

Innovative Activity Program Slated For January Term

by Pat Read

A third world media workshop, a skiing trip to the Swiss Alps, an apprenticeship in psychology, and philately or stamp collecting are just some of the proposals faculty members have submitted for Beaver's first January term.

This semester Beaver joins some 230 colleges and universities across the country which offer a 4-1-4 academic program. "Actually Beaver has been moving toward a 4-1-4 program for four or five years," said Harold Stewart, registrar of the college. "When we changed to a four course system and started classes earlier in the fall it was all in preparation for this system."

An *ad hoc* faculty committee composed of Dr. Norman Johnston, professor of sociology, Dr. Adeline Gomberg, professor of education, Mr. Jack Davis, professor of fine arts, Mr. William Frabizo, professor of music, and Dr. David Gray, director of international programs had been researching this system for sometime. "The committee called for a vote at the last faculty meeting and although some students were consulted, there wasn't time to get a strong consensus of student opinion," Stewart said.

Hopefully the January term will

promote academic freedom not obtainable during the regular semester, provide opportunities for student initiative in courses, exploit unusual educational strengths and resources within the faculty and student body and develop an exchange of students with other schools.

A faculty student committee composed of four faculty members and four students will handle all group proposals and independent study requests for the January program. "Students will be nominated by the Student Senate," said Stewart. "Hopefully we will get a student from each class so that all four classes may be represented."

"Every activity does not have to have supervision," said Stewart "and the instructor does not have to be an expert in the field. All the committee must be sure of, is that instructors are capable in the field. In fact we are encouraging students and faculty to submit proposals in areas they aren't expert," he said.

"The January Program will be a program from which all segments of the college should benefit," said Stewart. "We want to get away from the idea of courses and credits and just give faculty and students a chance to explore."

'Survival': Relevant Education

by Debby Berse

What are some of the things a woman should know or at least be familiar with in order to exist in this complex society? Shirley D. Welsh, new dean of students at Beaver, is particularly interested in this question, and to help answer it she has instituted "Survival," a non-academic program for Beaver students that will complement the classroom studies in addition to being unique for campuses across the country.

"Survival" will be held on Wednesdays for approximately an hour and a half. "The program is an attempt to set up talents on campus," explained Ms. Welsh. The Wednesday course will include seminars, discussions, and practical skills such as how to build a house, sexuality-physical and psychological, mountain climbing, organic gardening, and automotive information and practice.

In order to get the program organized, Ms. Welsh plans to install a bulletin board in the mailroom so that students may sign up for the various "Survival" activities. "We have so much talent on campus," said Ms. Welsh, "that the teachers for the course will be students, faculty and administrators." Some of the sessions will be conducted by members of the surrounding community. For in-



Dean Shirley D. Welsh plans "Survival" and "Action" programs.

stance, Ms. Welsh is planning to have a professional mountain climber from the area speak during one of the sessions.

Ms. Welsh feels the non-credit course might be the answer to the student cry of the last few years for relevance. In addition it will meet the need for community involvement at Beaver.

Besides starting the "Survival" course, Ms. Welsh has compiled ideas of her own plus pamphlets of local happenings to bring to campus which she plans to combine in her "Action" program. For instance, coffee combos and area groups have volunteered to perform at Beaver at a nominal fee. She also mentioned that another possible "Action" activity is to bring a local weaver to campus to demonstrate weaving without a loom.

"I thought it might be a good idea to bring these new, local groups and people to campus," said Ms. Welsh, "but I need students to volunteer to get this "Ac-

tion" program started." Anyone interested in helping to organize this new program can see Ms. Welsh in the dean of students office.

Playshop Opens

Theater Playshop has instituted an experimental policy this year that will allow all students, including freshmen, to audition for all plays.

Playshop auditions for the fall production will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Besides actors and stage hands, Playshop needs a public relations director, *Beaver News* correspondent and house manager. Students wishing to apply for these positions should see Mr. Peter Moller, assistant professor of English, next Wednesday, September 20, in room 108 of the Classroom Building at 4:30 p.m. Any student interested in chairing a playshop committee should see Mr. Moller in room 128 on Thursday, September 21, at 3 p.m.

