

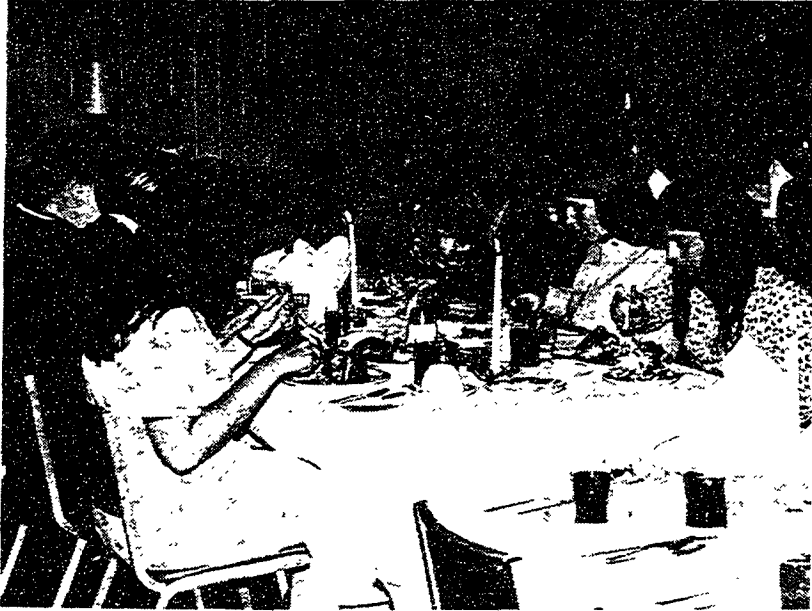
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WRC Banquet

Dan Fiorentino, Dean Lane, and Mom Tuttle enjoy an evening meal after a busy day of lectures and seminars during the Women's Residence Council Conference held at Behrend last weekend.

WRC Delegates Propose Change

By Patsy Wheatley
News Reporter

Commonwealth Campus Women's Residence Council Convention delegates have drawn up a recommendation for action to be sent to President Oswald and other University officials. The proposal, which was written at Behrend's April 23-15 Convention, requested:

—The opportunity for student participation and vote in matters concerning residence hall regulations and in other areas affecting students.

—Clear definition of security on each branch campus.

—Funds for night assistants so that curfew can be abolished.

—Increased communications between University Park and Commonwealth Campus officials concerning regulations for resident students at University Park.

Presidents of the Councils at Mont Alto, McKeesport, Altoona, and Behrend signed the proposal. Dubois also attended the Convention, but did not sign because their dormitories are not run by the University.

Kent S. Recalled

A Kent State Moratorium is being planned for May 4 and 5 by the Student Union Board of Behrend Campus. The events are to consist of three speakers and a short movie. The speakers are to discuss student reactions to contemporary issues and internal conflicts of our country.

Benjamin A. Lane, Dean of Student Affairs, will address the student body on Tuesday during common hour about the effect the Kent State tragedy had on campuses across the nation during the past year. The speech will be given in the Reed Lecture Hall or outside weather permitting.

At 8 p.m. Bishop William Crittenden, of Erie, will speak on "Religion and the Cultural Revolution". This speech is also to be in the Reed Lecture Hall or outside depending on the weather.

On Wednesday the 5th, which is the first anniversary of Kent State, Reid McFarlane, a unitarian minister from Erie, will speak on "Civil Disobedience" in the Reed Lecture Hall at 8 p.m.

Shortly afterwards the movie will be shown entitled, "A Matter of Conscience". The movie deals with two young men who refuse the draft, choose their own alternatives and suffer the consequences.

"Paper" Invokes Favored Response

The Position Paper has brought comments from many of the people directly involved in its effects. Robert Baughman, Business Director of Behrend Campus said, "I think that his (James Crawford) comments are needed. We have been verbalizing too much." He went on to say, "I think that it is an intelligent and perceptive study." Deforest Halberg, Behrend Campus Security Officer noted that, "It's not much different from what has been set up except for some specifics." He also said that he approves of it right down the line.

Halberg said that he welcomed the Position Paper because it clarified a lot of responsibility

Student Government Lacking Participation

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The basis of security has been redefined. In a report known informally as "The Position Paper", it states the limitations and objectives of the Security Department of the Behrend Campus.

