

BEHREND CLUBS HOLD FIRST MEETINGS

Director Irvin H. Kochel: A Man We Can't Do Without

Because most of the freshmen at the Behrend Campus are not too familiar with director, Mr. Irvin H. Kochel, the Nittany Cub decided to prepare a profile of him.

A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Kochel is originally from Boyertown, Penna. He started his career at Juniata High School, where he taught Problems of Democracy, American History, Health, and Physical Education. He was also coach of the only undefeated football team in the history of Juniata High School. Mr. Kochel left Juniata after teaching for two years and accepted a position as Physical Education instructor of the Pottsville Campus of Penn. State. Mr. Kochel did administrative work for the Pennsylvania State University and in 1954, was appointed director of the Commonwealth Campus of Behrend.

Geology Students Probe Area Wilds

In October 1964 a group of daring adventurers hacked their way through the dense undergrowth of Behrend Campus to discover Four-Mile Creek. Who were these bold explorers? The answer is students of Mr. Eva Tucker's Geological Science class. Most people will scoff at the term "explorers" in referring to these probers of the earth's secrets, but their field trips are rather risky.

Every Wednesday, weather permitting, the geological scholars gather at the Otto Behrend Science Building for their perilous trek into the wilderness. They take with them all necessary paraphernalia, which includes a rock and mineral kit and a notebook. Slipping and sliding along the rocky path leading to the creek, everyone sticks close to his neighbor. Who knows . . . Smokey the bear may be lurking behind the nearest tree!

Coming around a curve in the road suddenly you see it. Four-Mile Creek! Eureka! We've found it! With some difficulty, everyone descends to its base, to examine the formation and types of rock native to the area. With great haste the pupils step closer to the bed of the creek. Suddenly there is a mighty splash

Mr. Kochel is married and has three children; two sons, Jeff, 14, and Irvin III, 15, and a daughter Patty, 12. His wife is a graduate of the Franklin School of Science and Art in Philadelphia.

Mr. Kochel has a variety of personal interests which include: reading, swimming, golf and Dixieland jazz.

With his busy schedule, Mr. Kochel still finds time to participate in civic affairs. He is an active member and past-president of the Erie Rotary, and also the president-elect of the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Mr. Kochel is a member of the Erie County Library Board of Directors, Hamot Hospital School of Nursing Advisory Board and the Higher Education Association of the United States.

The "Cub" posed a final question to Mr. Kochel concerning his opinion of the ideal student; his answer was that the ideal student is a well-rounded individual who is intellectually curious and at the same time, socially-acceptable.

as someone's foot slips on the loose shale and he topples into the water. After the rescue operations are completed everyone takes to the path that runs parallel to the stream to look for more interesting earth specimens. The girls step lightly because of the circulating rumor of snakes in the vicinity. The tree branches catch at your best mohair sweater and then the unexpected happens "whomp"! You go down in a blaze of glory after tripping over an offending tree root in your path. After brushing yourself off you look around to find that everyone else has disappeared. Of course you can find your way back to civilization by yourself. Who could get lost at Four-Mile Creek? Let's see, the moss grows on the north side of a tree, or is it the west? the south? the east? Who knows his directions? Abruptly you come to the grand conclusion that you are lost. After stumbling around in the woods panic-stricken for an hour, you find your way out, vowing you'll never come on another field trip, no matter what, until the next time!!

Under the direction of Nyla Falkenhagen, the Behrend Readers met for the first time this year Thursday, October 17. After the try-out for which each student had prepared his own material, three new members were selected for membership in the club. They were Rupert, Alexis Brinebar, and Bud Martin. The purpose of the club is to present programs of interpretive reading. The members of the club are planning a program on William Saroyan sometime this term.

For those of you who wish to develop your intellectual and moral faculties this year, there is the Cultural Group led by Mr. William Hover, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages. New officers for this year are: president: Bud Martin, vice president: Beth Kraschneske, secretary: Jackie Orlando, treasurer: Jim Stephenson. At the meeting, the members listened to records of various kinds, which included: "Matty Grove," "Daily Growing," and "Bonnie Highland Laddie." The Culture Group will meet again Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in room 126.

On Wednesday, October 21, the local Red Cross Club was host to a panel made up of members of the Junior Red Cross from several Erie high schools. These young women discussed the value of our Red Cross and the part they played in helping the National Red Cross this past summer. Some of them told of the experience they gained by working at the Veteran's Hospital and at Zem Zem Hospital. After the meeting, Mrs. Schumacher, the faculty advisor of the local group, gave a tea in the library. Mrs. Schumacher hopes to establish a blood bank on campus for this term's project. The Red Cross Club will have its next meeting November 18, at Mercyhurst College.

The Behrend Players, under the direction of Mr. Murray Grove, met for the first time Thursday, October 17. Elected officers are as follows: president Bill Frazier, vice president and assistant

director: Joan Sulser, house manager: Alexis Brinegar. Mr. Grove told of his plans for the production of two plays this year. The first one will be a comedy entitled, "5x6." It will be produced Friday, November 20.

The choir had its first meeting Thursday, October 22. They discussed the purposes and objectives of the group, then everyone chimed in to sing their favorite songs. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, for all who may be interested.

Suzi Frank

Circle K Club Holds Elections

Circle K had its first meeting Monday, October 19, at which time new officers were elected for the school year of 1964-1965. The new officers are: president: Marty Pennington, vice president: Dave Paul, secretary: Jack Courtney, and treasurer: Bob Carlson.

At present, Circle K is made up of only sophomores; freshmen will be considered after mid-term grades come out. During the winter term those freshmen with a 2.00 average or better for the fall term will be considered for membership.

Circle K would like to extend a special thank you to all who took part in decorating for the Homecoming dance. The club feels that the dorm girls should be given special recognition for their time spent in making the 2500 tissue flowers that went into the centerpiece.

Seniors Visit

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easier to get.

Dean Lane urged the seniors to apply early to the college of their choice to insure admission. Of the 14,000 who qualified for admission to Penn State in 1964, slightly more than one-third were admitted. The reason for this was lack of proper facilities to care for students.

The visiting students were also informed about tuition, fees, and meals at Behrend.

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