The First Few Days . . .

With a two day orientation program, summer pre-registration and little pomp Beaver College welcomed 167 freshmen and 52 transfers students from 13 states and four foreign countries last week.

"I met with my adviser over the summer and registered so I knew exactly what I was doing," said a freshman from New York.

"It was all very cut and dry," said another. "It was easy but there doesn't seem to be very much tradition around here," she added.

This year's orientation was a far cry from the former four day program complete with beaver beanies, big-little sister picnic and department meetings.

Freshmen arrived last Monday and met with Student Senate officers and Shirley Welsh, dean of students. "It all happened so fast," said a student from Pennsylvania. "The meetings were pretty concise and short but I still don't know where the Little Theatre is."

The program worked out really

well," said one resident assistant. "The freshmen didn't have time to sit around and get bored. They had a day to get to know one another and then the upperclasswomen arrived. It seemed as if they had just enough but not too much time on campus."

"The best part was attending the classes when we came during the summer," said another freshman. "Then our guides took us back to the dorms and we got to see how close everybody was. It was really friendly and nice," she said.

"Until the upperclassmen got here it was really boring," said a girl from Connecticut. "Then after that you couldn't get near the book store."

There will be an organizational meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. for anyone wishing to work for the *Beaver News*. The meeting will be held in the News Room, Heinz Hall and refreshments will be served.

The admissions office would like to remind seniors, juniors, and sophomores that Wednesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 14, are the last days to respond for the student admissions assistant program for 1972 to 1973. Various recruitment activities are scheduled throughout the year, including tour guides, special campus programs, alumnae student interest activities, the Christmas telephoning and school visit projects, and special campus visit programs by prospective candidates. The office is hoping to select representatives from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1975 and from each major field. Upperclassmen who would be interested in participating should contact Ms. J. Goetz in admissions extension 209, as soon as possible for further information.

ETS Announces Test Dates Of National Teachers Exams

College seniors preparing to teach school may take the National Teacher Examinations (NTE) on any of the four different test dates announced today by Educational Testing Service, a non-profit, educational organization which prepares and administers this testing program.

New dates for the testing of prospective teachers are: November 11, 1972, and January 27, April 7, and July 21, 1973. The tests will be given at nearly 500 locations throughout the United States, ETS said.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are used by many large school districts as one of several factors in the selection of new teachers and by several states for certification or licensing of teachers. Some colleges also require all seniors preparing to teach to take the examinations. The school systems and state departments of education which use the examination results are listed in an NTE leaflet entitled *Score Users* which may be obtained by writing to ETS.

On each full day of testing, prospective teachers may take the Common Examinations which measure their professional preparation

and general educational background and a Teaching Area Examination which measures their mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

Prospective teachers should contact the school systems in which they seek employment, or their colleges, for specific advice on which examinations to take and on which dates they should be taken.

The *Bulletin of Information for Candidates* contains a list of test centers, and information about the examinations, as well as a Registration Form. Copies may be obtained from college placement officers, school personnel departments, or directly from National Teacher Examinations, Box 911, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

All students are invited to attend any film in Dr. Patrick Hazard's "Introduction to Film" course.

Films being shown this week include: *The Glory of Their Times*, *Basic Film Terms: A Visual Dictionary*, *Dance On Film 1984 to 1912, Part I* and *The First Flickers*.

Films will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the amphitheatre, Boyer Hall.



Another Beaver mother helps out.

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Cervantes once said, "He that publishes a book runs a very great hazard, since nothing can be more impossible than to compose one that may secure the approbation of every reader."

Editing the *Beaver News* each week is quite similar to publishing a book in this respect, since each issue cannot possibly meet with the approval of every reader. The paper can and should, however, try to involve as many members of the campus as possible.

This year the *News* staff wants the paper to reflect the ideas and opinions of individual members of the college. It is our hope that the paper will become a sounding board for the entire college community, functioning as a source of various thoughts, criticisms and comments.

