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## James speaks to Senate; Explains parking fee rise

By Nora O'Dowd

The high parking rate charged by Beaver has been the cause of considerable discussion and protest, especially by day students. Mr. William James, treasurer of the College and the man responsible for setting the fee, made a long awaited appearance at last Monday's Senate meeting to answer questions about his duties as treasurer. Relevant topics touched upon in the course of the meeting were the issues of parking fees, tuition rise, and security.

"There's only one explanation for the parking fee," said James, "and it's called balancing the budget." Although the \$25 fee more than covers the cost of maintaining parking lots, he admitted, the excess is channeled into other outlets, such as the upkeep of the college grounds.

The cost of obtaining a parking sticker is \$12.50 per semester for continuing education and graduate students, while the fee for residents and day students is double that: a grand total of \$50.00 per year. This policy places the bulk of the cost for maintaining Beaver's grounds on day students, who make up the largest faction of driving students.

Senator Ellie Maser questioned the fairness of such a practice to day students, since driving is a "necessity" for them and a "privilege" for residents. Mr. James pointed out the difficulty in assigning different statuses to day students, residents, graduate and continuing education students. "I will not go for 19 different classifications," he added that he is working on the problem.

Mr. James, who controls all

funding of the college, spoke of income and expenditures, citing a total operating budget of \$4,800,000 which is up over last year's of \$4,545,000. Closing the top floors of Dilworth and Thomas saved \$19,000, he said.

The bookstore problem of disappearing merchandise has been eliminated 99%, reported Mr. James, as a result of tightening security and employing non-students at the store. "Everybody abuses privileges, so there're no students working in the book store. The large amount of theft in the book store last year led to the dismissal of student help.

Mr. James also feels that dining room workers should not be handling cash, although Nick LaSorsa, general manager of the dining service, thinks they should be permitted to participate in this facet of the dining operation.

James was questioned about the possibility of a tuition rise. "I would not want to speculate right now, he said. "With the costs going up, it would be my opinion that there would be."

"I can't see any other way that we can solve the problems that we have, that any small, private, high class college has," he continued.

The cost for the College to educate an individual, noted Mr. James, is \$6,208.00 for a full time resident student. The present tuition rate for a resident is \$4,485.00, which leaves a difference of \$1,713.00. This deficit is made up with contributions from "very good people of the Board of Trustees," Mr. James said. "I

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## Students vote against mandatory SAT's



Dr. Samuel Cameron, associate professor of psychology and chairman of the admissions committee, notes that an overwhelming majority of students voted against mandatory S.A.T.'s.

By Litsa Marlos

Seventy-six per cent of the Beaver students sampled in a poll on SAT policy voted in favor of retaining the current policy of making SAT scores optional. The poll was prepared by the student-faculty admissions committee chaired by Dr. Samuel Cameron, associate professor of psychology and clinical psychologist to the College, in order to assess student opinion on the subject before the Committee submits a formal recommendation.

Only twenty percent of the students polled voted in favor of requiring the submission of SAT scores for entering freshmen.

A full twenty-three percent of the students revealed that Beav-

er's current SAT policy was a factor in their decision to apply to Beaver. "I think we were struck by the fact that such a proportion of students responded positively to that question," Dr. Cameron commented. "That's a very significant chunk of the freshman class. The impression that the Committee got was that the students who are closest to having the mind of the entering freshmen seem to be against reimposing the SAT."

(Although the student sample was supposed to be representative of the makeup of the entire student body 43 percent of those polled were freshmen. Thirty-one percent were sophomores, 14 percent juniors, and 12 percent seniors.)

A proposal to have the admissions policy on SAT's reconsidered was submitted this fall by Helen Buttel, assistant professor of English. According to Ms. Buttel, SAT scores would be useful both in screening prospective students and in evaluating the verbal abilities of entering freshman.

If the admissions committee

votes against making SAT's mandatory, it would still be possible to use them, as Chatham College does, to assess the entering freshmen before they arrive.

Dr. Cameron states that the Admissions Committee will consider very seriously the results of the student poll in making its own decision. The Committee recommendation will then be submitted to the Faculty for a decisive vote in December.

Although there have been many off-the-record remarks on the part of students, faculty members, and administrators that the quality of the Beaver students has decreased in recent years, Dr. Cameron does not feel that this is a result of the Committee decision four years ago to make SAT scores optional.

"One thing that is apparent is that there hadn't been an acceleration in the decline since the policy was instituted, so that you can't blame the policy for the decline," he said. "There has been a decline in SAT scores. That doesn't mean that there has been

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## Playshop production's sprites Romp through Little Theatre

By Barbara Marks

The Shakespearean play, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, directed by Dr. David Stevens, assistant professor of theatre, will soon be debuting at Beaver College's Little Theatre.

