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Behrend Briefs

Remember the classes you missed Tuesday, Jan. 18 and Wednesday, Jan. 19, due to the natural gas shortage? These classes have been rescheduled to take place on successive Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 19th. Because of facilities limitations, some Physical Ed. 5 activities may not be rescheduled, so be sure to check with your instructor. Why Saturday classes? This was considered to be a more feasible manner of handling the classes missed rather than extending Winter term into Spring break.

A special thanks to Mr. Finley, Director of Food and Housing, and to Murray Markowitz, JRC chairperson, who made available the cold cereal for late Breakfast in Dobbins Hall.

The library has received many complaints about the difficulty students are having studying there due to noisy conditions. So, in order that the library provide a quiet study atmosphere, please confine group discussion to the room at the southwest corner of the main floor, or other areas of the Reed Building. In all other library areas, please maintain a reasonable amount of quiet.

First floor Niagara Hall, Women's side, was the setting Tuesday evening, when Deborah Frankle became the bride of Patrick J. Breen. The mock wedding was performed by "Rabbi" David Jordan. Bridesmaids included Robin Greenwald, Molly Hunt, Val Yerse, Karen Blum, and Judy Hicks. Standing up for Mr. Breen were Dan Dressel, Nick Monico, John Dobos, Dave Leech and Mike Gleixner. A reception followed in the second floor kitchen where cake supplied by Dobbins "Bakery" and punch was served. Following the reception the bride and groom departed for their separate honeymoons. Both are bored Behrend students.

The following Behrend Players have been selected to serve as cast and crew members for a special program that will be taped in conjunction with the Erie Bar Association: Stuart Siegel (acting lead), Tim Baum, Bridget Brauner, Michael DiRaimo, Lucille Briggs, Janice Reiger (cast members), and Dennis O'Neill (crew). The program will show the process by which a suspected criminal is arrested and tried. The date of the telecast will be announced.

The R.O.T.C. of Behrend College along with the office of Erie County's Civil defense director, have been working for several months to report on the readiness of Erie County's 335 Civil Defense emergency shelters, which will be completed by Feb. 21.

Additionally, they are polling Erie County residents to determine attitudes toward Civil Defense and awareness as to locations of shelters near their homes.

(University Park, Pa.)—Penn State University stand among the top five universities in the United States in the number of full-time engineering undergraduate students, according to a report in Engineering Education. Comparing 291 colleges and universities, which offer engineering programs, Penn State, ranking fifth, has 4,866 engineering undergraduates. The others listed were University of California, University of Illinois, Purdue University, and University of Texas.

The Collegian extends an extra big thanks to the S.G.A. who recently allotted us \$1400 dollars to help combat the \$2500 debt, incurred by our predecessors.

Muchas Gracias!



They would have won, had they remembered their toboggan! This is typical of the craziness shared by all at the recent Winter Weekend activities. Pictured from left to right, Dan Dressel, Kevin Lenze, Nick Monico, and Pat Breen. (Photo by Dave Jordan, Collegian Photo Editor, who courageously braved the harsh winds and sub-zero temperatures to obtain this portrait.)

Hypnosis hinders habits

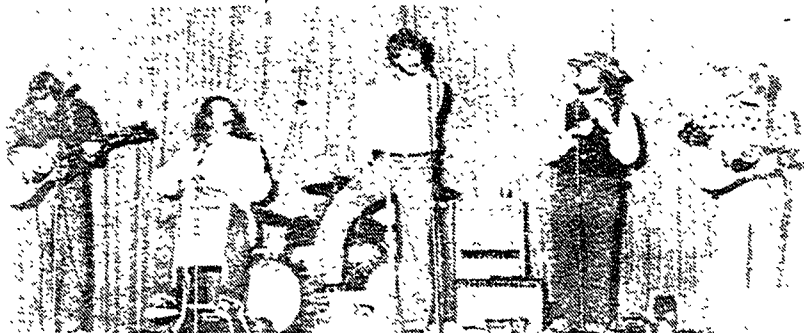
by Mary Joe Santilli
Entertainment Editor

Have you ever been hypnotized? Do you know what it feels like? Would you like to find out? If your answer is yes, be sure to attend the lecture on ESP and hypnosis. Tuesday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Erie Hall.

The lecture, sponsored by the Student Union Board, will be presented by James Mapes, an expert in hypnosis and the powers of the mind. Mapes, part-time actor and stage performer, has his own hypno-therapy practice in New York City, as

well as being the author of two books.

The lecture itself is more like a performance as Mapes combines both ESP and hypnosis while involving the entire audience. As an example, Mapes has the power to make willing students feel as if they were high. (This is all legal, mind you!) Additionally, Mapes can use hypnosis to break a person's bad habits, such as smoking or overeating. If this sounds interesting to you, tickets can be bought at the RUB desk or at the door, for \$2.50 and \$1.00, with activity card.



