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Admissions at Behrend Soar

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Admissions at Behrend are up more than 24 percent over last year at this date. As of April 21, 1971, 677 freshmen have indicated that they will enroll at Behrend Campus for the Fall 1971 term. Last year at this time there were 546 students indicating they would enroll at Behrend for the Fall 1970 term. There still remain 159 offers of admission for incoming freshmen.

In speaking on Behrend's present status, Irvin H. Kochel, campus director, said, "At a time when a great many colleges are having a difficult time in interesting applicants in their college, Erie's Behrend Campus is in the rather unique position of attracting more applicants than ever before."

Of the 677 freshmen enrolling

for next year, 566 are enrolled in ten colleges of the University heading toward a Bachelor Degree, while 111 are enrolled in two-year Associate Degree programs in Business, Drafting and Design Technology, and Electrical and Electronics Technology. Admissions are closed in Electronics Technology.

Completing the enrollment for the Fall 1971 will be 530 returning sophomores, 40 juniors, and 20 seniors.

College choices with the largest enrollment at Behrend, in order to preference, are the Liberal Arts, Science, Engineering, Education and Business Administration.

Behrend Campus will reach four year status with enrollments of seniors this fall in Liberal Arts and Science.

Shapp Chairs Festival; 'Renaissance' at PSU

University Park, May—Pennsylvania Governor, Milton J. Shapp, will serve as honorary chairman of the first annual Renaissance Festival, May 14-23, at the Pennsylvania State University.

"The festival represents a unique and important venture in raising funds and focusing attention on the many needs of disadvantaged students across the Commonwealth," Governor Shapp said today in accepting the honorary chairmanship.

In defining the festival, Shapp said, "The whole concept of Renaissance to

signify a rebirth of efforts to help needy students form environments of educationally and socially disadvantaged is something I heartily endorse and call to the attention of my fellow Pennsylvanians. And the very fact that students, faculty and administrators have joined forces in this effort shows that something can be done."

The Festival brings together the whole gamut of already established programs at Penn State—Colloquy, the Black Arts Festival, Spring Week, the Grand Prix Go-Cart Race, Five O'Clock Theatre, poetry dance and music.

But if the theme is varied, the goal is one—a better mankind through a visual and action-oriented display of culture and entertainment.

Speakers, programs, concerts, workshops, exhibitions, and discussion will be the thrust of Renaissance Week in an effort, as Renaissance directors put it, to awaken society to its "responsibility for bringing all members of the community into the mainstream of life."

Governor Shapp will take part in some of the opening ceremonies, appearing at Penn State the afternoon of May 14. He will lead a long list of distinguished speakers which includes Julian Bond, Georgia State legislator and the first Black nominated by a major party for the vice-presidency; Pierre Salinger, former U.S. Senator and press secretary for two American presidents; comedian and social commentator Dick Gregory; Betty Friedan, Women's Liberation leader and author of "The Feminine Mystique"; Dr. Max Rafferty, Superintendent of Public Instruction, California; and Dr. Howard Zinn, professor of government at Boston University.

Key to the Renaissance Festival will be "Project Motivation," a program bringing 70 disadvantaged high school students to Penn State to participate in workshops and experience personally the cultural achievements of the Festival.

Also featured will be an exhibition of art work from 200 disadvantaged students across Pennsylvania.

Career Opportunities Becoming Hard To Find

University Park, Pa., April—A college senior looking for a job after graduation this year is going to have to exert a real effort to find employment, according to Dr. Norman Frisbey, associate director of Student Aid and Placement at The Pennsylvania State University.

Only a couple of years ago, the situation was reversed, and recruiters interviewing on the campus had to "sell" their companies to the graduates, who could choose from several offers.

"Today's graduates can't be as choosy about the company they work for nor the part of the country they work in," Dr. Frisbey said. "They will have to search actively for jobs on their own initiative and use sources in addition to the Placement Service."