There are two major plots running through the play; one of high comedy and one of low comedy. The high, happy-ending variety of comedy includes the young lovers and the all-powerful fairies. In contrast, the low, slapstick variety of comedy deals with ridiculous statements and actions by ridiculous people. Shakespeare, typically, employed this strategy to appeal to the uneducated faction of his audience.

One may ask, "Why mystical fairies?" In Shakespeare's day, there had to be a reason for everything. The neo-classicists believed in a highly ordered, mechanistic universe. If something was lost or someone tripped and there was no apparent reason why, the fairies were blamed. In this play, the main fairy of prankishness is Robin Goodfellow or Puck, and playing the part in Beaver's production is Beth Haiet.

The fairies have magic powers, with the greatest power being possessed by the king and queen of fairies. In fact, they had the power to control such natural phenomenon as the seasons and the sun. In Beaver's production, Jim Kahn will play the part of Oberon, king of the fairies. Jim says, "It is a real male chauvinistic pig part; it is interesting but has no relation to my real personality. I liked the lines so I asked for the part."

The plot of the play goes something like this: the king and queen

are not living together in harmony; seasons change, hurricanes brew, and finally everything goes haywire and turns upside down in the world of lovers. At the end, however, bringing in the idea of high comedy, the king and queen become happy and as a result, everyone is happy and lives "happily ever after."

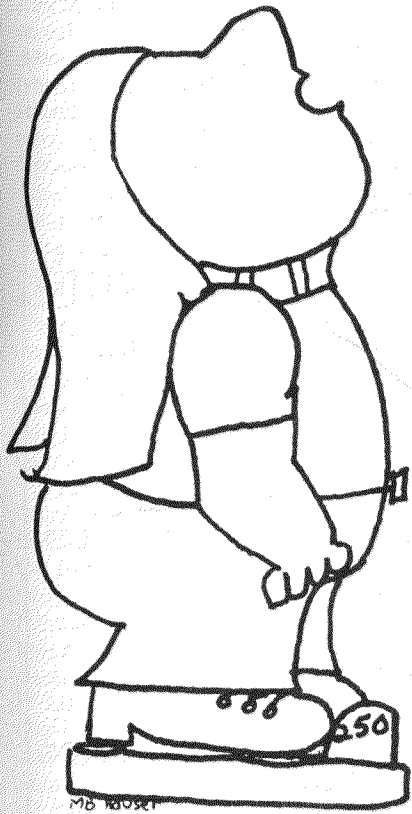
Mainly, the play is about love. Shakespeare sincerely believed that somewhere in the world, everyone—no matter how ugly, poor, or unpersonable—has a special person waiting for him. This is exhibited, either in emphasis or subtlety, throughout his plays.

Dr. Stevens stated anxiously, "I hope the audience will be able to see a part of itself in this play." If one comes to see the play, he may look back amusedly to the time when he was in love with a different person every week, during his adolescence. This was the time when he learned what love is and how to love. His heart changed from day to day and week to week but alas, that is the way of life and love. Eventually, however, every stone stops rolling and every heart stops roving.

As *You Like It*, was the last Shakespeare production seen on the Beaver campus. Since it was produced in 1971, it was probably unseen by any current Beaver students. As Dr. Stevens says, "Every student should see at least one Shakespearean play before graduation." Therefore, all must try to reserve one day, either December 4, 5, or 6 or December 11, 12, or 13 for the Beaver Theatre Company. Since the "curtain will rise" during the last two weekends before finals, it should be an added treat.

## News shorts:

### Dr. Henry Jordan to speak today on eating behavior



The eternal "battle of the bulge" will receive additional artillery when Dr. Henry Jordan, assistant

professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, speaks about the use of behavior modification in helping people control their weight this afternoon at 4:30 in Calhoun Amphitheatre.

Dr. Terry Spiegel, lecturer in Beaver's psychology department, studied under Dr. Jordan at Penn. She said the program focuses on weight as an end product. "We're not really interested in a great weight loss," said Dr. Spiegel, "we're interested in weight loss that can be maintained."

Dr. Jordan, in his research and work as a physician, has specialized in the areas of behavior modification and eating behavior, particularly obesity. His work has been supported by an award from the National Institute of Mental Health and a grant from Weight Watchers.

Another facet of his extensive research has concerned sufferers of anorexia, primarily young women, who lose too much weight.

"The program is really individualized," noted Dr. Spiegel. "Everyone doesn't have the same eating patterns. All overweight people have different eating prob-

lems."

Dr. Jordan's lecture will conclude with a discussion period and a Psi Chi-hosted wine and cheese party. All are invited to attend this beneficial talk before vacation and all the turkey dinners Thanksgiving entails.