The *News* does not exist solely for a select group of students, but rather encourages contributions and comments from all readers. Publication day is Tuesday and copy for consideration must be typed on 8½ x 11 paper and is due by 6 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the publication date.

In short, the *News* is your paper. The approbation of every reader is impossible; the involvement of every reader is a challenge. It's up to you.

— D. J. B.

A Lock-Out

This year for student convenience, six triples, formerly used as residence rooms, were converted into student lounges. This effort, on the part of the college, to allow students to benefit from increased dorm space, is admirable. Yet the effort contains an ironic twist.

Every dorm is already equipped with several study rooms and a lobby. It is questionable if the new lounges will be used for studying because of their proximity with regular hall noises from which students often try to escape.

One advantage of the conversion would be to allow student use of the efficiency kitchen units. Pennsylvania state fire insurance codes prohibit the use of resistance type appliances such as coffee pots and hot plates in student rooms. With the kitchens open to all students, there would be no reason for violation of this college regulation, but without kitchen facilities it is difficult to deny students the use of these appliances.

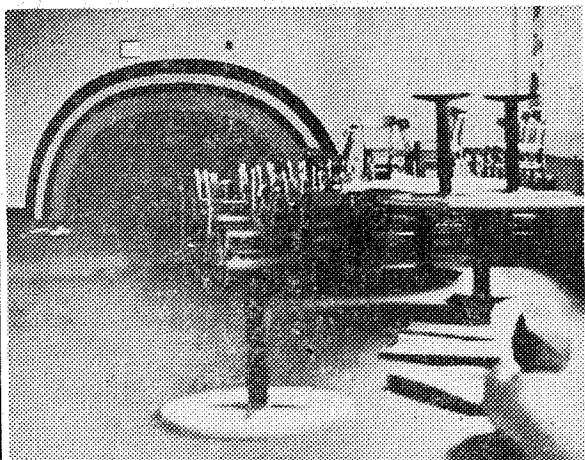
Yet the kitchens are locked. It seems the question of "student responsibility" has reared its ugly head again. Without so much as a trial period, the general opinion seems to be students will not clean kitchens and the maintenance crews will be over-taxed.

If the kitchens were not cleaned, the entire hall should be charged just as individual students are charged for room damages.

The degree to which many students accept responsibility is debatable, but it should be discussed after a trial period when concrete evidence rather than speculation is available.

— P. R.

New Interior For Chat



Rainbow graphic decorates far end of Chat. Completion of the Chat is expected next week.

by Pat Read

Maroon carpeting, a rainbow graphic, and multi-colored geometric curtains? Don't worry you're in the Chat and they're still serving hard ice cream but there are more changes to come.

With money donated by a member of the board of trustees, Beaver began re-decorating the Chat last August. "It was due to be repainted," said Shirley D. Welsh, dean of students, "and it was a beautiful space not being used by the students and we decided to redecorate it."

Three years ago Beaver students re-painted the walls and attempted some minor changes, but for the most part the Chat interior has not been changed since it was built in 1962.

"We wanted to divide the total space and make the Chat a more intimate place to be," said Ms. Welsh. "We made no structural changes and kept the cost at a bare minimum. Of all the plans considered for re-decoration this was the least expensive," she said.

Working on a design plan developed by Wana-maker's Interior Design Department of Philadelphia, carpeting and curtains were installed. "The dark carpet helps reduce the size of the room and make it cozier, while the curtains make it brighter," Ms. Welsh said. A rainbow graphic was painted on the far wall.

As for furniture, the original tables will remain, although 62 orange and maroon vinyl table-chairs and 17 lounge pieces in purple, red and orange fabrics should arrive within the next two weeks.

Another interior change will be 14 wooden-framed grey vinyl screens. "The screens will be moveable," said Ms. Welsh, "and we hope the students will use them to partition off areas for specific uses." Cylinder end tables will also be added.

The faculty Chat is being carpeted in orange and the original furniture will be used.

