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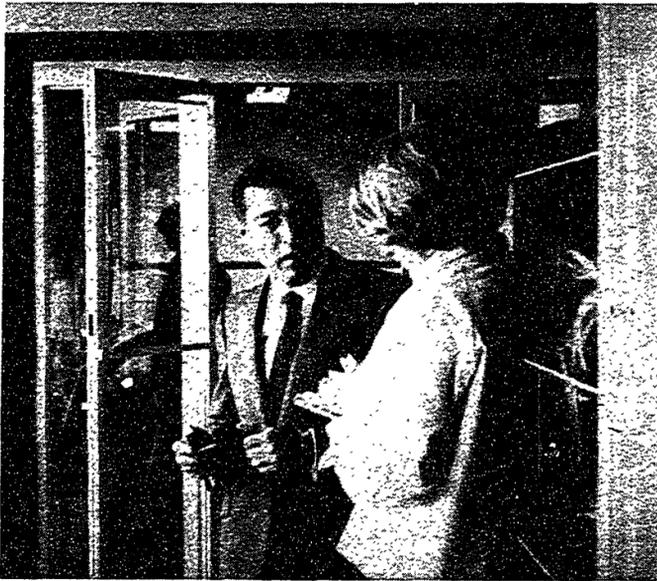
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Kochel Reaffirms Campus Status: Lack of State Aid Hinders Plan



Discussing Behrend Future

Director Kochel explaining fine points of academic planning to staff of member of Nittany Cub. Kochel reaffirms 4-year status of Behrend Campus.

by Steve Green
CUB Reporter

Campus Director Irvin H. Kochel reaffirmed that Behrend is a four-year institution while speaking to about 50 persons at an open faculty meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The principal drawback to the physical development of the program is the lack of state funds necessary for the construction of academic buildings. Kochel said that out of 168 priority University projects, Behrend has four of the top ten.

Even though this gives Behrend first consideration, the University has no funds to work with. Kochel said "As soon as the state gets out of its fiscal dilemma, these projects are ready to go."

Although the Academic Planning Committee's program for 15-year academic development was rejected by the Student Government Association (SGA), the plan was again presented to Behrend's faculty at the meeting by Phillip Iobst, instructor of philosophy.

Iobst described general

demands of the individual students that the program would attempt to satisfy. The committee report, General Guidelines for the Academic Development of the Behrend Campus, presented a plan to meet these educational goals:

— A generalist, non-specialized education.

— Area study programs which would provide a limited degree of specialization within the context of a generalist educational curriculum in preparation for graduate study, governmental or private employment.

— Pre-professional training which would require a

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Students Question Status

SGA Disapproves Plan

By Patsy Wheatley
CUB Reporter

Student disapproval of the four-year college plan at Behrend Campus was pointed out at Tuesday's open faculty meeting. John Musala, a Student Government Association (SGA) representative, agreed with the vote that was taken by SGA April 7. The general opinion was that Behrend students don't really believe that Behrend will become a four-year institution.

Musala, an American studies student from Vandergrift, Pa., said, "Until (Director Irvin H.) Kochel is encouraged to resign, John Claridge (Assistant director of academic affairs) is told to get his doctorate, we get someone up here to straighten out the department of resident instruction, and we get a dynamic director Behrend will not make it as a four-year school."

Other students had a more positive attitude toward the matter, but apparently they are not willing to stay at Behrend to try it.

Lana Watkins (6th-accounting-Philadelphia) said she desires more social, cultural and recreational activities than Behrend or Erie can offer. Miss Watkins noted a kind of apathy about the co-curricular activities that do exist on campus.

The desire of many commuters to get away from home is reflected by Barbara Giles (6th American Studies-Erie). She said she is looking forward to living away from home.

Linda Payes (6th-elementary education-Levittown) said that the status that accompanies the degree from the University Park Campus is important to many. "Even though we have the same work as a University Park student, we are not really considered Penn State students unless we graduate from U.P."

(University Park)," she said.