## Hillel Harmony

To close the month of November, Hillel will be sponsoring a coffeehouse, November 22 in the Heinz Lobby. Several people are already scheduled to play guitars, however, anyone who can play is welcome to try. There will be popcorn, pretzels, potato chips, and perhaps even some of Hillel's famous "punch." Coffeehouses are quieter than parties or mixers, but relates junior, Debbie Piltzer, "We have enjoyed them in the past. Last year a guy came whose specialty is Bob Dylan. He created a unique kind of mood which we hope to replicate this year for the college and community audience." Come one, come all and enjoy this harmonious event.

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## See you in December

The Beaver News will not appear next week. The News staff would like to wish the entire Beaver community a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving vacation.

## Confidentially Speaking

What price does a student pay for voting a recommendation file non-confidential?

This year's graduating seniors are only the second group to even have the opportunity to find out. But — for once it seems that a step forward in terms of students rights in a full step backward in terms of benefits. The balance on which confidential and non-confidential files are weighed would seem to tip very heavily in favor of the more traditional alternative.

No one can deny that students deserve as many rights and as much responsibility as they can handle. A college-age person is no longer a child, she is a young adult, and at Beaver especially at least half the student body is of legal age. The right to gain access to recommendation files, however, does not make it obligatory. On this issue, as on any other, there are two sides to the story.

The instances in which a non-confidential file is the more viable alternative would seem to be confined to very particular cases. If a student is seriously concerned that a particular faculty member who for some reason must be asked to write a recommendation will write a negative one, then going non-confidential is the logical choice. It could "water down" the professor's opinion, and at the very least it would prepare the student to face interviewers who had read the file.

For the majority of students, however, the necessity for seeing a recommendation file is virtually nil. After all, students can choose the professors that they would like to write for them, and most professors will refuse to write a recommendation if it would be extremely damaging. Furthermore, a non-confidential file may be regarded by a graduate school or an employer as akin to a pass-fail grade. A negative recommendation (fail) can only be bad, while a positive one (pass) is usually interpreted as a "C."

Students who choose non-confidential files may be satisfying their curiosity but they are damaging their credibility. Each student confronted with this decision should carefully evaluate all the facts for her particular situation instead of hastily opting to go non-confidential.

—L.M.

## English Angle

The second meeting of the English Club will be held today, Tuesday, November 18, at 4 p.m. in the Beaver News room, in Heinz basement opposite the mailroom. Plans for participation in the Beaver College Christmas Program will be discussed, as well as the Club's plans for next semester.

If you missed the first meeting of the Club, try to attend this one. Our apologies to those students confused by the meeting date discrepancy between the flyers and the News last week.

## Academy presents Mozart

By Zeia Sones

*Editor's Note: Zeia is the immediate former president of the executive board of the Philharmonia Orchestra.*

STOP! LOOK! and LISTEN! I want to share with you an event that has to cause the most blush of persons to be a bit humble in the face of genius that has no peer. On Friday Evening, November 21, at 8:30 an all-Mozart program will be presented at the Academy of Music. Ling Tung, music director of the Philharmonia Orchestra will be on the podium. He has been admired and his interpretations of Mozart have always been given special notice by the most knowledgeable of critics. As a reminder, Max de Schauensee commented, "Ling Tung . . . always seems in an inspirational mood when he conducts Mozart." Samuel Singer of the *Inquirer* said "pure music, pure joy." Daniel Webster of the *Inquirer* called the Philharmonia "something of a marvel," and James Felton of the *Bulletin* said, "This city has two great orchestras . . . And Tung is nothing less than a conductor of the first order."

Philosopher Martin Buber said the I-thou relationship binds together spirit and life through the introduction of this new dimension of the Between. It seems to me that Tung is seeking and finding this same quality in his special milieu—that of music. It is to catch the spirit, the meeting, which is encompassed in his special area of expression and expertise.

Richard Goode, who is the recipient of first prize in the Clara Haskill Competition, and a recording artist of RCA and Columbia Records, will be the piano soloist of the evening. Goode is a member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in New York, and has been an active participant at the Marlboro Music Festival.

In this Bicentennial year we can look back 200 years into the world of the founding fathers and recall that Mozart's music was tremendously admired by his contemporaries Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, but the timeliness of an all Mozart program does not hinge on this event, or the impact of a year designated as International Women's Year. Both these events stand alone on their own merit, and an all-Mozart program stands on its own for its own intrinsic worth.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg Austria in 1756 and died in Vienna 36 years later. Before he died he had produced over 600 works. He made his performing debut at the ripe old age of six in a recital with his 10-year old sister. He was knighted by the Pope at the age of 14 and was a welcome visitor in the aristocratic households of Europe. However, in spite of this early success, he never achieved the financial security to go along with his huge talent.

During the last years of his life Mozart considered moving to England. He changed his mind when the Austrian emperor awarded him a small pension. When he died, he was buried in an unmarked common grave in a cemetery section reserved for paupers.

