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Pepsi Increases Inevitable

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In a recent interview with Mr. Michael Ryan, manager of food and housing at Behrend, he stated that the price increase of soda on campus from 50 cents to 55 cents was primarily due to inflation.

The rising cost of sugar, a main ingredient of soda, made price increases necessary. Ryan pointed out that he has to contend with the pressures exerted by the vending service. "When you use the services of a vendor," said Ryan, "you're not only paying for the machine rental and the soda, but the service as well."

We are paying for the convenience of having these machines within reach. "Of course it is easier and cheaper to go out and purchase a six pack of soda," said Ryan, "but it is hardly convenient."

"The machines seem to be doing very well," said Ryan. He added that "The school needs extra service to keep the machines full. It is true that some places sell soda for less

than 50 cents per can, but these machines normally have lower grade products or they are privately owned," he said. It is then the job of the owner to stock the machine, usually with some generic brand.

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The extra money from the machines goes to the school. The commission is used for upkeep of the machines, electrical costs, and payment of the cleaning staff who cleans the area around the machines

in the Reed Building. "The entire commission is used for overhead costs and not much is profit," Ryan commented.

The machines break down periodically. Ryan attributes the breakdown of the machines to high sensitivity. "The Pepsi machine is technologically superior to many other vending machines," he stated. "Because it is so sensitive," asserted Ryan, "it may be acting inefficiently because somebody attempted to insert the wrong amount of change or physically abused the machine." Many students have been penalized for such actions. Money back guarantees are issued to students who have lost money through no fault of their own.

"Due to the popularity of Pepsi, the school will continue to do business with the same vending company," stated Ryan. The machines, with all of the criticism against them, continue to get a lot of our money. This will insure their longevity for some time to come.

Could You Be an R.A.?

by Anne Waskowitz
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On Nov. 1 the selection process began for choosing the Resident Assistants for Spring semester and the 1985-86 academic year.

The process began with the prospective R.A. picking up an application in the Office of Student Affairs.

The process of being selected to fill the position of a Resident Assistant is basically divided into three phases. The first phase requires the completion of the application. During the second phase, Bill McCartney, Director of Student Affairs, directs a three week session and the third phase is known as the interviewing phase. The third phase is further divided into three phases to enable the staff to learn more about each individual applying for an R.A. position.

The first part of the third

phase is a large group (usually four to eight students) discussion. The group is presented with a problem and their solution is evaluated. The second part is basically the same process, however, the group is condensed to two or three people. The third part is an individual interview.

If applicants pass through each phase they are able to continue the process by taking a one credit class called "Residential Living." The Residential Living Staff decides upon the future Resident Assistant's.

After an individual is selected to be an R.A., he or she must maintain a 2.5 grade point average. If this requirement is not met, the individual is put on a one semester probation period.

The two primary jobs of the R.A.'s are to maintain order in the dorms and make residential life living more pleasurable for the student.

Activities Fee Proposed

by Barrett Parker
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Did you buy an Activities Card? This year the choice was yours. In the future, however, the luxury of an optional activities card may not exist. The activity card gives you free entry to movies, Cub basketball games and numerous activities.

The replacement of this activity card is currently being considered by University Park officials. It would be succeeded by a mandatory activities fee, the first Penn State has seen in 20 years.

According to Dohn Harshbarger, Dean of Student Affairs, an activity fee would have many advantages over the present system used to fund student events. This fee would be totally "earmarked for student events and programs," says Harshbarger, "and could not be siphoned off to fill other needs at the expense of the activities." As you can imagine, this would increase the money for programming which is presently "underfunded." Harshbarger

says that "The amount of money that SGA has available...(would) double to quadruple."

"The fee would supply more money for more activities." In addition to increasing the number of activities, the additional funds would make possible more "big name entertainment and higher risk programming which may not bring compensation at the ticket counter," says Harshbarger. This is especially true at Behrend which is a great deal smaller than University Park. Harshbarger commented that almost all programs have to be subsidized because there are 2,000 students and not 20,000 students.

"From my point of view," concluded Harshbarger, "it is a necessary thing. Student Activities is underfunded. The best way to address this is through a fee."

Student opinions on the subject may be expressed at the SGA meetings, held at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in the Reed Seminar Room.

Spring Registration to be Computerized

by Tricia Wood
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Spring registration won't be like it used to be.

Behrend Records and Schedule Officer Bob Schenker expressed concern recently that unless continuing students carefully and completely advance-register between now and Nov. 27, the new computerized registration system will not run smoothly.

Schenker said if students fail to advance-register by Nov. 27 they will be required to pay a \$10 late-registration fee and will lose any class priority standing.

"Jan. 10 and 11 registration will be for first semester freshmen only," Schenker said. Continuing students will not be able to register on Jan. 10 and 11.

Behrend faculty advisors have been informed of proper completion of advance registration forms and Schenker said students should make an appointment to consult with their advisors about advance registration.

Tuition Payments

"Students who do not pay estimated tuition bills by Dec. 14 will be assessed a \$25 late

an estimated bill shortly after bills are mailed on Nov. 13 should contact the Behrend bursar's office.

Alternate Course Choices

Schenker said special emphasis will be placed on effective, careful choice of alternate selections this year.

"Thoughtfully selected alternate courses are-in effect", Schenker said. Schenker said it is extremely important for students to properly make alternate course selections.

"Students must select alternate courses different from their original class selections," he said. Different sections of an original course will not count as an alternate choice for advance registration.

"Upperclassmen should list at least two alternate courses," Schenker said, "but freshmen and sophomores should list four courses.

The computer will not register time-conflicting courses," he added.

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fee and lose any courses secured through advance registration," Schenker said. Students who do not receive