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During Erie tour

Rocky pushes Ford

by Dan McKay
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Two weeks ago, Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller made a three-city tour of Pennsylvania, stopping in Erie Tuesday night and Wednesday morning for a press conference and a \$100-a-plate breakfast. As he campaigned, primarily for the Ford-Dole ticket, Behrend SGA President T. Clyde, Secretary Flo Busbee and myself, as invited representatives of Behrend College, were present at the half-hour press conference.

Below are summaries of Mr. Rockefeller's positions on the issues which were discussed that morning.

the environment

Mr. Rockefeller said the present administration is making extraordinary progress in cleaning up environmental problems like the Hudson River and Lake Erie. Although he likened the environmental progress of the Ford Administration to that of Hoover's Administration, he pointed out some differences. The environment, he said, is a bigger issue in Congress now than it used to be.

federal spending

"There are a thousand categorical grants, each for some narrow, specific purpose. Each says you've got to enrich and improve your program if you're gonna get money because Congress doesn't want to give money to a state or town or city if the city then is going to stop saving their money and use federal money. Now, I happen to think that's the wrong philosophy, seeing the money comes from the states anyhow, from the taxpayers."

unemployment

Although he agrees with Jimmy Carter on the possibility of reducing unemployment to three or four per cent, Rockefeller expressed his confusion of Carter's economic strategy and, in particular, whether or not Carter supports the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. When asked (by this reporter) whether he thought Ford would accept Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey's offer to debate this controversial jobs-creating Humphrey-Hawkins bill, Rockefeller could only admit that he hadn't heard of the offer. Still, he predicted \$100 billion worth of extra spending would follow if the Humphrey-Hawkins bill is enacted, thus fueling inflation.

inflation

He stated that President Ford's fiscal policy was clear and simple: he is opposed to it because it affects everyone. Therefore, the Humphrey-

Hawkins bill would be considered inflationary because of the extra federal spending.

taxes
Although he blamed the majority of the current tax laws on the Democratic-controlled Congress of recent years, Rockefeller expressed his appreciation for tax loopholes by explaining that loopholes are stimuli for reaching economic objectives. He also stated that if, as Carter promises, the tax structure is to be extensively revamped, many advantageous loopholes would be closed. He also said that tax reform is a very long, slow process.

political apathy
Rockefeller expressed his belief that voter apathy in this election year was due to a "lack of focus, not interest."

on Ford
"This country needs President Ford."

on Carter
"I have a tough time following his logic. But as much as I respect governors and much as I respect Georgia, which is a great state, it isn't the United States and it isn't the world. And I think, ladies and gentlemen, that we need a man with experience. He's had no experience."

New voters sign up

by Brenda Feathers
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Behrend College was bustling with politics Wednesday, September 22, with as many as 338 students registering to vote. Sponsored by the Young Democrats, Voters Registration Day was an effort to get as many young people as possible registered. With as many as 172 students registering and 156 requesting absentee ballots, Registration Day was very successful. Mrs. Edwards, from the Office of Student Affairs and Mr. Biachi, a supporter of the Young Democrats were very pleased with the turnout of students who did come to register. Mrs. Edwards went on to say "When compared to the total number of persons registering at Gammon College who had an on-going campaign, also sponsored by the Young Democrats, Behrend beat their total in one day." More than half the students who registered in the RUB Wednesday registered with the Democratic Party, approximately 60 per cent, while about 30 per cent registered Republican and the rest, 10 per cent, went with the Independent ticket.

by new Division Head Gamble

Faculty evaluated

by Colleen Gallagher
Collegian Staff Writer

In search of "concrete evidence" of teaching effectiveness, Dr. John Gamble will be observing the classroom technique of all faculty members in his division of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, beginning probably Winter term.

Acknowledging that in many cases he can judge only form and not content, Gamble says he will be evaluating such things as whether an instructor's lectures are clear, and the quality of communication between teacher

and student. Gamble has taken no education courses since he was an undergraduate, but says, "I hope that is not much of a drawback. I think I can recognize good teaching."

Gamble insists his interest in evaluating the faculty would be equally active even if no personnel changes were imminent. As previously reported, at least three or four unnamed faculty members will leave Behrend following Spring term, and therefore would be affected by formal evaluations only in being considered for a job elsewhere. However, it is possible that

faculty could be given the required year's notice this Spring that they have been denied assignments for Fall 1978—an action partly determined through formal evaluation. Gamble maintains his evaluations are necessary to recommend responsibly that an individual be promoted or given a raise, and does not concern only firings.

Faculty in the Social and Behavioral Sciences division appear largely unconcerned, according to Dr. Rick Quarton, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Quarton himself, however, feels, "There's not much to be gained by sitting in on classes. You can't see a learning process." Quarton is somewhat less bothered by Gamble's apparent lack of training in education, and questions more the validity of "the whole idea" of determining whether a student is learning by observing the instructor. Gamble concedes, "There are dozens of teaching styles which work well. I don't think for college teaching you can have a rigid check sheet" to judge effectiveness. He expresses awareness that his presence "could be stifling to a class. But I am confident that I can minimize the difficulties." Gamble says he will visit each class from two to four times, informing the instructor before each visit.