But Mozart's music still lives, and Ling Tung, the Philharmonia's music director, will pay tribute to this fact on Friday, November 21. For his program for that evening, he has selected an unusual serenade, the last symphony, and a piano concert.

A representative Mozart program should include a piano concerto because of their beauty and the number he wrote, and because his revolutionary treatment of the concerto form influences composers even to this day. The Concerto in C Major K. 503 will be heard on this evening. The Olympian breadth of its themes and its sustained and free developments make this serene work a supreme example of the collaboration between piano and orchestra.

The Serenade in Bb Major which opens the program is on a larger scale than Mozart's symphonies and is written for the unusual combination of 13 wind instruments. Mozart makes the most of the distinctive tone color of each wind instrument and creates a fascinating spectrum of sound by subdividing the ensemble into a shifting variety of smaller groups.

Mozart's last symphony, #41 in C Major K. 551, follows the Piano Concerto on the program. It conveys the same expansive serenity as the concerto, hence its affectionate appellation, the "Jupiter Symphony." It is important to note that 200 years ago, most symphonies were relatively unimportant instrumental preludes and intermezzos for concerts and operas. Mozart was at the forefront of the European cultural tradition to which the American colonials looked for inspiration.

The fabulous musical exploits of Mozart read like legends with no field of music not being enriched and changed through him.

With our own incomparable Ling Tung on the podium this should be an evening not to be missed.

## Optional SAT's under discussion

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a decline in the quality of the students." they were not available for publication.)

(Although the Admissions Committee possesses statistics on mean SAT scores of students who chose and did not choose to submit their scores for evaluation,

## News shorts:

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### Holiday Hospitality

As Thanksgiving vacation approaches, Beaver students are urged to extend the spirit of hospitality to foreign students on campus by inviting them home for the weekend or just a turkey dinner.

Such a gesture would facilitate a cultural exchange as the foreign students participate in an integral bit of Americana and the Americans learn more about different customs and countries.

If you are interested in having a guest for Thanksgiving dinner or the entire weekend, please contact Coralia Bonatsos, Box 56, or Diane Savadove Box 880.

### Job Rights

Philadelphia Commission of Human Relations N.O.W. will sponsor a Job Rights of Working Women Conference, Saturday, November 22, at the Sheraton Hotel. Dr. Ethel D. Allen, Philadelphia's first black council woman and a civil rights activist, will be the keynote speaker.

The Conference will feature a number of workshops dealing with job rights of women specialists from management, unions, and government will be available at these workshops.

There is a \$3 admission charge which covers the cost of refreshments, workshop participation and materials. For more information call MU 6-4666 or contact Sharon Schuman (Box 462.)

### Latin America

A two-day conference being presented by the Latin American programs of Temple University and St. Joseph's College will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23 at Temple's Albert M. Greenfield Conference Center, Bells Mill Road and Germantown Avenue, in Chestnut Hill.

Critical issues in Latin America today will be discussed by experts from the various disciplines and professional occupations who will examine the subject in depth from a variety of approaches.

"There hasn't been a noticeable decrease in the percentage of students accepted to medical school and graduate school, and the grades have continued to hold up," he continued. However Dr. Cameron did not note that grade inflation might be playing a part in the continued high grades of Beaver students.

Dr. Cameron claims that small liberal arts colleges like Beaver are fiercely competing for students; therefore a committee decision which could close out almost 25 percent of the freshmen potentials would be a dangerous one to make.

"It's a very complex decision," he explained, "and we don't want to make any decision that's going to make it hard to maintain a viable College. That's why the student questionnaires had such a big impact upon the Committee."

Dr. Cameron commended sophomore Lisa Morelli for her effort in compiling the results.

### Pre-med, pre-law

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Beaver, is a walking success story of Beavers' pre-med program. This fall she began her first year at Temple Med School. In a conversation with the News she offered her views of the program.

"From my four years at Beaver I gained a lot of knowledge which prepared me for med-school. In my opinion, the science department is excellent," she said. "It prepares students well in background information. During my four years the science department has greatly improved." Heather's roommate at Temple, Dorrit Hale, also a Beaver graduate added, "Beaver provides the actual material that a student needs to enter med school, but the motivation itself must be within each individual."

Barbara Marks, a sophomore pre-med student has the motivation, but describes the programs' frustrating aspects as . . . "Competitiveness, cut-throatness, stress and strain. . ."

A new aspect to the pre-med program is that of an interdisciplinary science major. "It is common to have a double major, for example, in chemistry and biology," Dr. Breyer said. "It makes it easier in med school."

The science department also is considering initiating a pre-med honor society. Information concerning the pre-med program is available from Dr. Breyer.

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## First annual Homecoming Bowl Begins King Landauer Dynasty



Dr. Michael Landauer, research associate in psychology, swept the student and faculty vote and was crowned Homecoming King at the first annual Homecoming Bowl on Saturday, November 15. In his acceptance speech Dr. Landauer noted that Senator Edward Kennedy regretted that he could not attend because he couldn't trust the bridge.

