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Club News

Red Cross

By Mary Jean Ferguson

A meeting of the Intercollegiate Red Cross Council was recently held at the Veterans Hospital in Erie. Behrend Campus was represented by Shirlene DeBello, Phil Alling, Barbara Duda, Jim Lipsett, and Miss Schumacher. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the students with the services offered by the hospital, and in particular, the services that can be rendered by the Red Cross volunteers.

Doctor Davis, Administrator of the hospital, began the tour with a short talk on the hospital. He pointed out that the patients enjoyed visits from the volunteers. They also appreciated variety shows, disc jockey programs, and aid in writing their letters. A tour of the hospital followed. The Therapy and Physical Rehabilitation Rooms were of particular interest to the students. This program and tour proved to be both interesting and educational to the students that attended.

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLUB

It was recently announced by Mr. Hover that the Music Appreciation Club will be meeting again this term. Meetings will be held every common hour period that a S.G.A. planned activity is not being held. All students interested in listening to serious music are invited to meet in the AV Room in Erie Hall for each meeting.

Literary Club

By John Thompson

The Literary Club commenced its activities for the winter term with a meeting on Thursday, January 25. The following officers were elected: Anita Kruczewski, President; Dave Craley, Vice-President; and Phyllis Burke, Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided that the club would plan to meet every other Thursday during Common Hour.

The meeting of February 8 was an open discussion of the novel, "The Stranger," by Camus. Mr. Lane led the discussion.

A "Book of the Term" plan is being planned, under the direction of the Literary Club. Under such a plan, one book, carefully selected on the basis of its significance for our culture and our times, would be presented as the term book. Everyone connected with Behrend Campus, including all students and faculty members regardless of curriculum, would be urged to read this book during the term. Such a plan would provide a common ground for stimulating conversations on campus and for Common Hour discussions. Suggestions of books for the spring term or further ideas for such a plan should be given to Anita Kruczewski, President.

Manuscripts for "Icarus," the Behrend literary publication are now being accepted. These can include short stories, essays, poems, or any such creative efforts on the part of Behrend students. Publication of "Icarus" is scheduled for this spring.

How Do They Do It?

By Dave Maynard

Russia graduates some 100,000 engineers and 20,000 scientists every year, while the United States graduates only one half that amount! Why couldn't the United States do the same?

Maybe part of the answer is the method that Russia uses to prepare her engineers and scientists. The Russian government feels that if a Russian boy or girl can stay in school and graduate from their high schools, then the government will pay the student to go on to college and attain a scientific degree.

Another part of the answer is the determination of a young Russian to better himself and obtain some of the necessities of life that we as Americans take for granted. If the determination and will power to rise above his lowly life is there, then the Russian youth will work to obtain his scientific degree.

The Russian youth differs only slightly from the American youth. That difference is the knowledge that in order to find even a small measure of happiness, the Russian youth must work continuously to obtain his high school degree. From then on the government will pay his way to a college degree.

However, this is not so in the United States. Here a student works hard to graduate from high school and then is faced with the perplexing problem of how to obtain the funds necessary to go to college, for his state and national governments do not pay his way.

In fact, the present tuition of Penn State is going up because of a \$4 million cut in the University's budget by Governor Lawrence.

This in itself, the high cost, of college, discourages many intelligent youths from going on to college because they just cannot afford it. It is also one reason why the United States cannot graduate as many people in the scientific fields.

Those Wonderful Years

With ivy covered buildings reaching high,

There is a typical picture of colleges nigh.

Worn lecturns,—leaned on by all kinds;

Classrooms, where profs and students overexert their minds.

Dorm life, frosh week, sororities and frats;

All add to merriment and laughs.

Cramming during finals, up till three!

Maybe you do it, you won't find me!

Profs who are whacky and give assignments the same,

College . . . the four best years of your life, a crazy game.

—Anonymous

From the Dean's Desk

Mid-term below grades were sent out February 12. The winter term will end on March 17 at 12:25 p.m. Spring term registration will be March 26-27, with classes beginning on March 28. The spring term will end June 8.

Within the next two weeks, course offerings for the spring term will be made known to all students. Each student will be required to see his advisor and select his spring term courses.

Before the end of the winter term, all freshmen students will be photographed by a representative from the registrar's office at University Park.

All second year Associate Degree students who are planning to graduate in June of 1962 are required to attend a meeting on job placement on Thursday, February 15, 1962, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 201. Job interviews will begin on February 19 with a representative of the Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.