Dr. Charles Cottle, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has ambivalent feelings about being observed by Dr. Gamble. "It's kind of unsettling to think that the personal quirks of a single individual might affect my career, but then again, the quirks of a lot of people affect you, whether you like it or not."

Gamble decided to observe faculty himself to have first-hand information on which to base his recommendations. Quarton, on the other hand, would rather see a professor's ability judged through student responsiveness to the subject matter of the course. He suggests one possible way of measuring this would be observing how many students sign up for additional courses in the same area of study after taking a class from the instructor in question.

Student evaluations of faculty are another method of assessing teaching quality. At present, Gamble is considering two or three standardized questionnaire forms which may be modified for use in his division. The principal evaluation form under his review was either changed or rejected by departments at University Park that, at Behrend, are collected under the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. To both Quarton and Cottle the proposed evaluation in its present form is unsatisfactory. Quarton has two main objections. "One, it's conducive to response bias, and two, it doesn't give adequate opportunity for feedback on how to improve."

Cottle and Quarton share serious misgivings about implementing a standardized form without adapting it to the division's needs. Moreover, they would regret any decision regarding student evaluations that is made without the active involvement of faculty. To Cottle, a good student evaluation form developed with faculty input, will help him accept the notion of the division head observing classes. Quarton is hoping to see opinions regarding evaluations solicited from faculty knowledgeable in such matter.

Visitation policy debated at SGA

by Ann Hamilton
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Monday's SGA meeting opened Monday night at 7:03 by President T. Clyde Kennedy.

Dan McKay, Editor in Chief of the Collegian announced that the Collegian's present budget cannot allow a paper to be published every week, but that fund raising projects to alter this are being discussed.

Freshman Vice-President Tom Pandolph introduced the subject to the visitation policy, stating that students are not giving attention that present surveys being circulated concerning this. SGA Vice-president Mike Pond commented that "the Behrend College visitation policy is behind the times." He added that, "the administration is kind of unwilling to change visitation because of a certain community attitude."

JRC Chairperson Murray Markovitz stated that "We were informed that if we try to do anything on it at this time, we'd be shot down right away." When questioned about the source of this information Markovitz replied, "I can't tell you that." He went on to say that the only way to approach the administration with

this problem is to present facts to them, which must be shown through the surveys.

Kevin Lenze, Freshman President suggested that a special lunch be scheduled for those students with third and fourth period classes. He continued, saying that, "anyone who pays for a meal should get that meal."

Murray Markovitz then reported that Mr. Finley has not received enough complaints about this problem to schedule a special lunch for these people. If enough students were interested in changing this situation, and would voice their opinions on it, something could probably be done.

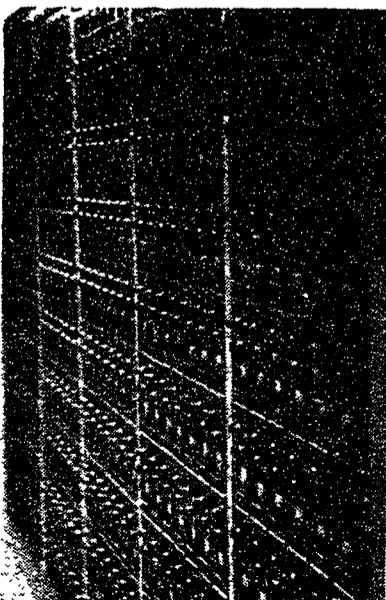
Markovitz also reported that the JRC has been getting many complaints about the length of hot breakfasts at Dobbins. He commented that University Park has control over the operations of Dobbins and that they have no say in the matter.

It was announced that the JRC is selling tickets for All-U-Day, available in the Niagara gameroom, for \$10. Buses will depart Friday, Nov. 6, at 5:00 p.m., and will return Sunday evening at 10:00.

Where did my mail go?

by Karen Blum
Collegian Staff Writer

This fall, many returning upperclassmen appeared quite confused when they received



The cause

of much confusion for many students is shown in the above picture. See accompanying story.

their mailbox numbers and combinations. In previous years, roommates shared mailboxes. This year, however, the system was revised, so it was probably quite a shock to find mail in your box belonging to a person you never before knew existed.

The reason for the big change? In previous years, when a student switched roommates, a change in mailboxes normally followed. After several weeks, the entire system became so confused, oftentimes the mail was delayed.

This year, Chauncey, the mailman, decided to change the system. Set up similar to any post office, the boxes are numbered from 401 to the 700's. Two students are assigned to each box according to alphabetical order. Chauncey believes that this system will be much more effective.

Here are a few more facts that may be helpful to you when dealing with your mail: mail is delivered once a day, in the morning, while boxes are filled no later than 1:00 p.m. Mail goes out once a day at 5:00 p.m.

If everyone cooperates, the mail system can be quite efficient.