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New Student Housing OK'd

by Jill Franz

Penn State-Behrend Provost Dr. John M. Lilley held a news conference on January 24, announcing that the sketch and preliminary plans for new student housing at Behrend have been approved by The Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University.

The project has been divided into phases, the first consisting of six buildings, will cost approximately four million dollars. They

are designed to accommodate 192 students.

The apartments, primarily for juniors and seniors, will be furnished, have two bedrooms, a living-dining room, kitchen and bath.

Dr. Lilley said, "The Board has acknowledged a longstanding need here at Penn State-Behrend. The acute housing problem we've experienced over the past few years will be partially resolved by these additions to our campus.

They will allow us to house more readily our growing four-year programs."

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The new housing complex is to be located directly south of ex-

isting student dormitories on Jordan Road, giving students a view of Lake Erie.

The second phase, which is to be approved later, would add an additional three buildings of 24 apartments housing some 96 more students.

Ground-breaking for the first phase is scheduled in early spring and occupancy expected for the fall semester of 1985. The other phases are expected to follow very rapidly.

The choice of apartments rather than dorms was due to many factors, including the request by students for more privacy and to be closer to campus. New dormitories would also necessitate an expansion to the dining hall facilities.

At the same meeting, the Board gave final approval to plans for the new science, engineering and technology complex. This is expected to be completed by fall of 1985.

Students Debate Showing Of X-Rated Film

by Lisa Pavadore

Members from several of Behrend's organizations gathered for a heated debate Monday night at the Student Government meeting, regarding the showing of the movie *Alice in Wonderland* this weekend.

Questions raised at the meeting concerned morality, the exploitation of women, and ultimately the freedom of expression.

Some time before Christmas break, there was a lack of funding for the purchasing of the movie

Roots. A vote as to what movie would be in its place on the S.U.B. movie calendar was cast, and the members from the fraternity Sigma Kappa Nu proposed the purchase of a film, entitled *Alice in Wonderland*, which is rated X.

Members from the Behrend Christian Association voiced their opinions. Co-president of the Association, Steve Johnson, felt that the decision to purchase such a controversial film was made in haste, and did not allow students

to voice their opinions until after the film had been purchased. Other members of the Christian

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Association felt that the morality and values of Behrend students were questioned.

A main factor regarding the movie is that the administration has not barred the showing of this movie. Dean Harshbarger, who was at the meeting, pointed out

that the administration "neither approved of the movie, nor condoned it." He also stated that by allowing the movie to be shown, the school was upholding the student right to freedom of expression.

John Fronko, President of the fraternity Sigma Kappa Nu, explained that the fraternity had been lent funding to purchase this movie from J.R.C. and S.U.B. organizations, funding which will be paid back to the organizations at a later date. He also added that it was not the intention of the fraternity to slander Behrend College or exploit women. He stated that they simply wanted to "purchase something a little different."

Resident Hall Coordinator Dave Adams and Behrend sophomore Wayne Malsch

pointed out that people who complained of not being informed of the purchasing of this movie, have never attended meetings held earlier in the year when organizations were being formed and such issues were first discussed. Adams tried to convey, the idea that students don't get involved until something controversial comes into play.

President of S.U.B., Dave Kiessling, stated that the choice of the movie was not random, and a student who has already seen the movie, Stuart Tuttle, added that the movie was neither tasteless, nor portrayed women as "sluts."

After much discussion, it was decided that *Alice in Wonderland* would indeed be shown on Feb. 3,4,5. Identification to prove that you are at least eighteen years of age is necessary.

SGA Revises Constitution

Doug Saltzman, Student Government Association President, and Doug Gerow, Commuter Senator, submitted a proposed constitution for the S.G.A. to the Student Senate at the January 23, 1984 meeting. Ed McCloskey, former president of the S.G.A., was appointed chairperson of the Constitutional Revision Committee during the Fall semester. The committee was charged with revising and clarifying the current constitution.

"It seemed that the general opinion of the membership was that the current constitution is too vague, inconsistent and inadequate," Gerow went on to say that he believes the proposed constitution "will enable the Student Government Association to better serve the students through its various standing committees."

The proposed constitution includes the following standing committees: Inter-Club Council, Traffic Appeals Board, Cub Mascot Selection, Budget Affairs, Communications, Elections, Student Relations and Student Services.

"We hope the new committees

and departments will encourage more student involvement with the S.G.A.," said Saltzman. "The new constitution will better organize the S.G.A. and it will permit us to provide more services for the student body."

Other changes that have been proposed in the new constitution are designed to clarify the specific duties and responsibilities of the members of the Student Senate. Procedural matters such as elections and chartering of student organizations have also been revised.

Ken Macro, President of the Joint Residence Council and member of the Student Senate said that the constitution is "well organized and very concise."

The Student Senate will vote on the proposed constitution at the February 6, 1984 meeting of the Student Government Association after the two-week tabling period has elapsed. The constitution will then be posted around campus for a period of two additional weeks at which time the student body may voice its opinion. After that time, the constitution will be officially adopted.

