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Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club meeting agenda for Thurs. Feb 11, 1-2 p.m. Hammermill 17, includes:
 - Officer nominations for the '88-'89 academic year.
 - Plans to tour The Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, OH (NASA).
 If you're interested in the NASA field trip or would like more information on the Astronomy Club, come to Thursday's meeting !!

Joint Residence Council

By Stan Lefes
 JRC Member

The Joint Residence Council (JRC) wishes to thank those who supported our Valentine's Day flower sale and hope that those who received a flower enjoyed it.
 By now, your RA should have distributed one on-campus residence phone book per phone. The books were organized by JRC members, who along with the staff of Housing and Food Services (HFS), were able to put together the books in record time. To those participating in the phone book production, THANK YOU !!
 Upcoming events are: A Day in the Life, Youth to Youth, and a T-shirt and shorts sale. Stay informed for further information concerning these activities.
 A reminder to all of the representatives elected last semester, you remain the representative of your floor or building until your term expires at the end of this semester. We ask that you become involved in JRC activities or forfeit your membership. RA's— if your representative is no longer interested or has moved, please elect a new representative and have him/her contact Andi Eliaz (JRC president).
 The next JRC meeting is Thurs. Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library conference room.

Tempus

by Darrell Freund
 Tempus Publicity Committee

The first meeting was held Jan. 28. Meetings will be held every Thurs. from 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.
 Committee Chairpersons were selected. Students interested in joining the Editorial, Publicity or Production Committees are asked to attend today's meeting.
 For more information, contact English Instructor Chris Dubbs at 898-6237.

Pocket Billiards Club

by Michelle Grasmick

The Pocket Billiards Club will be holding its first official meeting on Mon. Feb. 15 at 8:00 p.m. in Reed 116. Our constitution and bylaws are presently being reviewed by the S.G.A., and we will soon be a registered organization on-campus. Anyone who would like to participate is invited to attend this meeting.
 The club will sponsor many opportunities for on-campus activities. It is envisioned that weekly competitions between members will occur. Later in the semester we plan to hold a tournament here

ROTC

by Michelle Grasmick
 ROTC Staff

What would you do if someone offered to pay for your tuition, books, activities and supplies required for your major, and give you \$1000 to boot? You'd probably think he was joking. Well in actuality, the Army does award scholarships that provide all of this and more. All you have to do is apply. If you think it's too late for you to win a scholarship, then you should know a few things.
 First of all, it's not too late yet for Freshmen and Sophomores not enrolled in ROTC. There is a special advanced ROTC program for non-ROTC students who win scholarships.
 To apply, you must have at least two academic years remaining in

your college career. You must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program. Your GPA need not be astronomical; you must, however, have a GPA of 2.5 to be eligible. Accordingly, the higher your GPA, the better your chances are for winning a scholarship.
 There are more advantages to being a scholarship recipient than just not longer having to worry about how you're going to pay next semester's tuition. You also get to participate in numerous ROTC activities, interact with ROTC cadets and learn valuable leadership skills. ROTC is a valuable opportunity which every eligible person should take advantage of.
 In order to apply and meet deadlines, or to get more information, contact Capt. Donahue in the ROTC Office as soon as possible.

Next Club Report deadline: Feb. 17.

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Scuba Club

by Mike Gannon
 Scuba Staff

The Scuba Club made their annual migration to Florida to dive in the warm waters of the freshwaters springs near Gainesville on Jan 2. Most were ready for the balmy temperatures of the week before, but the overnight temperatures dropped to the high thirties. This drop forced some of the campers into a large heated bungalow. This still did not keep the campers from the 72-74 degree waters of the vast cavern and spring area of upper Florida.
 Dives were made at Ginnie Springs. This large cavern daily empties 30-million gallons of water into the Santa Fe River. The water is so clear one can see 100' to 150' underwater. Most of the divers took crackers into the water to feed the resident fish population.
 First dive was an orientation dive and then a night dive into a large spacious cavern. The following day, deep dives were conducted at Troy Springs. This Hole has the remains of a Civil War boat at its mouth. The water was extremely, and the boat could be waded to by the more adventurous divers.
 Jan. 8, the club went to the Crystal River Complex, which is in the winter home of the Manatees. These large water animals are on the endangered species list, but they swim up to the divers to be scratched or just settled to the bottom while the divers observed them. The largest spring in the Crystal River is King Springs which supports a large population of fish and manatees.
 A real low point of the trip was being stranded in South Carolina due to a snow storm which iced up the roads with 3" - 4" of boiler plate ice on the freeways. This forced the club to stay in a motel for 30 hours while the roads were being cleared. The club arrived home 4 p.m. Sun. without further delay.
 The following divers went on the trip; working on their Rescue Certification were Mike Gannon (Scuba Club president) and Steve Fields (Treasurer); working on Advanced Certification were Dennis Whitney (VP), J.B. Hennessey (Secy), Sheryl Prassack, Karen Pravlick, Cheryl Howard, Denny Chesley, Mike Dortzeno, Jon Tunney, Matt Savacool, Scott Schleiter, Joel Kuligowski, Tony Proviano, James Gavrilis, Pat Armstrong, John Shaw and Al Bolkovac.
 The Advance Course consists of a night dive, deep dive, a salvage dive and navigation dives. The club divers were accompanied by Kim Johnson and Cara Juliante (code name "Mom"), both Behrend Staff.
 The Scuba Club, which meets every Wed. night at the ROTC Office, is sponsoring a class open to anyone interested in types and maintenance of scuba gear Feb. 20. Also planned for Feb. 17 is a CPR class. The club will also present a lecture on Great Lake Ship Wrecks which will be open to the campus. And a Valentine's Day Dance is planned for Feb. 13 in Eric Hall in conjunction with Behrend SADD and WBCR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to know why students apply for work-study and then never show up. For approximately three weeks running the weight room has been closed early because the student assigned for the 9 pm to 12 am shift has not shown up for work. The culprit is known. Our small group is dedicated to working out. It helps relieve the long and boring Erie winters. Our group only wishes that we could work out on a regular schedule. It is annoying to come back to school at 8:30 pm and be kicked out at 9 pm while in the middle of a workout. We hope that students who are granted work-study will show up. It is a crime that they do not show up because there are students who could really use the money and I am sure they would be more dependable.

