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Let's Make Use of It

After the Student Council budget meeting several weeks ago, there was some discussion about activity fees. The place was the reception room of the dorm and the people concerned were several Council members, the Dorm Council President, and Mrs. Longnecker, the housemother.

It seemed as if the girls had a desire for some pizza, but a few had not received any funds from home and no one else had enough to lend to these poverty-stricken girls. The conversation led to the picnic the dorm girls have in May. How were they going to pay for that? Someone suggested dues. Another mentioned the activity fee that each student pays before beginning a new semester. A third member of the Student Council said that the activity fees had all been designated for use by the many different organizations at Behrend. The dorm girls then wanted to know where their activity fee was going and why they couldn't have it to spend for a picnic. For all of you who failed to look at the budget which was posted in the classroom building and for those who always complain but never do anything about it, the Student Council asked for budgets to be submitted.

Upon receiving the budgets, the Council then took the total of money that would be received from the main campus in activity fees and the total that all clubs requested, and the difference was \$1,000. That meant that each budget had to be cut. After the budget was finally balanced, it was found that YOUR activity fee goes to several clubs.

All of the activities that benefit from that fee are ones that are open to any student. Money was allotted to the Drama, Science, Photo, and Business Clubs, to the Yearbook, Athletics (golf team), three issues of the Nittany Cub, a dance by Mr. Hover, and the Spring Prom. The dance and the Prom are open to all students and with a little effort each one of you can take advantage of the program offered by the different clubs.

The basic foundation for the activities has been laid. Only YOU as a student who has paid an activity fee can take full benefit of the extra-curricular activities. The attendance for these functions has been good, but it could be better. Why don't YOU attend?

Flag Forgotten

As you walk down the street of any town or any college campus, towering above its height you will see the American Flag. This is true of most every campus; most every campus, that is, but Behrend. Why? Just because we are on the outskirts of town, does this mean we should lack the symbol for which our country stands? a symbol for which men have fought and died. It seems there is much stress put on keeping the campus clean and spreading good will among students. But also, it is most important that we should have the American spirit in our hearts. A flag on our campus would help create a better American spirit. You veterans who have been in the service, surely the lack of a flag on this campus should make you feel a lack of something within yourselves. The very symbol of liberty for which you fought is missing. How can we hope to say we have a democratic campus when we lack the very thing for which democracy stands? Surely, we can't think we are so good that the flag doesn't mean that much. The meaning of the American Flag must never be lost, for if it is we are allowing ourselves to fall into the class of those who are weak. This is the class that is picked up by the communists. I don't think you'll stand by and let people think you are being educated into communism. But perhaps this statement is true if everyone is going to sit back and pass by the fact that there's no American Flag on campus. However, we don't think this is true. Among the enrollment on this campus-somewhere there must be some of you who care.

Inquiring Reporter

By Sylvia Kunkle

Question: Will you be glad when spring comes and why?

JERRY BUZZA: Yes, I'll be glad when we have some more beach parties.

JOHN MALLORY: Yes, so we can throw Chene (Ron Thomas) in the swimming pool.

BOB O'CONNOR: Yes, because it gets too cold in cars during the winter.

FRANK SIMON: Yes, because I sparkle like the rain in the spring.

DICK RUSSELL: No, it's too hard to keep the canned beverages cold in the summer.

DR. SMITH: Yes, because it's easier to catch my specimens in the summer.

BOB CHAPMAN: Yes, because I like to watch the constellation Grundzuge rise over the dorm.

Spotlighting

Pat Woolslayer

A college student has many adjustments to make upon entering college; he gripes about the involved lectures, the confusing schedule, and the almost enveloping flood of outside reading.

Patricia Woolslayer, however, despite the handicap of blindness has learned to cope with college life. During class Pat listens closely to the professor and later writes down in Braille the main points as she remembers them. At home her mother reads the majority of the material assigned. "Talking Books" of the texts being used in her courses are now being prepared in Philadelphia, and Pat hopes the records will arrive soon for use this semester.