By Robb Auspitz

Beaver College Stadium was blessed with blue skies and temperatures in the 70's for the first annual Homecoming Bowl on Saturday, November 8. The kick-off began at approximately 2:30 with faculty receiving. Leading the initial faculty charge were Dr.'s Berrigan, Haslett, Rose and Ellyson. Ellyson at quarterback sparked an initially very strong faculty opening drive which resulted in an Ellyson to Berrigan T.D. pass. Observers were obviously impressed by faculty's early power. "I was too busy cheerleading to notice."

The students counterattacked, immediately completing a series of passing plays which culminated in a Biff Henry T.D. Passing unnoticed was the very quiet, unscheduled entrance into the game by Dr. Ray Rose. Super News reporter Litsa Marlos scoops: "Well, he was sitting on a hill with his family watching the game when he noticed that faculty was one man short. He quickly ripped off his tie, rolled up his sleeves and charged onto the field."

Faculty continued to roll when disaster struck. While attempting to cut crossfield Steve Ellyson's left knee appeared to give way as he fell to the turf. Ellyson was helped off the field in obvious distress to the sidelines where he remained for the duration. Faculty, now without their most important player, disintegrated. The students quickly took control of the game with Thomas Harding scoring one first-half T.D. and Jack Goldman engineering the student's third score. Jack, incidentally, played a sparking defensive game and was named Beaver News M.V.P. and will receive two sticks of Juicy Fruit chewing gum as an award.

Halftime ceremonies were beautifully managed by Athletic Association President, Mary Ellen Epifanio, who was extremely satisfied with the whole weekend: "Things went well, I'm very satisfied with it. The effort was well worth it." The cheerleaders and Kazoo Marching Band put on an excellent, well organized halftime show prior to the crowning.

When election official Denise Cattolico told me of Dr. Michael Landauer's smashing victory in the Homecoming King sale I immediately went looking for him. I found him in the basement of Boyer taking care of some administrative details. His reaction to his impending coronation was taken in fine style: "Hey, now what am I supposed to do?" This situation was changed radically by Saturday when Dr. Barbara Nodine led the begowned, glitter bedecked, renaissance-garbed Potentate to his most opulent

throne prepared by the Beaver News. Dr. Haslett crowned our hero with a magnificent example of a crown and relinquished center stage for Dr. Landauer's acceptance soliloquy.

The good King was lavish in praise for the University and especially his own department, and its purchasing power. He regretted the fact that Senator Kennedy was unable to attend due to bridge trouble. His cabinet was announced and our campus now has, officially: a Pharaoh, a fire marshal, an official voyeur and a bridge consultant. The Good King was taken for a tour of his domain (twice around the hockey field) by the Royal Vette, graciously provided by junior Sheldon Myers.

With most of the faculty squad injured, out of breath or having heart attacks some students kept the game going by playing for the Faculty. It didn't help any. Sophomore Jack Goldman engineered another solid drive which ended in a touchdown scored by sophomore Jo Jo Kohn off of a well executed double reverse. Now down by three T.D.'s faculty desperately fought back but could only manage one more touchdown. The game ended with the students, once again, in faculty territory.

Even though Jack was the MVP there were many fine players on both sides. People like Linda Debra and Miriam Weiss played hard for faculty the whole game through while Jon Wildrick, Thomas Harding and Barbara Sheehan worked hard on the student side. The Beaver News and Athletic Association thank all who attended and look forward to doing it again next year.

## Student files: is 'confidential' essential?

By Litsa Marlos

Confidential or non-confidential? This is the decision that many seniors have made or are in the process of making about their recommendation files.

The passing of the second version of Buckley Amendment (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) made it possible, for the first time, for students to read faculty recommendations written about them.

Students now have the sole responsibility of voting their own files confidential or non-confidential. What are the advantages of each? The opportunity to examine one's own files is tantalizing, and accordingly many seniors this year have opted to do so.

However, the issue is more complex than it would appear to be at first sight. Some graduate schools require confidential files. Some Beaver professors refuse to write non-confidential ones. True, the ultimate decision rests with the student, but there are many factors involved with each student's decision and some of those factors would seem to be definitely pointing in one direction.

Lois Roemmele, director of financial aid and career services, holds that there is no right or wrong answer concerning the matter — it all depends upon the priorities of the student. "People feel differently about this and it's their right to do so," she said.

The big advantage of a non-confidential file is that a student has the opportunity to find out exactly what has been written about her. Indirectly, this means that she can also influence what is being written about her; there might be a tendency for a professor to exaggerate praise and water down criticism if he is aware that the student will be reading every word he writes.

