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Lawrence Water Problems

by Kurt Cavano

Dorm students continue to complain about the service they are receiving in the dorms. Among the most dramatic of the problems they have experienced lately have been the leakages, floods, and sudden scalding showers on the men's side of the first floor Lawrence Hall. Dorm residents feel that the Food and Housing Service has been very slow and inefficient in its attempts to solve the plumbing problems.

The water problems on first floor Lawrence began during finals week of winter term. A water pipe inside the wall started to leak, and water began to seep out onto the floor. The problem was reported to Mrs. Taylor, the head of Food and Housing, but no immediate action was taken.

The floor residents attempted to keep up with the leaking water by periodically mopping the floor, but the flow was too great. When approximately 50 tiles had peeled up because of the water, Food and Housing decided to act. They covered the wet spot with an absorbent rug, but shortly thereafter the water covered the rug, which prevented further cleaning.

To avert a potentially major water disaster, maintenance

went to work on the leak. They punched several holes in the wall to locate the leak. After finding it, they broke away three cement blocks to expose the broken pipe and then repaired the leak, presumably.

Life in the dorm returned to normal for a few hours, but then the pipe began to leak again. Since it was so near to term break, the leak was allowed to drip.

When the students returned from term break, the wall had been sealed, and the leak appeared to be repaired. But as soon as the students used the showers, the puddle of water reappeared. The water was shut off, and the residents waited without water for several days as maintenance attempted to fix the leak. After three waterless days in the dorms and futile attempts to remove the whole pipe, the leak was, once again, fixed and the water turned on.

This time the pipe burst, and not until as much as 1 1/2 inches of water covered the entire floor did Mrs. Taylor have the water shut off. Some lucky students managed to block the bottoms of their doors with towels before the water became very deep, but other residents were not so lucky. Several rooms were completely

soaked, and many rugs were ruined. Students did what they could with mops and brooms to clean up the mess.

Mrs. Taylor decided to call in a professional plumber, a move some residents felt should have been taken earlier, and the leak was apparently again fixed. However, the pipe again began to leak, the water was turned off for a third time, and the plumbers were called the next day. They decided that the pipe was obsolete and could not be repaired with the parts they had. They capped the pipe and turned on the water to give partial service.

When this article was written, first floor Lawrence had a large hole in the wall, two large holes in the bathroom ceiling, and two showers to service 31 residents. Those two showers are subject to fluctuations in temperature when the toilets are flushed, and several students have complained about being scalded.

Mrs. Taylor says she is doing what she can to solve the problem.

Extinguishers Squirted Off

by Dave Jordan

The present problem regarding fire extinguishers being illegally discharged in the dorms is now being given a lot of attention. The Residence Life Office instituted a fine, which many students find unfair, and there is a strong possibility that the fine is illegal.

Two students, Mike Biedrzycki and Doug Jaffe, because of their

strong resentment of the fine, carefully investigated the possibility of enclosing the extinguishers. Biedrzycki and Jaffe took their findings to Mr. Finley, Assistant Director of Operations, who is working with them to change the present situation. The Collegian will examine this problem further, and will have a follow up article in the next issue.

Humblest Apologies

Mr. Paul Iddings, who is serving as our faculty member in Theatre for winter and spring quarters, was incorrectly described in our last issue as an Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts. Mr. Iddings' rank is Lecturer in Theatre Arts.

Memorial Fund

A box will be placed at the RUB desk for a memorial fund for Behrend Students who have passed away. The money will go towards a tree, a bench, and a plaque. Please donate even if it is only a little.

Nominations Being Taken

The Student Government Association of Behrend College will begin taking nominations for student government president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer on Monday March 27. The deadline for nominations is April 10. Anyone who wants to run for any of these offices may pick up a nomination form at the RUB desk beginning March 27.

Last year Behrend had the largest voter turnout in its

history for the student government elections. Now that spring term has once again arrived, the SGA is hoping for an even larger turnout.

SGA President Evelyn Perkowski states, "The importance of a student government on a college campus, especially one such as Behrend, cannot be emphasized enough." She believes that the SGA can be very important in keeping open

communications between Behrend and the rest of the University, especially University Park. She further argues that the SGA can contribute a great deal towards improving the academic and social life at Behrend, provided students are interested enough to participate actively. The SGA encourages those students who care enough to make sure they get the most out of Behrend to consider running for an SGA position.

Reed Pizza Shop

by Kurt Cavano

Last Sunday night at seven o'clock marked the beginning of a new service at Behrend, the RUB pizza shop, which will be open from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. every night except Saturday. If the pizza shop does not do well in the next eight weeks, it probably will not be continued next year. Food and Housing has indicated that there must be some indication of student support for the pizza shop in order to continue its operation next year.

Penn State is nearly unique in the area of food service as it is

one of the only major universities that does not rely on outside services to come in and provide food. Most colleges, also, have some sort of coffee shop that is located in the Union Building and is open in the evening.

The pizza shop in the RUB provided by Food and Housing will serve a similar purpose: that is, students will no longer have to go off campus for night time snacks and meals. The much-needed student support, however, must be there, or the shop will close, and students desiring an evening snack will once again have to go off campus to get it.

Legal Alcohol

by Kurt Cavano

As in past years, students continue to complain about what they claim to be unfair policies concerning drinking alcohol on campus. Several times in the past year faculty and staff of Behrend College have gathered together, on campus, and consumed alcohol. Some examples of this are the faculty staff picnic at the beginning of the year and the New Year's Eve party at Dobbins Hall on December 31st. (At the faculty picnic there was a keg of beer, and at the New Year's Eve party faculty brought their own alcohol).

It is the policy of Behrend College to allow the consumption of alcohol at faculty functions, as long as all the people attending are legal age and the alcohol is not paid for with University



funds.

This policy had created questions that have never previously been considered; that is, why can't there be drinking for those at student functions if those drinking are of legal age?

In an interview with Dean Lane, he was asked if the Student Union Board could serve alcohol to students and faculty over twenty-one. He said probably not, because the people attending would be of mixed ages. When asked if groups such as the Vets or the Senior class could serve alcohol at their functions if everyone was of legal age, he replied that he didn't know, but he would check with Mr. Kochei. He added that this whole area needed review and cited one of the reasons as the growing number of upperclassmen at Behrend.

Bioscience: A New Major At Behrend

By Kurt Cavano

"Bioscience is not only a viable major but one that provides an excellent education for those who plan to go on to further studies in the field of biology." This is the familiar cry of the biology profs. as they try to drum up new candidates for this major. The major "an old discipline with a new perspective" is based on the Biology major now offered at University Park.

The major not only offers the core courses that are part of the U.P. major but has several courses that are offered only at Behrend. These courses are designed to direct students into the nature of inquiry itself. Bioscience takes advantage of Behrend's intimate size to give students first hand experience in research and problem solving. Behrend's natural surroundings also help to make this major unique as students may opt to

take courses in Field Zoology or Field Botany, in nature's own classroom.

Three areas of emphasis, Zoological, Botanical or Human are offered to the student but none are required. Presently 15 upper level courses are offered by Behrend's Biology faculty, all who have their Doctorate degrees. Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Harry Cunningham.



Director Irvin Kochei receives a two hundred dollar check from Robin Baulding, president of Cambda Sigma Honor Society, for the Julie Masteller Scholarship fund. The fund has over four thousand dollars in it. Lambda Sigma's contribution was one of the largest.

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