Some students said that they feel they are still in high school. "Nothing is happening. The ideas of the Administration and some of the faculty are not liberal enough to make you think that you are in college," said Carol Michaels (6th-art education - Bethel Park).

Philip Iobst, head of the Behrend liberal arts department, said general arts and sciences does not prepare a student for any specific vocation. Because of the assurance of employment opportunities, some students favor a specific major.

Salvador A. Parco, assistant professor of sociology, said more of the emphasis should be put on faculty instead of facilities.

SGA President David Carr, said there are not enough teachers to handle the increased number of students and the variety of courses required by the students. Carr said that classes are becoming too large already and choice of courses is limited.

Despite disadvantages, some students approve of the Academic Planning Committee's General Guidelines for Academic Development. Dave Steinhoff (6th-finance-Erie) pointed out that it is cheaper to live at home and commute to school for two years. Four years doubles the savings. Steinhoff said that four-year programs at Commonwealth Campuses could take some of the strain away from University Park. Without the influx from Commonwealth Campuses, University Park could control its enrollment ceiling.

Jim Crawford (6th-Foreign Services and International Politics-Pittsburgh) seemed generally satisfied with Behrend. He said that it has great potential, and he would remain at Behrend for four-years if given the chance.

Of Security Program

3 Call for Evaluation

by Doug Leichter
CUB Managing Editor

Three students called for a re-evaluation of the Behrend Campus Security Department Monday afternoon. They revealed problems within the operation of the security program.

A private meeting which took place in the office of Campus Business Manager, Robert Baughman, was attended by Baughman Student Government Association (SGA), President, David Carr, SGA member James Crawford, Howard Leslie (6th-Agriculture) and Dean of Student Affairs Benjamin A. Lane.

The students presented a list of grievances including:

— The carrying of arms on campus including firearms, night-sticks and handcuffs.

— The use of student marshalls as informers.

— Investigation techniques.

— The manner in which Capt. Charles Skidmore conducts himself in affairs with the student body.

— The collection of traffic fines.

Incidents of student harassment were reported by Carr. He said Skidmore should be transferred to another job since he evidently had a lack of rapport with students in his present position. Carr said "I don't know if it is a lack of ability or a failure to try."

Another problem discussed at the meeting was the lack of guidelines for the security office operation. Carr said "We agree that the concept of security is needed, but they (security administrators) don't have clear guidelines."

Carr noted that DeForest Halberg, head of security, has not been given enough guidance, and cited both Baughman and Lane as being lax in their assistance with security. Because of this,

Halberg has been acting outside of his capacities.

As a result of the meeting, Baughman will review the security program. "I would like an organization that is stronger, more useful, and would more properly meet the needs of the students of this campus," Baughman said. To meet these ends he is "rewriting precise, definite and concrete guidelines for security."

During the meeting the resignations of both Halberg and Skidmore were requested, according to Tom Bruner, head student marshal. Carr said he would like to see Skidmore transferred and Halberg continue, but with the bounds of his authority clearly defined. Baughman said he did not request anyone's resignation and he had given no thought to Skidmore's transfer. He said he would take no action until a thorough investigation is conducted.

Since the meeting, two student marshalls have resigned their positions. Jim Lauer has resigned for personal reasons. Bruner submitted his resignation because he said there is a total inconsistency as to who has authority related to the security department.

Bruner's resignation is pending. He said he would resign if Skidmore moved out of the security office.

Student Hurt In Mishap

Jeff Mansfield (3rd term-liberal arts-Greensburg) was taken to St. Vincent Hospital early yesterday morning after sustaining minor injuries during a water battle. He was released after treatment for cuts of the wrist and eye.

Several Perry Resident Hall students were involved in the incident, shortly after 1 a.m. Mansfield was injured after putting his hand through a window.

He was rushed to the hospital by the Pinkerton security officer on duty.

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Pollution Solution?

Behrend Campus traffic sign offers solution to environmental problems. The theme of Ecology Week April 19-23 is being promoted by the Behrend biology department.