"Students have the right to know what's going into the letters because it's very important to them in terms of their future," explained Dr. Samuel Cameron, associate professor of psychology and clinical psychologist to the College. "There have probably been instances where there was a tragic result from a student having a negative recommendation on file and not knowing about it."

The big disadvantage of a non-confidential file is that a student has the opportunity to find out exactly what has been written about her.

This seeming paradox is easily explained. Medical schools and graduate schools and employers know whether a file is confidential or non-confidential. They

know whether or not a student has read her file, and they know that the professors writing recommendations know that the students will read them. That is why some schools require confidential files, and also why schools which accept non-confidential files may take them with the proverbial grain of salt.

Ms. Roemmele pointed out one less obvious problem with the use of a non-confidential file. An additional burden is placed upon the professors writing recommendations, since they can be held legally responsible by the student for anything they write.

Dr. William Carr, professor of psychology, refuses to write non-confidential recommendations for that very reason. "I understand that there's some danger that I may have to be able to substantiate everything I say," he said. "The burden of proof rests with me. If that's the case, then I'm not willing to assume any legal risks."

"I'm my client," he continued, in further explanation of his decision. "My rights and interests should have priority. In effect both the student and the institution have asked me to write, and they both have something to gain. I have nothing to gain."

Ms. Roemmele pointed out another disadvantage of a non-confidential file. "A second concern depends on who's doing the evaluating and what their feelings are. 'Oh, it's not confidential, it won't mean that much,'" she explained. "That's something you have no way of gearing."

"You take the risk that the faculty member, in trying to make sure there's no possible misunderstanding, tends to water down the recommendation — to simply state the obvious facts such as grades, scores, and extracurricular activities, that are a matter of record anyway — and tends not to give a judgment to be strictly on the safe side," she continued.

Dr. Norman Johnston, professor of sociology and chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology, feels that a recommendation written for a non-confidential file is not very effective. "I don't think they're worth much," he said. "They tend to be bland and all uniformly complimentary and the net effect of this is to make the recommendations useless."

Of course, there are also problems with confidential files. A student, in essence, may enter an interview "blind" as to what has been revealed about her to the person on the other side of the desk. A professor may write a negative recommendation which may seriously hurt that student's chances for acceptance, and the student wouldn't know anything about it. In short, the student is taking a chance.

However, a confidential file also has many advantages, which are precisely those which make a non-confidential file disadvantageous. For instance, by the very fact that the file will not be seen by the student, the recommendations within it may be interpreted as more credible by the people who read them.

"You get a more full and meaningful statement of your potential from a faculty member, who is writing it as to another professional," Ms. Roemmele commented. "Secondly, those using it to evaluate you will consider it more valid than a non-



Lois Roemmele, director of financial aid and career services, pinpoints variable "risks" both students and professors face when requesting non-confidential files.

confidential recommendation. All that's left, literally, is that you don't know what's been said."

Students can avoid the problem of negative recommendation, according to Ms. Roemmele, by "choosing wisely" the professors whom they ask to write in their behalf. Additionally, all professors contacted about this matter indicated that they would refuse to write a recommendation for a student if they felt that it would be completely damaging to the student.

Dr. Elaine Maimon, assistant professor of English, noted that there are ways of "damning by faint praise," for instance saying of a student that "she is as interesting in class as she is lovely to look at." She pointed out that evaluators of non-confidential recommendations would be reading them with a "jaundiced eye."

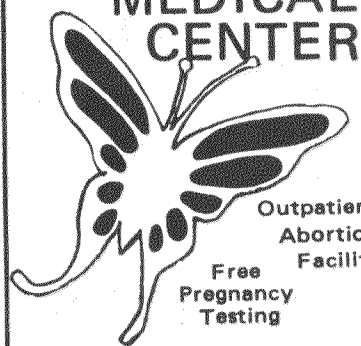
"I wouldn't write it," Dr. Johnston responded to question on how he would handle a request for a non-confidential recommendation. "I would tell them to go elsewhere, shop around. It's almost an American reaction — we all want everyone to like us, we all want to be good Joes, but if letters are to mean anything there's got to be some discrimination."

Although Ms. Roemmele is willing to discuss the pros and cons of each alternative with any student, she insists that the final choice is up to the student. "I'm not out to push people one way or another at all," she said. "There are many factors that go into this decision."

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# In and Around Beaver

**Tuesday, November 18**

- \*PRAYER MEETING: Beaver Christian Fellowship. 8—8:30 every weekday morning, in Heinz Lobby.
- \*MEETING: Forum Committee. 9 A.M., in Library Seminar Room.
- \*LECTURE: Dr. Jordan will speak on Appetite Control. 4:30 P.M., in Calhoun.
- FILM: *Meet Me in St. Louis* and *Wizard of Oz*, with Judy Garland. 7:30 P.M., at Walnut Street Theatre.
- PLAY: *No Exit*, by Sartre. Through December 13. For information, call 922-5880.
- MUSIC: John Davidson and the Captain and Tennille, at the Valley Forge Music Fair, through November 23. For information, call 667-0582.

