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Cohen, Sansone, Spielmann Resign Kochel Refuses To Give Reasons

By Gary Thornbloom
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Two months ago three of the more colorful members of the Behrend faculty were asked unconditionally to resign from their present positions or they would be released. Rumors began to circulate in speculation as to the exact reasoning behind their dismissal.

The CUB attempted to interview the three in question to get their story. We also talked to the Director of Behrend Campus, Irvin H. Kochel. This article is the result of extensive comments by Steve Cohen and John Spielmann, as well as limited commentary by Director Kochel.

Frank Sansone, the third faculty member involved, could not be reached due to illness and any statements he may wish to make will be printed in the next edition of the CUB.

As the matter stands at this time Cohen and Spielmann have

both submitted letters of resignation to avoid the situation which would arise from being asked in writing to leave. While they have resigned, make no mistake, they were definitely told that there would not be a job for them at Behrend next year.

Not one of them has been confronted with the reasons for his dismissal, although each has expressed a desire to be presented

with the facts which led to the action taken.

Kochel stated that he requested each of them to evaluate his past two years at Behrend to see if he couldn't discover the facts for himself. He went on to explain that the decision to dismiss the three was not made arbitrarily by him, but that it was a joint decision agreed to by the Assistant Dean, each individual's De-

partment Head, and himself.

Any decision of this type must be a unanimous one made by agreement among the above. Kochel also added that if by June of this year, Cohen, Spielmann, and Sansone cannot recall anything which would be reason enough for requesting the resignations, that he would somewhat reluctantly inform each as to the exact nature of the reasons for

his dismissal.

Cohen, when asked to speculate on possible reasons for his dismissal listed two types; those of a factual nature and those which were based on feelings. The factual reasons are: Cohen had expressed to his department head that Behrend was a stop-off point toward better things and that after his two-year contract expired he would probably be moving on; he also had previously indicated that he would like to work on his Ph.D. and that granting a leave-of-absence with pay

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SGA In Action:

University Involvement With Civil Law Rapped

Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of articles directed at informing the student body on aims and activities of the Student Government Association here at Behrend.

By Bill McCloud
CUB Staff Writer

Ever stop and wonder what would happen if you were caught breaking the law? I know it's not the sort of thing you like to think about but things can and do happen, so let's take a look anyway. Since you're a student and subject to more rules and regulations than the ordinary citizen, the prime consideration would seem to be whose law you broke.

If you break a civil law you are tried before a civil court. If you violate a university regulation Senate Rule W-16 provides you with the choice of appearing before either the Student Court or the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. At first glance it seems simple enough . . . but look again.

Until recently, by special arrangement with civil authorities, if you were picked up by the police for a misdemeanor (i.e. underage drinking, disorderly conduct, etc.) they would call Behrend and ask the university if it would take the responsibility for disciplinary action.

This set-up had its advantages for the Behrend students. He could avoid a police record and in the case of major violations, could avoid the possibility of a fine or jail sentence.

In the opinion of the Student Affairs Committee this gave the student a special privilege that he didn't deserve and shouldered Penn State with a responsibility far removed from education.

Therefore, a survey was made to determine the opinion of both the faculty and the student body on the issue.

As a result of this survey the Student Affairs Committee voted to change this policy and place any violation of civil law in the hands of the civil authorities.

Okay . . . so now everything is fine! Penn State students are officially mature enough to shoulder the responsibilities of their own actions! Right? WRONG! There's one little catch . . . Senate Rule W-11. Rule W-11 states that the "university regards as serious offenses all acts of unethical, immoral, dishonest, or destructive behavior. . ."

Although W-11 states that any charges against a student must cite a specific offense and a student cannot be disciplined under a general charge of unethical, immoral dishonest, or dishonest destructive behavior, several cases have arisen at University Park where a student was charged with being in trouble with the civil authorities for whatever specific crime he allegedly committed.

In other words, the university considers be-

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John Spielmann

Norval Reece Moves Crowd

New Democratic Coalition candidate for the office of U.S. Senator, Norval Reece spoke before a near capacity crowd in the Reed Lecture Hall Tuesday. Reece has a strong political background, having worked for Johnson-Humphrey in 1964 ("they looked good then" he commented), Joe Clark and Eugene McCarthy in 1968, and Milton Shapp in 1966.

His first strong point was his opposition to the war in Viet Nam. He stated that we should announce that all men will be brought home by the end of this year. "Nixon's Vietnamization plan is one to continue war in Vietnam under a different guise." He indicated that at Nixon's present rate of withdrawal ten-year-old children of today will have to be worried about going to Viet Nam.

In reply to a question about the draft, Reece said that the draft ought to be abolished, the pay scale raised, the military be made voluntary. He acknowledged the risk of a professional army which could run wild in the country, but dispelled the fear by reminding everyone that we already have a professional army except the draftees. He also mentioned that draftees' mortality rate is much greater than that of the volunteers, for the purpose of driving his point about the professional

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Steve Cohen

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SGA Announces Procedure For Use Of Student Fund

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a student loan fund to financially aid any student enrolled at Behrend who needs money for the purpose of maintaining his stay at the University.

A student may borrow up to forty dollars. Any requests beyond this amount must be approved by appointment with the treasurer of S.G.A. and with the signature of the Dean of Student Affairs.

All loans must be paid within our school weeks. Loans falling due on days of finals and holi-

days will be carried over to the next school day. All loans, regardless of the time received, must be paid before the student leaves Behrend permanently or two weeks before the end of spring term whichever applies. Payments may be made at anytime during the four weeks and must be deposited with the secretary of the Business Office.

A penalty to two percent per day of the unpaid balance of the loan will be revoked if the loan is not fully repaid by the set deadline. The student will not be

charged the two percent on days the Business Office is closed.

Applications may be obtained from the Student Affairs Office. The applicant must complete the form and hand it in to the Student Union Desk where the treasurer of S.G.A. will receive, review, and sign it if acceptable.

A check will then be written and both the check and application will be sent back to the Student Affairs office for the Dean's signature. The check may be pick-

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4-Year Program Spaces Still Open

By Chuck Varesko

The University has expanded the freshman-sophomore academic offerings at this campus and spaces have been reserved for 100 juniors next fall. The first class of juniors will have a choice of two majors—Science, offered by the College of Science, or General Arts and sciences, offered by the College of Liberal Arts.

The science major offers either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree. The General Arts and Science curriculum offers a Bachelor of Arts degree. If you don't have the cash to go down state you might as well stay

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