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The first signs of spring at Behrend isn't necessarily a robin.

Behrend Seeks Academic Plan

In the search for the development of an academic master plan suitable for Behrend Campus, a sub-committee of the Academic Planning Committee recently completed a ten-page report entitled "General Guidelines for the Academic Development of the Behrend Campus."

The report, which was approved by the Committee on April 6, bases its guidelines on a balance of specialized training and general education. It states: "The unique demands made upon the university from within and without can only be met by resisting, on the one hand, the demands for over generalization and on the other hand, the tendency towards over specialization. To provide only a general education fails to meet the responsibility of the university to society; stressing specialization the university fails to meet its commitment to the individual."

Requested by President Oswald's task force, the report, which has already been submitted to University Park received the approval of the Behrend Faculty Senate on April 8, but was turned down by the Student Government Association on April 7.

The plan went on to outline the three specific types of study programs that Behrend would offer in the future: "a. a broadly based, flexible liberal studies curriculum tailored to the educational and vocational needs and desires of each individual student; b. a more structured, yet broadly based and flexible, inter-disciplinary area study program; c. the traditionally structured and departmentally oriented majors."

Justifications, although various and numbered, included "a. provide the widest range of educational options for individual students at any stage of Behrend's development;. . . c. most efficiently utilize the faculty and facilities available at each stage of Behrend's development; . . . h. enhance the cultural and academic milieu of northwestern Pennsylvania."

The Faculty has scheduled a special general Faculty meeting for the purpose of discussing the "Guidelines" and the plans for the academic development of the Behrend Campus. Students are invited to attend this meeting on Tuesday, April 20 during the Common Hour.

Campus Magazine

Penn Staters On the Move, a magazine supplement for Commonwealth Campus newspapers, went to press April 12 for distribution by Commonwealth Campus newspapers. The Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses will send nearly 15,000 copies to the Commonwealth campuses.

On the Move will carry 16 pages of news and advertising of special interest to students transferring to University Park. Advertising content centers on apartment complexes in the State College area. The news content includes information on orientation advising and registration at University Park, student activities and student affairs programs.

Frederick Erb III, president of The Press Association, said On the Move is a service to newspapers which are members of The Press Association. "But it is also a service to Commonwealth Campus students by providing information which is important to them."

Erb said that the profits from the publication will help finance programs of The Press Association. Half of the profits will be available for general expenses and half will go to a special fund under the direct control of member newspaper editors.

On the Move will be distributed free during the week of April 19.

Student Input Requested For Academic Planning

University Park, Pa., April

The President's Commission on Academic Planning, created last year to develop a 30-year master academic plan for The Pennsylvania State University, has called a special meeting for the study body for Thursday, April 15.

Initiated and sponsored by the six student members of the 25-member commission, the meeting is designed to get more student input and ideas into the drawing up of short range, middle range and long range plans for the University.

"Our hope is to make students more aware of what is happening with the Commission on Academic Planning and also to get student reaction and input to the current proceedings," says Dr. Thomas F. Bates, vice president for planning, and chairman of the special commission established by President John W. Oswald.

The meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday in the main lounge of the Hetzel Union Building, with all students invited to attend and participate.

"The area of academic planning is of major concern to all students and therefore all students are encouraged to take part," says Dr. Bates.

Prior to general discussion, informational reports will be given by the Commission's subcommittee and task force chairmen. They will include Dr. Robert J. Scamell, chairman of the subcommittee dealing with the Mission of the University; Dr. Robert E. Dunham, chairman of the subcommittee on Configuration dealing with distribution of effort and future makeup of the campuses; Dr. Robert F. Schmalz, chairman of the subcommittee on Growth and Enrollment; and Dr. Betty Van der Smissen, director of the task force on Mid-Range Planning.

"It is imperative that all elements of the University be aware of the work of the Commission and be able to contribute significantly to the formation of the master plan," wrote student member Kathleen A. Rittner, representative of the Graduate Student Association in a letter to student organizations on campus, urging their support and attendence at the meeting.

"The meeting will give students an opportunity to voice their ideas and views on the University's future."