**Wednesday, November 19**

- \*MEETING: Karate Club. 7 P.M., in Gym.
- \*MEETING: Student Forum. 7:30 P.M., in Heinz Lobby.
- FILM: James Joyce's *Ulysses*. 9:30 P.M., at the Walnut Street Theatre.

**Thursday, November 20**

- \*THEATRE: Theatre Improvisation Workshop. 7—9 P.M., in Gym.
- \*LECTURE: Edward Sims, will speak on "History and Development of Black Families." 7 P.M., in Heinz Lobby.
- MUSIC: Jackie DeShannon, at the Main Point. 7:30 P.M.

**Friday, November 21**

- \*MEETING: Karate Club. 7 P.M., in Gym.
- \*FILM: *Carnal Knowledge*. 8 P.M., in Calhoun.

**Saturday, November 22**

- \*DINNER: International Pot Luck Supper. 6 P.M., in the Castle.
- \*COFFEE HOUSE: Hillel Coffee house. 9 P.M., in the Chat.
- CONCERT: Michael Cooney, at the Main Point. 7:30 P.M.
- FILM: *North Country*. 2:30 P.M., at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

**Sunday, November 23**

- CONCERT: Van Cliburn, with Moscow State Symphony. 8 P.M., at the Academy of Music. Tickets: \$10.00, \$9.00, \$7.50, and \$5.00.

**Monday, November 24**

- \*ART SHOW: Opening of Beaver Junior Art Show, in Atwood Gallery.
- \*MEETING: Senate Meeting. 4:45 P.M., in Calhoun.

**Tuesday, November 25**

- LECTURE: "The Arts of Zen, in Old Japan", by Marjorie Sieger. 7:30 P.M., at the Strawbridge and Clothier Springfield Store.

## James clarifies College costs

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think some students have lost sight of this."

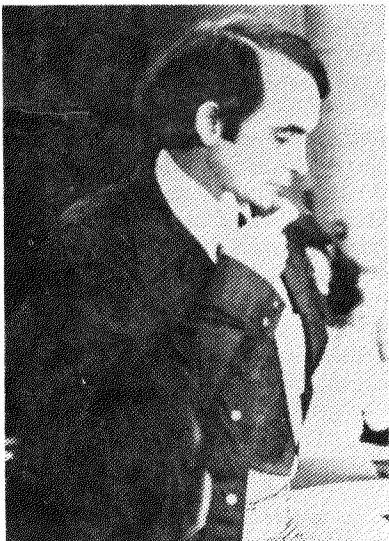
Another issue brought up during the meeting was that of the effectiveness of the security force. Some senators questioned by the viability of present "old, gray-haired" security guards. James is aware of the seriousness of the problem but also feels "the students are contributing to the problem. There's a lot of fun to had at Beaver College, but everybody's got to cooperate," he said.

The general consensus of the senate was what the guards are not threatening enough. "What we have are guards and what we

need are bouncers," said senator Kathy McGhee. The suggestion of arming Beaver's security force was quickly dismissed, as the consequences of such a move were realized. "God forbid if we give those present security guards guns!" commented one senator.

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## Pre-law and pre-med programs...better than ever



Dr. John Berrigan, assistant professor of political science and chairman of the department of political science and economics, is the pre-law advisor. Working with a skeleton crew, he has guided many students to successful law careers.

By Ellen Ann Stein

At this point in a student's education, the "job shock" starts to become more than a cover story on *Time* Magazine, and transforms into a scary personal reality. A catalog from The Institute of Paralegal Training claims to have the answer—"a profession that will appeal to you, pay you more, surround you with the kind of people you can talk to, put you in a stimulating, challenging environment. . . ."

After receiving a bachelor's degree, becoming a legal assistant is only one exciting aspect of the legal field that a student may pursue. Beaver has a pre-law and pre-med program, and although they are relatively new, both have displayed remarkable progress. It is true of this generation that women have a good chance of entering a professional field. The well-structured programs at Beaver have produced a high success rate, even in comparison to other women's and coeducational colleges.

Dr. John Berrigan, chairman of the political science department and director of the pre-law program, is running the department with a barely visible skeleton crew. However, he still produces factual statistics which indicate the programs success. "Considering that the nationwide percentage of woman in the legal field is 36 per cent," he said, "10 per cent of the Beaver students that apply, get accepted into law school—and that's high!"

Not including freshmen, he continued, there are presently 18 students participating in the pre-law program. There are 9 freshman, of which 1.8 will make it, the rest will pursue a paralegal career.