If student use of the Chat increases, Ms. Welsh says there is a possibility the hours will be extended. "Just because we redecorated it doesn't mean it will get more student use," she said, "but if that does happen I would consider extending the hours. Before the Chat wasn't used much, but now I hope it will become a real student place."

Open auditions for the Penn Players musical production of *Man of La Mancha* will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 13, 14 and 15, at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Center for Communication Arts and Sciences, 3680 Walnut Street.

Auditions for actors, singers, and dancers will be held on Wednesday, September 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m., and Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Callback auditions begin at 7 p.m. on Friday.

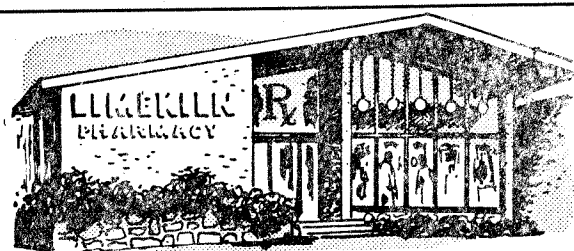
Auditions for the orchestra will be held on Wednesday and Friday, September 13 and 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. Guitarists are especially urged to try out.

For information concerning auditions, call William Elias at the Annenberg Center at 594-7570.

Man of La Mancha, the musical story of the idealist Don Quixote and his impossible dream, will be directed by Lynn Thomson, the new artistic director of the Penn Players. Bruce Montgomery, director of the Pennsylvania Glee Club and the Pennsylvania Singers, will be in charge of the music.

The play, which is being produced by Stephen Silverman, will open November 2, and run through November 12 in the Harold Prince Theatre of the Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut Street.

Dr. Patrick Hazard, professor of English, is sponsoring a trip to the Phillips Gallery in Washington, D. C., on Friday, September 15. Buses will leave Heinz Hall at 9 a.m. and leave Washington after the closing of the theatres. The \$10 round trip fare may be charged to a student's bookstore bill. Students may sign up for the trip outside Dr. Hazard's office until tomorrow.



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A Musical Expression of Vietnamese War Sentiment

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following song was presented at this summer's National Science Foundation Institute in Social Science Psychology by Dr. Mai Tam, a guest from Saigon, South Vietnam. Dr. Samuel Cameron, associate professor of psychology, who submitted the song to the *News* for publication explained that Dr. Mai Tam describes it as a popular Vietnamese song which expresses his countrymen's feelings toward the war.

IF I HAD A BUS

(A Vietnamese Song for Peace and Love)

If I had a bus
I'd load it up with carpenter's tools
I'd load it up with mason's tools and blacksmith's tools.

Then I'd drive it around this land of my fathers
A land that has been torn up by the war
A 25-year-long war
All together ferocious and useless, wasteful, and senseless.

Where all our roads were ploughed up by bombs made in China
Where our bridges were blown up by Vietcong mines
Where our villages were burned out by U. S. napalm
And our homes knocked down by Russian 122 mm. rockets.

Now I have a bus
I'll drive it around this land
With all my brothers and sisters that had survived this war
We'll rebuild our homes, our roads, and our bridges
We'll fill in all the craters that bombs had dug in our ricefields
And from all the bomb shells we collected,
That were scattered all over this land,
We'll make pots in which we'll cook our rice and bowls to eat our rice from.

And from all the shrapnel of claymore grenades and machine guns,
We'll make spoons and forks for our children.

And we'll build up peace all over this land,
And all over the world.

We'll build up love
Between all our brothers and sisters
Whoever they are — Americans and Chinese, Russians and French,
Vietcong and Vietnamese

For this war to end,
For hatred to die,
And for love to live,
Here and everywhere,
Now and forever

SPORTS NEWS

Fall traditionally means the start of field hockey and varsity tennis as well as classes. The Athletic Associations reminds students that anyone interested in participating in either sport should contact Lynn Detra in the physical education office or Iris Berman at extension 292.

Students are reminded that Athletic Association representatives from each dorm and two day students will be elected at the first dorm meetings. Interested students are urged to nominate themselves for these positions.

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