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News Shorts

A survey conducted by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health discovered that one-fourth of the American labor force is exposed to some substance believed to be capable of inflicting death or causing disease. Fewer than 5 per cent of labor sites contain industrial hygiene services, active plans to prevent or reduce the exposure of employees to dangerous substances and such physical conditions as high levels of noise and radiation.

Carter sources disclosed that after a short-lived attempt to actively compete for dominating influence in the Horn of Africa with the Soviet Union, the Administration decided against military involvement in the chaotic politics of the area. Despite increasing Russian involvement in Ethiopia and Russia's continuing military ties with Somalia, the United States has declined from playing a direct role in the conflict and is assuming that Moscow's efforts will fail.

Saudi Arabian Prince Muhammed al-Faisal launched the first International Conference on Iceberg Utilization. The 18 nation assembly promotes the facilitation of icebergs in dry areas such as the Mideast, Australia, Chile, and Southern California for drinking water and irrigational purposes.

India, which is plagued by one of the world's severest overpopulation epidemics, has drastically altered its birth control program by removing all forms of compulsion. Prime Minister Murarji R. Desai responded to the heated public sentiments concerning his predecessor Indira Gandhi's policy of mandatory sterilization operations by saying that birth control will be completely voluntary under his administration.

Philippine government troops and Moslem rebels have agreed over the past weekend to decrease hostilities, strengthen the 9 month old cease-fire and progress toward an ultimate peace in the Mid-East.

Dr. Edward D. Eddy, the newly appointed Provost of the Pennsylvania State University, made his first visit to Behrend College yesterday, October 5. Dr. Eddy met with Director Kochel, Dean Thomas Fox, Faculty Council members and students.

Frank Williams will be a guest artist of Jazz Improvisation and Techniques on Thursday, October 13 at 4:30 on the second floor of the Reed Union Building. Mr. Williams is a professional jazz rock performer and teacher in the Erie School District. Anyone is welcome to attend his lecture.

SGA Unhappy With Studnet Involvement

by Ann Hamilton
Collegian Staff Writer

The Student Government Association officially met for the first time Tuesday night at 7:30. Janis Reh began by giving the Treasurer's Report, stating that there is \$1,200.00 in the budget. She also stated that one representative from each school organization is required to attend the SGA meetings as attendance could affect that organization's financial allotment.

Old business was discussed concerning Homecoming for this year. President Rich Landy announced that the SGA was put in charge of welcoming the Alumni. A brunch in the morning and refreshments before the dance is planned for Saturday, along with nostalgia slide show of Behrend College, and clips from the 76-77 Penn State football games. Anyone interested in helping to make the Alumni's return a welcome one for Autumn Weekend should contact Leslie Schuller in Room 337, Niagara, or call her at 899-9944.

The SGA is also interested in compiling a booklet of teacher evaluations. This booklet could be used to aid students in

choosing courses by viewing the opinion of the majority of the student body concerning each instructor, as well as using the course descriptions offered in the Blue Book. Volunteers for this committee should also contact Leslie Schuller as mentioned previously.

Dean Bainum commented that she was concerned about the lack of student participation this year at Behrend. One example of this has already been shown during the Class President elections—a total of 35 votes were cast out of the Behrend student body of over 1700.

Kurt Cavano suggested that students should be educated as to what the SGA and other organizations are really about during orientation so as to increase student participation.

The only way that any of these projects can be undertaken is through the help of students on campus. The SGA urges everyone to get involved in these activities to make Behrend a more productive and enjoyable community.

The next SGA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30 in the RUB Conference Room. BE THERE!!

FCC License Hopeful For WBCR

by Sheri Reim
Collegian Staff Writer

If you tune in your ears and listen, out of a small closet-like room will come a voice saying, "WBCR, AM 560, Behrend College, Erie,"—then the music starts!

From 4:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 4:30-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, the sound of Behrend College Radio can be heard. At the present time, the campus station can only be broadcast to Dobbins and the residence halls due to closed circuit. It is hopeful the broadcast will become a FM station. It would then be possible to have a larger audience and better quality in sound. In order to institute the change, \$2,000 is

needed to buy the necessary ten watt transmitter. Eventually this will lead to a FCC license.

WBCR can always use people to D.J., write news, or cast news and sports. If you are interested in helping out, contact Bob Popey, chief engineer or Curt Foltz, stage manager.

Keep your radio dial tuned to WBCR, AM 560 and you may win the next record or ticket give-away.

Behrend Majors Discussed

During the week preceding Pre-Registration for Winter term (October 10-14) advisors for the Behrend College majors will be available in two locations on campus during the peak hours of the day to provide students with information on Behrend College majors. The locations will be the Reed Building Main Floor (near the bookstore) and the Behrend Building Lobby. Check the following schedule for location; times in all cases will be 11:30-1:00.