"The Paper" was written at the request of Robert Baughman, Business Office Manager of Behrend, by James Crawford, Student Government Association SGA member and approved by David Carr, SGA president.

"The Paper" acknowledges, "Security is an important and necessary part of the Behrend Campus Community, and Security should and must be for the good of all phases of the Community—students, faculty, and administration."

"The Position Paper" also stated, "Security must function as part of an administrative team—in direct conjunction with the Office of Dean of Student Affairs, the Director of Food and Housing, the Business Office, and the Student Government Association."

It noted that Security, "should be as benign as possible..." and that it should never be used, "to harass individuals, violate the right of privacy or in any way curtail academic freedom."

This is the first time policies of the Security Department have been put on paper. It clarified the position of the Security Department on controversial issues:

— Security does not initiate investigations unless requested.

that was looked upon as being the responsibility of the Security Department and vice versa."

Baughman noted that "The Paper" is not the final work on security matters. He said that he was surprised at the class parallels between the letters of security definition and the report written by Crawford he added, "As it turns out, I think some of my reports are a lot tougher."

Baughman also said that although "The Paper" follows his own letters, "I will follow the specifications outlined in my letters."

Both people noted the security matter is not closed to revisions. Baughman said "I don't consider myself as ever being completely finished." He went on to say, "Any good criticism, if it is constructive, is needed. I'd welcome it."

Captain Charles Skidmore of the Pinkerton Security noted, "What concerns me is how the student body reacts. What we need is more student input."

Both Halbert and Skidmore said the keyword for the effectiveness of the proposal is cooperation. Halberg said, "If they (the entire campus organization) would all cooperate with harmony, there is a tendency for security to remain in size and in some remote cases decrease." Skidmore went on to say, "Security is a sign of the times."

Security Position Redefined by SGA

By Doug Lechliter
Managing Editor

— Security does not enter Residence Halls or attend student activities unless specifically requested.

— Security is not responsible for student discipline.

— Security should not employ student informers.

— All matters pertaining to motor vehicles are a part of the Security Department.

— Security personnel will carry firearms when transporting money, and keep a record of all instances when firearms are carried.

— It also defined security as a campus service that all members of the Campus Community should feel free to use.

— Security personnel will also

man the telephones when the campus switchboard is closed.

— Common courtesy is expected to be received from and given to all security personnel.

At the same time, Baughman is writing various memorandums to further clarify the points presented in "The Position Paper". These include such topics as a general summary of security, the relationship of Pinkertons to the Administration, and a position description of a security officer.

At the moment, the policies stated in the "The Position Paper" are being instated in the Security Office with such changes as directed by Baughman's memorandums.

Marshals Reviewed; Guidelines Stated

Investigation and review into the authority, purpose, and feasibility of the student marshals was conducted in the Security Office in response to a request for re-evaluation by members of the student body, on April 22.

Robert Baughman, Campus Business Manager, called the meeting to establish clear guidelines which the student marshals could follow. He stated that student marshals are a "benevolent force" and non-militaristic security group. He said they are an organization of students who are able to render immediate assistance with the independence to meet challenges on campus.

Baughman read a list of main points which he intended as a suggested guideline for rules the student marshals would decide upon later.

1.) All students, staff, and faculty will always be treated with respect.

2.) Threat of punishment or retribution will never be made in an effort to obtain a statement or confession. (Student marshals must be advised on the procedure

of informing students of their rights.)

3.) While any member of the student body may volunteer confidential information, such information will not be solicited by anyone in the Security Office.

4.) Procedural matters will be conducted in accordance with University regulations.

Much of the time was spent in clearing up misconceptions concerning the role of the student marshal. If a student marshal consorts with other Erie or state police, it results in immediate dismissal. They are not designated as a group of campus informants, but to protect the rights of the student body.

It was reminded that student marshals could only write traffic tickets; not void them. Favoritism toward any student would result in dismissal.

The possibility of a Board of Directors and elected group of officers was discussed and a final decision on these subjects will hopefully be reached during an upcoming student marshal meeting. The philosophy of this group will be determined at this time.



A Legal Night of Gambling

Las Vegas Night was declared a success by the Student Union Board. It seems that gambling is a welcome diversion from the normal round of entertainment available on campus.