The 1st National Rotagilla Band (Alligator spelled backwards) appeared in concert in Erie Hall, as yet another part of the Winter Weekend Activities.

U.P. coughs up bucks for SGA

by Ann Hamilton
Collegian Staffwriter

The constitution of the Behrend Players was accepted by the SGA at their meeting last Monday night.

President T. Clyde Kennedy announced that the Spring Arts meeting had an encouraging turnout, and that there were places still open for people interested in working of the various committees.

Treasurer Janet Hemberger reported that there was \$500.00 left in the SGA treasury, which

would be divided between the Behrend Players, the Honor and Awards Banquet, Representative trips to U.P., and the Inter-Campus Recreational Term.

T. Clyde stated that the Student Government was given \$2,400.00 in additional funds by Mr. John Oswald. This money will be used to help the SUB sponsor a guest comedian to perform at Behrend, and to help the Radio Club and the Literary Magazine.

For all those interested, there will be a meeting next Monday night.

Bookstore Profits

by Kristen Hartzell

Many students have questions regarding the profit the bookstore makes and where it goes. Some people feel that they pay too much for books and necessities, and wonder why the price hike is needed. Mr. MacDonald, manager of the Behrend College Bookstore, filled us in on the factors involved in running such a business.

"There are many considerations to examine in running this store that students don't realize," Mr. MacDonald stated, and began listing various costs and procedures involved in operating the store.

The University is currently funding the bookstore, which includes employee salaries, certain book purchases, utilities, and other stock. Mr. MacDonald mentioned that all shipping costs are paid by the store. MacDonald added, "All profit incurred by the bookstore goes directly into University funds. Most of the profit of course, goes back into the store with the purchasing of goods and general maintenance

Financial facts here

The Financial Aid Office reports that financial aid to Behrend students for the 76-77 academic year currently totals \$1.4 million. This figure is expected to rise to \$1.6 million by the end of spring terms.

Larry Skerlong, Financial Aid Counselor, indicates that approximately 60 per cent of Behrend students are currently receiving some type of financial assistance. Gift aid, such as grants and scholarships, account for 58 per cent of the current \$1.4 million in aid. Low interest student loans account for an additional 37 per cent and student employment through the work-study program makes up the remaining 5 per cent.

The prospects for increased student aid over the next few years look very good according to Mr. Skerlong. The Educational Amendments of 1976, as approved by the House and Senate, call for increased funding of the various federal aid programs. In addition, the need analysis procedures used to determine eligibility for financial aid have been revised in order to more accurately reflect the diminished purchasing power of family incomes. As a result of these recent changes students not previously eligible for student aid may qualify in the future.

Mr. Skerlong indicates that now is the time to apply for student aid for the 77-78 academic year and encourages students to secure the necessary applications at the Student Affairs Office, 2nd floor, RUB.

of the store."

On the subject of book buy backs, he explained that he can't pay much for books in which the course itself is not offered the following term. He said that he is never sure of what classes will be cancelled, and would be taking a chance paying big money for books that "might be offered next fall."

"I have problems storing these books also. My store-room is too small to house books that aren't 'definite'." He explained that most of the book outlets did not accept returns, and that once a book was "out of date," it remained the problem of the bookstore. "It's tough to sell them to used bookstores, too, because they usually carry stock that is more or less active."

MacDonald added that he was "distressed" at the common opinion that he is merely profit maker, and he "encourages questions about any prices that may seem outrageous; I would certainly try to justify anyone's requests."

(To be continued in next issue)

Spring Arts is reborn

by Janet Mazur
Editor-in-chief

There will be a Spring Arts Festival this year! Much has happened since our last issue, in which we reported the improbability of a full-scale festival, similar to last year's.

Students concerned with the prospects of No Spring Arts, banded together and began organizing a smaller scale festival.

T. Clyde Kennedy, SGA President, and Kurt Cavano, SUB President, volunteered to serve as co-chairmen for the event, the date of which has been set for April 27 through May 2. These

students have volunteered to act as chairpersons for the following committees; Funding - Gary Torre, Crafts - Gail Peck, Crafts Maintenance - Maxine Shepman, Concert - Mary Jo Santilli and Dave Jordan, Stage and Sound - Dennis O'Neill, Concert Maintenance - Mike Pond, Refreshments - Jodene Furr and Sue Wingert, and Publicity - Ellen Mandell, while Dan Dressel and Pat Breen will serve as Marshalls.

Thus far, only a tentative schedule of events has been planned, but as further progress occurs, we'll report in upcoming issues.