Date	Behrend Building	Reed Building
October 10		All Majors
11	Applied Science English Political Science Pre-Law	Bioscience Business History
12	Business History Science American Studies	GAS Political Science/ Pre-Law English
13	Bioscience Psychology	Economics Science
14	Economics GAS	Applied Science Psychology American Studies

by Robin Baulding
Collegian Staff Writer

"The goal of the Residence Life Staff for this academic year will be to foster and realize a self-governance model in the student population." Robert Pacella, Residence Community Coordinator, explains the student development concepts, the floor governments, and the resident-assistant roles for this year.

Mr. Pacella says that the living environment of the resident student, "can have a profound impact upon his or her personal and educational development. As educators, we will be most satisfied, and will find most productive, those relationships that free students to develop their own potentialities, that involve students in a meaningful way in the development of their own learning opportunities, and that allow students to participate fully in shared experiences with other human beings—fellow students, educators, and administrators. This is the essence of residence education."

Mr. Pacella feels that each floor has its own personality, and the floor government has the freedom to translate that personality into their environment. Thus, the floor programming, boundaries, limitations, and the general atmosphere should be

Newcomers Among Faculty

SECOND IN A SERIES

by Sue Wortman
Collegian Staff Writer

Three new instructors, hired on a continuing basis, joined Behrend's Division of Arts and Humanities this Fall:

Mr. Steven Greiert—Assistant Professor in History.

Mr. Greiert received his B.A. degree in history from St. Olaf College, and enrolled at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, where he earned both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in History. Mr. Greiert teaches courses in American Social and Intellectual History, 19th and 20th Century United States, Hispanic America, and Western Civilization.

Ms. Anne Carlisle—Assistant Professor in English.

Ms. Carlisle came to Behrend with three years teaching experience at Case Western, Cleveland, Ohio, where she also earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English. Ms. Carlisle's teaching interests are in Re-

medial and Freshman English, Magazine Journalism, Magazine Editing, Business-Technical Writing, Advanced Expository Writing, Journalism Workshop, and Creative Writing.

Ms. Margaret Fete—Assistant Professor of French.

Ms. Fete, a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in French, came to Behrend with seven years teaching experience at Ohio Wesleyan. Ms. Fete teaches courses in French, Spanish, Women in Literature, French African Literature, and Theater and Drama - 20th Century.

Presently in the Arts and Humanities Division, all teaching positions are filled. A temporary replacement for Arno Selco, however, will join the staff soon. The Collegian wishes Mr. Selco, assistant Professor of Theater Arts, a fulfilling career at Case Western Reserve where he has accepted a position in their drama department.

Outing Club Does It In The Woods

by Kurt Cavano
Executive Editor

The Outing Club is fast developing into one of the most popular and active clubs on campus. Its meetings, held every Wednesday at 3:15 in the RUB Faculty Dining Room, seldom have fewer than 50 persons in attendance.

The Outing Club's activities, which include camping, backpacking, hiking, skiing (cross country and downhill), skydiving, white water rafting, biking, and mountain climbing are spread throughout all three terms.

This term to date, the club has

gone camping twice and has taught two classes of mountaineering. Upcoming events this term include one more mountaineering class October 25th at 5:30 p.m., one more camping trip the last weekend in October, and a day of skydiving on October 15th.

If you are interested in any aspect of outdoor experience you are more than welcome to the next meeting of the Outing Club. They welcome anyone whether you're an expert or an absolute beginner or anything in between. So get involved in an active organization; maybe we can teach you a few new tricks.

A New Model For Residence Hall Life

created by the students.

He says, "The floor governments in the residence hall system hopefully will serve as an instrument in facilitating involvement, develop cohesion, and bring decision making power close to the people, where it belongs."

This is somewhat of a contrast to last year's model. Last year, the resident assistant did the programming for floor activities, led the athletic events and did most of the decision making. Now, this year, the responsibility is a shared task. The students have more decision-making power.

The floor government consists of a president, vice president, social chairperson, treasurer, food representative, and a fire marshal. The president represents his or her floor's views on the hall council. The vice president represents his or her floor on the judiciary board. The social chairperson gathers ideas for social activities and programs the activities. The athletic chairperson is responsible for floor teams in athletic events. The food representative is responsible for obtaining food for social events and reporting the students' remarks on the residence hall food. The treasurer is responsible for collecting money for events and turning it over to the hall council.

The fire marshal is responsible for informing his or her floor on fire regulations. So, as one may discern, the government of the floor this year is a much more shared responsibility.

Does this mean that the resident-assistant has nothing to do? By all means, no. Mr. Pacella explains, "As residence life staff members, resident assistants have as a staff function basically one rule: That is, they must provide the opportunity for fellow students on their floor to become responsible for their own lives. This is not an easy task, however. Implementing this approach takes training and a great amount of patience. Furthermore, translating this approach into practice means abandoning a common human drive "to take over."

In essence, the resident-assistant acts as an advisor for the floor government, as well as a staff member who is accountable to the floor population.

In summary, Mr. Pacella believes that the resident-assistants should become responsible for their own actions. The resident-assistant's job is to facilitate progression in the individual; that is, to offer alternatives, not directives, whether it be an interpersonal problem or a disciplinary problem. This way, the student becomes responsible for his or her life, not the R.A.