In addition to Miss Rittner, other student members on the Commission include James R. Antoniono, president of the Undergraduate Student Government; Steven R. Arkans, vice president of the Liberal Arts Student Council; Patrick J. Keaveny, president of the Organization of Students Government Associations; Alice M. Riedman, secretary of the Organization of Student Government Associations; and Neal H. Simpson, departmental representative of the Graduate Student Association.

President Oswald has ascribed the "highest priority" to the task of the Commission and has directed that its proposals be completed for presentation to the Board of Trustees by September.

Registration Changes Again

By next year, pre-registration at Behrend may entail no more than one trip to a student's academic advisor to sign-up for up to nine terms of courses.

This will allow for adequate future planning by the resident instruction staff, the student, and the student's instructors. According to Mr. Kenneth Goetz, coordinator of the plan, the student will be more assured of getting the courses that he wants and needs.

To make it easier to enroll in a course the number of sections will be expanded in some areas. This will be made possible by the addition of instructors in sociology, speech, and psychology.

Another innovation in the system is the elimination of the need for the student to report before the beginning of classes to register. A student will be allowed to fill out registration cards at home and to return them by mail. This will cut down on the amount of time and money that is currently used for registration in Erie Hall.

Mr. Goetz, who has already conferred with officials from other campuses, is interested in the reactions of Behrend students to the new plan. He was pleased that registration for Spring Term ran as smoothly as it did. He also noted that the number of drop-adds was cut down.

Annual Party

The Joint Resident Council is sponsoring its annual All-Night Party this Saturday night in the Reed Union Building from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. It will feature continuous entertainment with something to offer for everyone.

Activities will include such things as: free refreshments for everyone, Doug Adams and his band, a talent show made up from local people, and a record jammy to fill in any gaps in the festivities.

There will be many door prizes given away, including a gift certificate for the Record Bar in Erie.

Several movies will be shown continuously including the James Bond spoof "Casino Royale", a zany spy thriller starring Peter Sellers as a souped-up spy, "The Wrecking Crew", starring Dean Martin as a man without fear, and as many loves to match, and the final movie to feature James Coburn as he is run in circles in, "Dead Heat On A Merry-Go-Round."

Tickets for this solid night of fun will be sold at the door, and will cost $1.50 per person, or $2.50 a couple.

News [redacted] d The World

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Reporter

VIETN

The U.S. command in Saigon rep
killed in Vietnam last week, and
reported that 320 North Vietnam
largest death toll for Americans sin
Cambodia last June 27.

"SUPERS

Traditional Easter music like H
place to the religious rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar" this year for many young people. A presentation of this rock opera took place at the Lutheran Memorial Church, 225 W. 10th Street, and drew a good crowd. The opera was also presented musically on Dan Geary's underground rock show on WWYN beginning at midnight on Easter Sunday.

WITHDRAWALS

President Nixon announced last week that he will step up troop withdrawals from Vietnam very slightly. His plan is to withdraw 100,000 men between May 1 and December 1, a rate of 14,000 a month, while he is presently withdrawing 12,500 a month. This will leave 184,000 Americans in Vietnam on December 1. Nixon refused to set a definite date for an end to American involvement in the war.

ISRAEL

Israeli Prime Minister Abba Eban said last Saturday that, through acts such as trying to reopen the Suez Canal, the Arab world is searching for peace realistically. Eban also said that the opening of the Suez Canal could work if it was approached properly by both sides.

BOBBY SEALE

Even though a radical measure to split Berkeley's police force into three departments was rejected, the young activists cheered last week. Their candidate for mayor, Warren Widener, 32, a very liberal black attorney, became the first to become mayor of Berkeley.

Widener stated that he doesn't endorse the police amendment, which was conceived by Black Panther's leader, Bobby Seale, but that he will make his own police reforms. Seale's plan called for three police departments for black, white and University of California campus districts.

DALEY

Richard Daley ran away to win a fifth term as mayor of Chicago. Daley's opponent, Richard E. Friedman, was an independant who ran as a Republican only to stop the Democratic machine politics in Chicago.

Daley won almost 70 percent of the vote, and lost only two of the city's fifty wards.