal will be released publicly, however, until the membership has had an opportunity to hear the proposal and vote on it.



WBRC? You bet!

To find out what's happening to our campus radio station, stay tuned, same time, same place, next week, folks. Also check out the scoop on Vice President Nelson Rockefeller's gig in Erie last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Due to our printing schedule, we were unable to cover it this week.

Lambda Sigma busy with projects

By Karen Macer
Lambda Sigma President

Just in case you were wondering who was responsible for that glass of refreshing thirst quenching, FREE, lemonade you were offered at the activities fair, it was the Lambda Sigma Society. Previously known as Cwens, for women only, Lambda Sigma is an honorary service organization for sophomore men and women. This year's officers: Karen Macer, president; Louis Zegarelli, vice-president; Kathy Wieser, secretary; and Patty Rounds, treasurer, have really gotten the club rolling.

At present, they are organizing a stationery sale and a pumpkin sale scheduled for October 25-28. Letters have just been mailed out to the parents of the resident

students concerning the "care packages."

Service-wise, the club is helping Dr. Hall wrap books and share the postage fees for them to be sent overseas to the underdeveloped countries. Lambda Sigma has also become involved with an organization in Erie called Independence House which has been incorporated as a tax-

exempt organization to meet the needs of mentally alert but severely physically handicapped young adults. These needs include housing, educational opportunities and recreation which will hopefully give life some meaning. If the fund raisers prove profitable, the club intends to donate a movie projector to the organization.

Use me. VOTE!

I, being a student of this college, would like the name of my weekly publication to

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