Before coming to Behrend, Pat worked at Gannon College as a switchboard operator and at the same time attended school where she completed her high school work and received her diploma. This year she came to Behrend determined to enter her chosen field of psychology. Pat's first year has been interesting and in particular she enjoyed education and English Lit. Pat hopes that psychology will lead her into social work.

In conjunction with psychology, Patricia is interested in the mysterious and little known field of mental telepathy or the transfer of thoughts. Her first serious work on telepathy began several years ago, and since then she has given public demonstrations.

Pat has found Behrend a friendly college since it is away from the city, in the quietness and serenity of the country, and both the professors and the students reflect the natural friendliness of the location. With the help of Mr. Roger Burrows, she attends daily and carries the usual schedule because she is a full time student. Although Pat intends to transfer to State for her fifth semester, she is looking forward to another pleasant year at Behrend, where she will continue to be an inspiration to other students.

Meet Mac



By Gary Stultz

Walking 'round campus you've probably seen "Curly," easily recognized by his "blond curly locks." James Vincent McCarthy was born October 7, 1930 in Erie. He lives at 3022 Plum Street with his parents.

Jim has been known around school by his active part in campus affairs. He was chairman of the D-Tech Dance last fall and he also plays on the Easy Basketball

Team which is now in first place in the intramural tournament.

Jim graduated from Academy High School in 1949. While attending high school he was president of the school's Hy-Y and he also played on the varsity basketball team. As an after school activity he found time to build from scrap a '32 Ford coupe hot rod. His interest for cars grew to such a height that he succeeded in driving at Daytona Beach.

He became one of the regulars in Uncle Sam's army in February 1951, and spent 18 months in Alaska during his two year enlistment. During this time in Alaska he lost his hair which was due to the bad drinking water and long periods of time that he wore heavy hats. His job was that of a fire controller for large gun emplacement.

Curly is now employed at the Kerner Tool and Dye Company where he plans to stay after graduation and go into the sales and engineering department. Mr. Kerner is one of Curly's best friends, a relationship that is very unusual for these times. That accounts for the job of first mate aboard the Bounty, a 37 foot Chris Craft that belongs to the Kerner Company. During the summer you will most likely find Curly cruising around the bay in "his second home."

Featuring Dr. Smith

By Madge McKee

In this, the first issue of the spring semester, the Nittany Cub would like to welcome a remarkable woman to the faculty of Behrend Center. She is Dr. Elizabeth Smith, instructor of botany and zoology.

Dr. Smith previously taught at the University of Missouri and at Kent State University. (She earned her Ph. D. degree in Zoology at the University of Missouri.) Although these schools are much larger in comparison to Behrend, Dr. Smith is very impressed by the pleasant atmosphere and friendly, co-operative people she has found here. In fact she says she likes everything about Behrend but the weather... and who can blame her for that?

Although she has "legitimate" hobbies (as she calls them) of swimming and gardening, Dr. Smith's prize hobby is doing research on bats. Her interest of bats stemmed from her experiments on twinning (multiple births of several species of animals). Bats are excellent experimental animals for this, because they produce only one offspring a year. Thus it is easy to tell if the treatments induced twinning. These experiments led Dr. Smith to investigate many ideas of the life cycle of bats, about which little is known.

Frisky is Dr. Smith's pet albino rat. Most of the Behrend coeds have recovered from their initial fright of Frisky and have come to regard her as just another pet.



Frisky, however, is still afraid of the Behrend coeds and won't go near them. That's a switch, isn't it? Oh, in case any of you are wondering, Frisky has her Easter outfit all planned. She will be wearing a big, pink ribbon and bright pink finger-nail (or toenail?) polish!

In addition to her interesting lectures, Dr. Smith has many educational field trips tentatively scheduled for her zoology classes. They hope to travel to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, and to a slaughter house and a fishery in Erie.

Thus as you can see, Dr. Elizabeth Smith is a welcome addition to our Behrend Center campus.

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