

The Nittany CUB

WEATHER:
Stormy weather ahead?
Cold wave expected!

Today's Chuckle:
"This is the year of
communication"

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STUDENTS REBUFFED

Kochel's Letter

Dear Mr. Carr:

Over the past several weeks thoughtful consideration has been given to the students request for visitation at the Behrend Campus. Attitudes and opinions have been sought from University Park officials, other Commonwealth Campuses, Behrend Students, and the Advisory Board.

Commencing February 1, 1971, the Open House program, successfully operated last year, will be extended as follows:

1. Open House may be conducted in Perry Hall and Niagara Hall on Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

2. Doors to rooms in which visitors are present will remain fully open.

3. In order to permit freedom of choice and demonstrate responsibility, the Women's Residence Council and the Men's Residence Council will individually, via their respective presidents, request a weekend Open House by written note to the Dean of Student Affairs. This must be done by noon Thursday each week before Open House. Lack of a request by either group would cancel out the Open House for that particular weekend.

Details of the above are to be restricted to individual floor options with procedures approved by the Dean of Student Affairs.

This procedure will be reviewed at the end of the Winter Term and conclude at the end of this academic year 1971.

Sincerely yours,

Irvin H. Kochel, Director

Original Visitation Proposal Rejected

On Wednesday, January 27, the Student Government Association conducted another sequel to the never-ending saga of visitation. President Dave Carr dispensed with other business so that the main issue could be given proper prominence. Carr started off the session by reading Mr. Kochel's recent statement on the subject.

Kochel called for visitation from 7 p.m. until midnight every Friday and Saturday in addition to the already popular Sunday afternoon program. Kochel's statement also included an "open door" policy to protect the innocent.

There were mixed emotions among the three hundred-plus crowd of concerned citizens. Opinions ranged from mild frustration to threats of open rebellion. Student leaders Carr, Hood and Crawford tried diligently to control the disgruntled crowd.

Carr called for questions and comments from the floor. After clarifying a few points and listening to dozens of complaints, Carr turned the meeting over to

Benjamin A. Lane, Dean of Student Affairs. Lane also answered questions until an S.G.A. representative demanded that all Student Affairs personnel leave the room. Lane graciously agreed.

President Carr then read a letter from J.R.C. chairman Edward (Bucky) Buchan. The letter stated that the Board of Review found Mr. Kochel's decision unsatisfactory and that the Board would keep that in mind while hearing cases concerning visitation.

Voices from the crowd demanded that the R.A.'s state their opinions. They ranged from "no comment" to implied concurrence with the feeling that was rapidly spreading throughout the room.

Eric Hefler then proposed that the original J.R.C. statement on intervisitation be initiated immediately. Carr adjourned the S.G.A. meeting and the crowd voted to accept Hefler's idea.

The students then retired to their respective dorms to discuss the ideas.

After the crowd departed, Dean Lane returned to the center of activity to hear the decision. When Carr informed him, Lane in what appeared to be a temporary fit of anger, informed Carr, Hood, and Crawford that the Summarial Suspension Act would be involved if the J.R.C. proposal were carried out.

An hour later, at 9:45 p.m., there was another mass student meeting in the Niagara Hall Recreation Room. Carr explained the Suspension Act in detail. The floor was then opened for discussion. Suggestions ranged from violent revolt to rational, tactical planning. Hood promised to meet with President John Oswald on Saturday to discuss the situation. Carr will take a student petition with him.

After the meeting, Carr and Hood had a private audience with Dean Lane to explain the new developments.

Students Involved In Intervisitation



Student crowd awaits student leaders for discussion on intervisitation in Niagara Hall.

Phil Hood, S.G.A. Vice-President, speaks to students in Niagara Hall.



Anxious crowd awaits Mr. Kochel's decision in RUB Quiet Lounge.



Dave Carr, S.G.A. President, announces decision on intervisitation.

Students Attempted Correct Channels

On November 2, the Joint Residence Council passed the original visitation policy. Two days later, the Student Government Association unanimously passed the same proposal. It was then presented to Dean Benjamin A. Lane. The Student Affairs staff passed it on to Director Irvin Kochel with their evaluations and recommendations. One day during the last week of November, Kochel set February 1 as his target date for a decision. The students trusted that to be reasonable and agreed to wait. And then, on January 27, the news broke. The decision was made. The crowds formed to hear the news. Everyone was there-

over three hundred kids, Dean Lane and his three "inferior executive" officers, the S.G.A., the J.R.C., Mr. Woerner, the Student Government Advisor, and the crowd control expert, Deforest Halberg, Jr.

President Carr then read the decision. We got thirteen hours a week, for four months work.

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