

Faculty Evaluation Debated

A "Course Guide Questionnaire" to evaluate the faculty and help improve instruction was instigated and published by the Ogontz Campus newspaper last year. The questionnaire asked for course ratings (excellent, good, average, poor, very poor) and asked the student to give his over-all interest in the course.

The procedure aroused some opposition when it asked for similar ratings of instructors: Does he encourage discussion? Permit questions? Respect Student opinions? Give helpful answers to questions? Have annoying mannerisms? Deal impartially with students?

Similar ratings were given for Instructor's attitude, reading material, examinations, over-all organization of the course, reasonableness of assignments, and any comments students cared to make.

Jeff Disend has brought the proposal of a Behrend Course Guide Questionnaire up before S.G.A. No action has been taken as yet. It is not known whether or not such action would meet with faculty opposition.

Some question the necessity of the questionnaire. Others see it as desirable for improving course quality. Opposition at Ogontz was aroused further when the results were published.

If such a questionnaire is organized at Behrend, a committee will decide whether or not the results should be kept confidential. The members of this committee are Jeff Disend, Mary Ellen Lanagan, Jan Puzar, and Carol De Arment.

Ground Breaking

Ground breaking for the new Learning Center will take place Friday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. All students, faculty, and advisory board members are invited to attend, added Mr. I. Kockel, Campus Director, as he released the information to the Nittany Cub.

County Commissioners, State Legislators, Township Supervisors, are all invited.

Bob Michaels, S.G.A. President, will make a short address on behalf of the student body. Prof. John Bedford will speak as faculty representative, and Mr. Allen Wright will represent the President's Advisory Board.

Listeners will also have the honor of hearing G. W. Wilson, the director of Behrend's successful fund-raising campaign.

Free refreshments will be served.