

the campus club report

Women Today

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I am often stopped and asked—what is Women Today and what do you do?

I am surprised to find that some students see us as a bunch of women who sit around and trash men. This couldn't be further from the truth.

We are women who are interested in women's issues and how they affect our lives. Our goal as a group is to support each other and to educate students at Behrend. In the past we have sponsored speakers on rape and the Cinderella Complex, held a panel discussion on feminism and most recently shown the film "How We Got the Vote" on the suffrage movement.

We have a bulletin board near the Student Affairs Office kept current with clippings on women's

issues.

This semester, Women Today meets Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in Behrend 117 to discuss issues and plan events. In honor of National Women's History Week (March 3-10) we are sponsoring a women's history trivia contest. The winner will receive \$25 in Susan B. Anthony dollars. Check the next *Collegian* for details. A film or speaker is also tentatively planned for this event. In addition, our members have worked long hours putting together the symposium on women and blacks to be held April 19-20 (co-sponsored by the Association for Black Collegians and The Roundtable Society.)

So you can see that we don't have time to sit around and trash men—even if we wanted to. Some of our best friends are men!

ROTC

by Barrett Parker
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ROTC is holding their winter carnival this weekend (Feb. 8) on the slope in back of the Behrend Building. All ROTC students are invited to attend and participate.

New Ranger Club members will be meeting Monday nights at 5:30. Interested Cadets can contact any ranger or Cadre member for more information. Regular rangers will meet Tuesday nights as planned. The SCUBA club is meeting Wednesday nights and is still open to all certified divers. This organization is showing several entertainment films in-

cluding a Jaques Cousteau movie, all are invited. Times and places will be announced at a later date. The rifle team is meeting Thursday nights.

Last Thursday the rifle team competed against several other universities including MIT, RPI, University of Tampa, and about 30 others. Results will be computed at a later date.

ROTC will have a booth at the Spring Open House scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15. Incoming freshmen will have an opportunity to question several cadets about ROTC in general and Behrend's ROTC specifically.

Chess Club

by Miles Van Tassel
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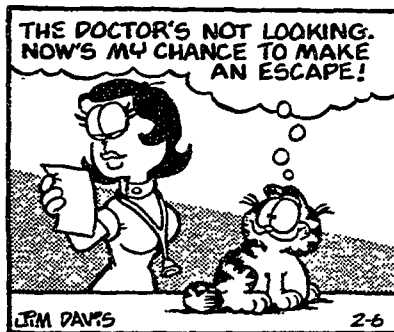
Now that a new semester has started and we all have new schedules to follow, the Chess Club will reschedule its meeting time.

The Chess Club is asking that anyone who is interested in the club make a copy of their schedule and present it to Student Affairs in Reed 115. Once the Chess Club has enough interested parties a meeting time will be announced.

Last semester the Chess Club had an active membership with all levels of play. There were no tournaments held. The club offered a place for a member to relax with a game of chess and to forget about the problems of college for a while.

We also had a series of lectures given by Dr. Cogley on the strategies of play. This semester the club will be looking for a new president to take over because the current president will be going to University Park.

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tends Arnold Mitchem, director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

As much as 80 to 90 percent of the students in black colleges receive some federal aid, Mitchem says.

"It's another straw on the camel's back, but how many straws can the camel take?" wonders Winston Brown, dean of financial aid at Xavier University, a primarily black school in New Orleans.

"We have seen a significant drop in minorities applying," Princeton financial aid officer Linda Ensor reports.

Ensor speculates, however, that middle-income students ultimately will suffer the most.

"If there are fewer and fewer dollars, the pressure will be greater to be more careful in needs analysis," adds Tom Wolanin, an aide to Rep. Bill Ford (D-Mi.).

Moreover, limited funds will force Pell Grants into a "statutory reduction" in which students with less need will get smaller amounts of aid.

But lower-income students may have a harder time getting Guaranteed Student Loans as Gramm-Rudman's cuts continue, says Bill Clohan, a lobbyist for the Consumer Bankers Association.

Gramm-Rudman will cut the "allowance" that banks get when they make GSLs from 3.5 percent interest to 3.1 percent.

The initial allowance cut, which applies only to the first year of a loan, "will have a minimal impact," Clohan says. "But cutting the allowance further, as some legislators want, will provoke banks to make sure students are good credit risks on their own."

In banks' view, of course, students from middle- and upper-income families are better credit risks than students from low-income backgrounds.

"Making (loans) more restrictive will make loans available only to the white middle class," he adds.

When the allowance on loans to students was cut back in 1973, "the program crashed" because bankers refused to continue lending due to the squeeze on their profit margin, Clohan remembers.

As for the next few years, "it's a very, tenuous program," he adds.

The cuts would hurt all the more because Pell Grants, unable to keep up with inflation, forced low-income students in recent years to borrow more under the GSL program, observers say.

Others expect the current cuts will hurt private schools with high tuitions the most.

They could force still other schools to eat into their endowments to get money to help students who used to depend more on federal aid in school.

On the other hand, some community colleges think the cuts might actually help them.

"Students at other schools may come to us," speculates Erling Hjortedal, director of financial aid at Spokane Falls Community College.

"With us, their grant money will go further," notes Myer Titus, president of Denver Community College.

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