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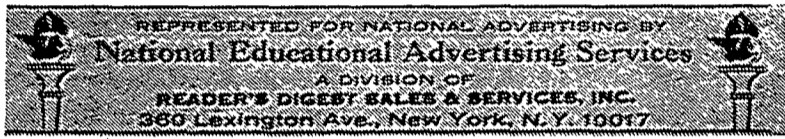
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Make Earth Enjoyable Before Invading Space

Several people have taken issue with the statement that the \$24 billion spent on the space program could have helped the nation's poor. Most have been scientists defending their profession from the technological point of view. They contend that the value of the space program lies in the fact that NASA's achievements today lay the foundations for further exploration, which is really a poor argument since it doesn't justify the existence of the space program at all but merely evades the issue by implying a highly scientific and thus, more noble cause.

Agreed, the re-allocation of appropriations in the war in Vietnam would provide a great asset to the poverty program. That is not to say however that the standard of living in America would be increased enough to permit accelerated spending toward space exploration. It must be remembered that much of the money spent for the war is tied up in the military-industrial complex. Although unemployment rates are going down to a certain degree, a return of soldiers from Vietnam would cause a detrimental fluctuation in the economy.

It is not logical to assume that a withdrawal of funds from the space program would cause a scientific "dark ages". Progress in NASA's programs could be stunted temporarily, but think of the more important consequences which could result from funds accrued in the medical field. The hospitalization situation is especially critical. Science exists for the betterment of man's environment and develops because of his insatiable curiosity. Therefore science cannot stop but only be diverted into more useful channels.

Education and problems resulting from massive pollution demand financial aid immediately. Needless to say, even Nixon's welfare program designed to cut down on the more socialistic aspects of the present system, would benefit immensely from additional appropriations distributed through a good welfare administration. To ignore groups of Americans, such

as our Indians who are starving from a lack of education as well as food while basking in the glory of the Apollo 11 moon shot is despicable.

To assume that science will find a way to support the quickly increasing population through the development of new food or nutritional advancements is an idealistic delusion. Ecologists have estimated that at the current population growth rate the weight of human flesh should outweigh the mass of the earth within the next thousand and some years. Added complications arise when countries such as Israel pay their citizens to have children in order to augment their human facilities for welfare. Of course even if science found a way for sustaining life, war, pollution, and disease would necessarily destroy the extraneous population more brutally. Mathematical calculations indicate that even if habitation of other planets was feasible, it could hardly occur in time. The physical capabilities of the earth compared with its population growth rate would render the establishment of a synthesized society on another celestial body highly improbable.

In summary it would be more desirable and more practical in the long run for the United States or any other country for that matter to at least delay its support of a space program in order to aid the many more crucial scientific and educational fields.

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SGA Urges: Vote For Person Not Personality

The first weekly meeting of the Student Government Association was held in the Memorial room of the Administration Building on Wednesday, October 1.

Roy Kirkley, President of the student body delivered the opening remarks, noting the communication gap existing between student organizations. Roy blamed this gap mainly on the lack of bulletin board space for all student groups.

The matter of Associate Degree Student graduation was brought up. In the past, all two-year students had to go to University Park for commencement exercises. Last spring a petition requesting that graduation exercises be held at the respective Commonwealth Campuses. The SGA feels that the institution of this measure would help to "enrich the social life of the Commonwealth Campuses," and significantly reduce graduation expenses and inconveniences for the student and his family. Dean Lane remarked that action was well underway regarding this change.

The meeting proceeded to the item of Student Affairs, Student Government and Student Judiciary elections and appointments during the third week of the current term. Students were urged to actively support those men and women whom they thought were worthy of election and publicity was asked for around campus.

Next up was discussion of All University Day at University Park on November 1. Ticket price are as follows: \$2.25 for the dinner and jammy, \$3.00 for the concert featuring the Iron Butterfly and the New Hedson Exit, \$2.00 for the Fraternity Ball, and

\$6.00 for the round-trip bus ticket.

Students were urged to make banners for the football game at which there will be a banner contest. All Commonwealth Campuses will participate in this contest and judging will be held for selection of the best banner. Size limitations for the posters will be announced.

Student contributions were encouraged in order to help Behrend Campus meet its \$1,100.00 goal in the United Fund drive. Students cannot be openly solicited, so pledge is by straight contribution. One dollar or more gets one an attractive collar pin to let others know he did his fair share.

As the last order of business before adjournment, Bruce Zimmerman, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs, read a report on the history of union buildings and indicated what he plans to initiate at the Reed Union Bldg. (RUB). The idea upon which he elaborated was the formation of a Union Board to help him plan and execute extensive program of leisure time activities for students. A post on this board would be a good alternative for those students who do not want to participate in the SGA.

We Enliven Our Lonely Dormitory

by Eric Walker

The cry of a stranger rings through the corridors of Perry and Niagara Halls, and signifies the acceptance of another "dormy".

It is hard for an individual to adapt to new surroundings, but the newcomers to Behrend have done surprisingly well. There is an aura of warmth throughout the student body that creates a home-like effect to those who once felt strange.

In order to relate to a group of over 1000 a person must sacrifice a little part of his individuality. This process is rough in the beginning, but the end results of this sacrifice are close friendships and valuable experiences. Being forced to live with another person can sometimes be difficult, yet a compromise is reached and roommates become more than mere friends.

Although Behrend is growing, it hasn't become impersonal, and a person can still find true meaning in this living experience.

This year over 1,000 students, faculty, and administrators will go through his lines. In his four years here, nearly 4,000 people have tasted his wares, and none have died from food poisoning, yet. During Customs Week, some freshmen didn't know Dean Lane. Some didn't even know Mr. Kochel. But every freshman, sophomore, and junior on this campus knew Finley. So winsome dormie, have no fear. Despite what your stomach says, there is a Mr. Finley; alive and well, working for this campus.

By His Hands They Are Fed

There exists on this campus a gentleman who stands out as the mother of the American student. He is our own Robert Finley, mentor, friend, boss, father, cook and chief bottlewasher. From him comes all the delicacies which are picked personally to please the palate. If there is a complaint about your room in the dorm, he'll take care of it. Want some refreshments for your dance, or a coffee and doughnut get-together, he'll give a hand or two (Mr. Bickle's hands). Lose a dime in the soda machine. He makes sure you get it back. He's even kind to his employees—sometimes. (This has never been proven).

Mr. Finley is a graduate of this university. He came here five years ago when the cafeteria was little more than thirteen tables and an oven in the basement of Turnbull Hall. When he finally got his new kitchen in the middle of winter, he watched over the installation, walking back and forth as many as twenty times a day, usually without an overcoat (I bring this up to joint out the fact that many thought he was crazy. Students and faculty refused to eat for fear of being poisoned a ear still prevalent today). Whenthat was done, he found he had a dorm that he had to feed. As head of food and housing, the problems of the dorm were his problems. Many times he was called from his humble abode to help solve a problem. The administra-

tion thought he was doing such a great job, that they decided to give him another dorm on which to shower his attentions. Fortunately for Mr. Finley, the higher echelon downstate also sent Mr. Bickle, Mr. Finley's able assistant. These two (not unlike the dynamic duo) fight a thankless battle to keep this campus well-



Robert Finley

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

