

Academic Dishonesty Policy Clarified

By Margaret Tomczak

As we all begin a new academic year, for some the first on a college level, we should have a definite idea of our goals. However, there is something that can alter our future drastically, and that is academic dishonesty.

Situations warranting sanctions for academic dishonesty, adapted from the "HPER Undergraduate Handbook" are as follows:

A) Forgery and Alteration — such as submitting another student's term paper, written assignment, etc.

B) Misrepresentation — such as having another student take an exam.

C) Cheating During an Exam — such as using notes, crib sheets or text during an exam.

D) Aiding and Abetting the Attempt of a

Dishonest Act — such as assisting another student in the confiscation of exam material.

E) Providing Misleading Information — such as providing false or misleading information for missing a class or assignment and requesting the opportunity to make up the work (tests, project, etc.) that has an influence on the grade for the course.

F) Plagiarism — presenting as one's own idea, an idea derived from an existing source without crediting the source.

The policy of Behrend-Penn State University as reported in the "Policies and Rules for Students" handbook states that if a student does not contest the accusation of academic dishonesty, the instructor may drop the student from the course. If the stu-

dent is dropped from the course, the grade will be recorded as F.

If a student is accused of academic dishonesty and does not contest the accusation, the student will not be allowed to drop the course under Section 34-89, nor will the symbol "W" be reported for the course if the student withdraws from the University under Section 56-30.

If a student is accused of academic dishonesty and decides to appeal the instructor's decision or through the University appeal procedure, the student will not be allowed to drop the course under Section 34-89, nor will the symbol "W" be reported for the course if the student withdraws from the University under Section 56-30. If the appeal procedure has not been completed by the end of the semester,

the symbol "DF" shall be entered on the student's transcript until the appeal procedure is completed.

Following the procedures for adjudication of cases of alleged violations of University regulations, if the instructor takes action other than that recommended by the University hearing board, the student may appeal to the dean of the college in which the violation occurred. If the case is not resolved at that level, the University provost shall make the final decision.

After reading this article, students should be familiar with the meaning of the policy of Behrend-Penn State University, regarding academic dishonesty. Questions regarding this policy can be directed to the Student Government Association.

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Enrollment Records On The Increase For 1983-84

Officials at Penn State-Behrend announced that initial enrollment figures for the fall semester have exceeded all previous records at the local University.

Still incomplete figures indicate an enrollment of 2,000 students, an increase of eight percent over the record 1,850 students enrolled last year. The final total will be even higher. These figures do not include Continuing Education programs either on or off campus.

Penn State-Behrend has experienced five consecutive record enrollments. This fall, the entire Penn State system changed to the semester system, and it is the current semester which has topped all previous records.

The figures are particularly impressive given the approximate five percent decline in the number of high school graduates this past spring.

"We are delighted with the initial figures," commented Dr. John M. Lilley, dean of Penn State-Behrend. "We think our many fine programs, some newly developed, contributed to the increase. Without question, the possibility of earning a Penn State degree right here in Erie also played a factor."

About half of the student population comes from the Erie vicinity, with Southwestern Pennsylvania accounting for a good share of the remainder.

Penn State-Behrend offers twenty-seven majors at the undergraduate levels. The first two years of most of the majors offered at the University Park campus are also available.

"This is the beginning of our thirty-fifth year of providing quality education for Northwestern Pennsylvania," Dr. Lilley stated. "The figures we have announced today are another indication of the bright future we face."

SGA Freshmen Senators Announced

By Ed McCloskey

Benita Silverberg and Steven Goffus were recently elected by the freshmen class to serve as their representatives to the Student Government Association. Steve and Benita are the first freshmen senators of the S.G.A. The positions were created in last year's S.G.A. constitutional revision.

Doug Saltzman, S.G.A. President, announced the winners last Thursday after two days of voting. Doug said that voter turnout was good for the elections. He said that was due in part to the number of candidates running. A considerable amount of materials by the candidates promoted higher student interest. Elections chairperson, Tom Hicks said

prior to the elections, that the field of candidates was very impressive.

The S.G.A. also conducted another election: that of the commuter senator. Doug Gerow was chosen as one of the 1983-84 commuter senators by the voting members of the S.G.A. Previously, only three out of four of the commuter seats were filled.

In addition to the elections, the S.G.A. recently conducted tryouts for the 1983-84 Cub Mascot. Sophomore Michael Fievet was selected by the S.G.A. to be the new cub. His chief responsibility will be to provide entertainment with the cheerleaders during sporting events.



Behrend students stroll from classes

Jordan Compliments Penn-State Behrend

By Risa Glick

"I love to come to Behrend, it is such a beautiful place." This was the description given to Behrend College by Mrs. Jonelle Jordan, wife of Penn State University President, Bryce Jordan. The Jordons made a trip to Behrend on September 20, to help celebrate the school's 35th anniversary.

Mrs. Jordan says it is simply beautiful what the Behrends have done for so many students. She stated that "the history leading up to the current status of this institution is fascinating." Dr. Jordan's allurements with Behrend College was revealed when he told me, "the donation of 400 acres of land by Mary Behrend was a priceless gift to Penn State as well as to the students."

Dr. Jordan had many other positive comments concerning Behrend College. He considers Behrend to be a "superb small university, led by a top grade administrator, Dean Lilley." Dr. Jordan feels that the academic quality of Behrend is extremely

high and put emphasis on the liberal arts program. "The quality of the faculty at this campus is outstanding," commented Jordan.

I asked Mrs. Jordan about her husband's new position as President of Penn State. Her reply was, "it's fun; fun being around schools. I love the atmosphere because school is the most

marvelous place in the world."

The Jordons were very appreciative of the reception given in honor of their visit to the Behrend campus. They enjoyed meeting the Behrend faculty and were excited that a few students dropped in to introduce themselves. They look forward to visiting Behrend again soon.