Irritated, Tim Buck

What it's Not

by Kevin Trenney
 Collegian Staff Writer

Two strangers exchange casual glances across a crowded room. These glances suddenly become long and intense. Their eyes meet. It was as though he were a powerful magnet and she were a piece of cold, hard steel.
 After this lengthy series of visual exchanges messages are sent back and forth via some friends.
 As the party lingers on, these young adults become much friendlier.
 At the evening's end the two are

consumed by the flames of hot, lustful passion.
 When the morning comes, the two are romantically attached and "in love."
 Love? Stop the music!
 Quite a misnomer we have here! Love is not simply mutual, physical attraction. Love happens completely apart from sex. There is a term which one can use to describe relationships built merely on physical attraction. Could it be lust maybe?
 When I see these couples who do nothing but throw themselves on

each other, I feel an uncontrollable urge to upchuck. Shallow relationships!
 Should things intellectual, emotional, and spiritual be "thrown out the window?"
 I don't think so.
 Preeved? Yes, quite upset. It truly irks me when I hear the phrase, "I love you because..."
 This statement implies that the person in question has to have certain qualifications to be loved. If he/she lost these qualifications, then they would no longer be loved. Love is not something which has to be qualified. Either you love someone or you don't! "I love you because..." — Bull!
 It's time to stop using the love word so loosely!
 What am I saying? Perhaps, I don't know what true, pure, unqualified love is.
 I do, however, know some things that it is not.
 Let's call things by their proper names! Is calling lust, lust too degrading?
 One man's opinion.

Wintergreen 'Sty'

by Steve Aller

Disgusting filth, anyone? I am referring to the Wintergreen Cafe on any given night. The filth comes in many forms, including everything from gum to cups and lettuce to orange peels. I could understand if it was merely a couple of dropped napkins or papers, but it is more like 67 shredded cups, six pounds of lettuce, and the labels torn from cases of soda bottles.
 I realize that it is almost impossible *not* to rip the styrofoam labels from bottles of soda, but it is unfortunate that most of it ends up on the floor instead of in trash cans. I won't even dare to ask if you would do that at home because personally I don't really care. What I do care about is the students who insist on leaving a continuous disgusting, revolting mess in the Cafe everytime you 'grace' it with your undesired presence. Please...grow up or get out. Maybe you forgot that someone *does* have to clean up the mess you create and leave behind you.

Top of the Hill

Marlynn Tomlin
 Collegian Contributing Writer
 "Non Traditional" - what does that mean? To the administration this label has a definite meaning, but does anyone else know or care? As long as it doesn't refer to them personally, they don't get worried. Well, there are many non-traditional students on campus. Any student 23 years old or older is considered non-traditional. That's it. That's all there is to it; they can be full-time or part-time. There is even a special organization on campus for anyone who fits into that group.
 The club for non-traditional students is called "The Top of the Hill Club" (TOTH). TOTH exists because the non-traditional student has many concerns and needs that regular post-high school students don't have. TOTH tries to address those problems, and as an added asset, it acts as a social support and an academic conduit for help in dealing with the tremendous personal adjustments that must be made for a successful time at college. I could give you a long list for a problem analysis, but I'll save that for a future article. For now let

me explain who we are and what we are about.
 First, we are here to be educated. If we wanted a trade, we could have gone to a trade school. We know the importance of education, or at least we know that a trade school does not satisfy our educational needs.
 We are serious students (for the most part). If we don't have a known plan for the future, we have a serious attitude toward our work here on campus. We come from all walks of life and for almost any purpose that anyone would come to college for. Some of us, for various reasons, quit after starting. Some of us did not have a chance for a college education. Some of us never stepped on a college campus before in our lives. A few of us messed up our chances when we did have a chance. The older we are, the bigger the adjustments that are demanded of us. What do I mean by "demanded?" Well to start with, most of us have children and spouses, that we at least must be considerate of The financial costs of living must be dealt with, and on and on I could go, but you get the picture. None of us has a lot of time to throw around; so our club time is limited. We are all sensitive to that; so we are careful about that when dealing with other members. The club's main concerns are acting as an advocate for the non-traditional student in dealing with the administration, and as such we act as a channel for concerns that must be addressed by the college and university administrations. We also want to help, whenever possible, when the students need ideas on different approaches to a problem. The club is run by students, and therefore if you feel something should be addressed, come and let us know. We are here. Our meetings are held on Thurs. (every other week) Feb. 11 & 25, March 10 & 24, and April 7 & 26 at 12 noon in Reed 116 (behind the auditorium). Bring your lunch; we're informal and we'd love to have you join us. If you have any question call Tom at 456-8387 or Marlynn at 825-3980.

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