Only about two-thirds as many recruiters as last year are visiting the campus, and many firms visiting campus don't know now what their needs will be in June. Some companies are laying

off personnel rather than recruiting.

Penn State is in a somewhat more favorable position than many schools as far as recruiting is concerned, Dr. Frisbey said, because of its wide variety of technical and non-technical majors. Some companies that are recruiting at the University this spring have cancelled their visits to other campuses.

There are a few bright spots. The need for mining engineers still exceeds the supply, and the Placement Office is receiving information about openings they have never had before. Those graduating in computer science will also find a number of vacancies. With the exception of electronics and aerospace engineering, there are good opportunities in most fields of engineering — mechanical, industrial, civil, and chemical — and in the mineral sciences.

Liberal arts graduates are finding good opportunities mainly in retail businesses, and recruiters in this field have such full schedules of interviews that it is not possible to accommodate all students. When a student is unable to schedule an interview on campus, the Placement Office provides his resume to a recruiter.

In general, Dr. Frisbey found, prospective employers are being more selective and are offering jobs to those best qualified on the basis of grades and extracurricular activities as well as the appropriate major. Job offers are coming in more slowly, and although salary offers are

somewhat higher — 2 or 3 percent — over last year, the increase is less by comparison with recent years.

Recruiting for teachers is down about 33 per cent compared to last year, according to James P. Bucher, assistant director for educational placement. About 100 schools recruited at Penn State during the Winter and Spring terms, and there appear to be fewer vacancies in elementary and secondary schools. There are fewer new teaching positions, and the bulk of "turnover" openings do not occur until May or June. The reduction in the number of offerings appears to be determined in most cases not by a lack of need for personnel but by a lack of funds.

The three most crowded fields in education, Mr. Bucher notes, are elementary education, English, and social studies. There are more opportunities in the fields of special education, women's physical education, industrial arts, and elementary guidance counselors.

Collegian Meeting Scheduled

University Park, Pa., April 22—The University Council at The Pennsylvania State University has invited the editor and business manager of the Daily Collegian, Inc., to present their views on the newspaper's relationship to the University.

The invitation is for the May or subsequent meeting of the Council.

The Council also decided at its Thursday meeting to hold an open hearing on the relationship of the Collegian to the University when its members have gathered additional information.

Delbert J. McQuaide, University attorney, briefed the Council on the legal relationships existing between the University and the Daily Collegian.

The Council reiterated its desire to hear from students, faculty, and administration on subjects of concern to them.

Tax Law for Exemptions

Employed students who may be exempt from Federal income tax withholding on their wages this year should so notify their employers, according to H. Alan Long, District Director of Internal Revenue for Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long advised that working students who qualify under the tax law for exemption from withholding should submit a Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form W-4E) to their employer by May 1. Exemption

certificates filed for 1970 expire April 30.

Students who did not owe any tax last year and expect not to owe any this year should so certify. This would eliminate the need to file a tax return next year unless there has been tax withholding and the student wishes to recover it.

Single students with income of less than \$1,700, and married students filing jointly with income of less than \$2,350 will not owe any federal income tax for 1971, stated Mr. Long.

Circle-K Election

District officers were elected at the Ninth Annual Pennsylvania District Circle-K Convention in Pittsburgh April 23-25.

Competing for the highest office, Governor, was Bill Starn from Behrend who was defeated by a margin of five votes. Taking office was Vince Roman of Scranton University. Starn was then appointed by the District Board to resume his office as Lieutenant Governor.

Attending the convention were eight other members from Behrend. Those members were Jim Raffetto, Vice President, Jack Richebacher, Secretary, Tom Brunner, Treasurer, Craig Johnson, Nelson Smith, Bill Johnson and Jim Fauer (past president). Behrend had the second largest group present at the convention.

Training sessions were also held for new members entering the club. Formal banquets took place after principal topics were discussed.

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Question of the Week:

Is this really a plot by the profs of Behrend? It could be the first step toward simple recreation facilities for the student body. Everything has a beginning.