Dr. Berrigan feels that aside from the seven sister colleges, Beaver's pre-law department is on top even though it has only become established within the last three years. "Pre-law at Beaver is a recent phenomena," he said, "therefore the program is not an adequate reflection of the potential of the Beaver student body." Religion and women, however, are influencing the changes in enrollment statistics at law schools. Around 35 per cent of the entering freshmen at Temple Law School are women. Less than ten years ago it was 10 per cent.

Entrance requirements for law schools are rigid. To get accepted into the University of Pennsylv-

ania Law School one of the loftiest in the country, one must have a minimum grade point average of 3.75 and at least a 689 on the LSAT (Low Scholastic Achievement Test). There is always the possibility of getting accepted into a law school somewhere in the boon docks or Alaska; however, Dr. Berrigan recommends that to get into a decent school, a 3.5 minimum grade point average is necessary, and a score of 600 or above should be scored on the LSAT.

Personal wit and charm are of little or no help in achieving acceptance to a law school, as no personal interviews are given. Acceptance depends totally on the final college grade point average and LSAT scores. However, if a student is in a marginal category, the prospective school will check recommendations and extra-curricular activities. Dr. Berrigan said the requirements were not as strict for minority students. "Some law schools give women minority status," he said.

Dr. Berrigan is director of a pre-law committee which includes Dr. Finbarr O'Connor, assistant professor of philosophy and Mrs. Helen Buttel, assistant professor of English. The committee's main purpose is to offer advice to any student that is seriously considering a career in the legal field. Information as to the specific courses and pre-law program in general, may be obtained from any of the aforementioned committee members.

If Dr. Berrigan cannot answer a certain question pertaining to the field, he will assist a student in finding a source that will. For example, he suggested, for \$3.25 a book, "The American Association of Law Schools" which gives a complete rundown on the requirements and admission procedures of various national law schools. It is this personal concern and guidance, that a large university is unable to offer, that contributes to the success of Beavers' pre-law program.

Another professional preparatory field that Beaver offers is pre-med. The pre-med department has been very successful with the acceptance rate of its students into outstanding medical schools; the first woman to be accepted into Jefferson Medical School was a Beaver graduate.

Dr. Arthur Breyer, professor of chemistry and chairman of the department of chemistry and chemistry and physics, is the pre-med advisor. He spoke of a sign that decorated Beavers' walls in 1970, which compared to recent figures, demonstrates a mark increase in the amount of women accepted into med-school, as well as complimenting the determination exhibited by Beaver women. The sign said: "92% of med students are men, eight percent are women."

Dr. Breyer explained why the percentage of woman med students had been low. "The problem wasn't discrimination," he said, "it was lack of applications. It's been made to look as if it were a male career. Now more women are applying, and more are getting in." He continued on an encouraging note. "We have good women students that want to become doctors and now is the best chance."

Until 1972, Beaver produced one pre-med student a year, and they always were accepted into medical school. Since then, the figure has continued to grow, and this year



Dr. Arthur Breyer, professor of chemistry and chairman of the department of chemistry and physics, is the program advisor for pre-medical students. The program's success is evidenced by the 80% acceptance rate of Beaver students into medical school.

there are ten pre-med students of which seven have fulfilled the requirements.

Although Beaver has no legal connections with medical schools, Dr. Breyer indicated that certain schools will accept a certain amount of students if they maintain a 3.6 average. With the increasing interest in pre-med the most recent estimate of the total enrollment in the program is 50 students. This has reduced the amount of students accepted into med-schools to 89%, which is certainly still worthy of praise. "Competition is keen," said Dr. Breyer, "chances of being accepted are one out of four. Out of 50 to 60,000 applications, 14,000 are accepted."

Does a Beaver graduate have as much a chance of gaining acceptance into a good medical school as apposed to a graduate of a larger or Ivy league school such as University of Penn or Cornell?

Dr. Breyer answer this question optimistically. "Most of the best scientists have come from small colleges," he said. "Temple doesn't even have labs . . . big schools don't have time to give the individual attention." Beaver also offers a Winterim that prepares students for the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test). There are four basic factors involved in acceptance into medical school. These are: a personal interview, recommendations, a MCAT score which should be 600 minimum and the academic transcript. Dr. Breyer explained what an impressive transcript should consist of. "To get into a good med-school one should have a minimum 3.6 average that reflects a broad education aside from the science curriculum, with courses in the humanities and social sciences. Extra-curricular activities also are helpful," he added.

Junior Debbie Piltzer, a pre-med student gave her approval of the program in a comment to the *News*. "Dr. Breyer is a helpful pre-med advisor," she said, "that he keeps us informed and up to date about the revisions in the medical schools' admissions procedures. I like the fact that Beaver's pre-med program is flexible in that you can major in several different areas and still have a good chance to be accepted into a medical school," she continued. "I don't feel boxed in at Beaver—I can be a psycho-biology major and still take the many humanities and art courses that I like."

Heather Pierce, a graduate of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

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