

# The Beer Drinker's Manifesto by Our Man With Vision

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"The highest purpose is to have no purpose at all. This puts one in accordance with nature, in her manner of operation."

- John Cage

I never asked to be a man with vision. Being the beacon for an entire generation of lost souls is a burden I would not wish upon any mortal being. But such is my station in life, and I accept it happily. Still, the demands

millionaires want to raise taxes...while special tax loopholes which favor the rich remain on the books. We beat them last year because we have something even the rich and powerful don't have -- strength in numbers

And now the Revolution awaits: a dark, looming beast that was always there, skulking around the corner, biding its time. And now the time has come. The Revolution calls and I will respond.

it has never been so necessary, so urgent, for you to take action. Because, if we don't, we will lose a lot of money -- and much more

As my eyes frantically scanned the letter in my hand, I thought: How did I get on Karl Marx's mailing list? Did he trade address books with the Christian Anti-Communist League? But this letter was signed by Bobby Unser Jr. The Bobby Unser Jr. I read



we beat them once, and together with the support of 80 million beer drinkers across America, we will beat them again

And so my destiny is drawn. The job search will have to wait. Things bigger than you and I require my devotion and time and blood now. The BDA needs me. The BDA needs you.

*Beer Drinkers of America is comprised solely of hard working Americans like yourself, who have invested a small amount to fight the wealthy and powerful forces who want to raise your taxes and take your rights away*

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And so I pass along to you, dear reader, this urgent message from Beer Drinkers of America. Their recent letter to me tells of the conspiracy in Washington against all of us "hard working men and women who are discriminated against just because we have made beer our beverage of choice." Well, I don't drink beer, and I don't work hard either, but apparently a proposed 300 percent tax increase on beer

is too important to go unnoticed by anyone.

You know, you never really understand the suffering that oppressed minorities like beer drinkers undergo until you get a mailing from them. I had no idea that wealthy and powerful forces were hard at work in Washington trying to subjugate the noble beer drinker by economically infiltrating his backyard barbeques. Alas. Life can be cruel.

And I thought smokers had it bad. Just this week I read about a controversial new movie beginning production here in town. It stars Behrend's own Love Rob as a man who discovers that people who smoke are actually aliens from other galaxies. It seems they have secretly landed on to Earth to adapt our atmosphere for colonization by their own species. They accomplish this

feat by smoking several packs of cigarettes every day. The working title was changed to *They Smoke*, after *The Last Tempting Cigarette of Christ's Women Today* proved to be too controversial.

If you would like to make a contribution to the BDA (yes, it really does exist), send a hefty wad of cash to me in care of the Collegian. Only you can save the oppressed masses of beer drinkers from unfair discrimination. Thanks, comrade.

God, it's great to feel needed.

# Epic Dillinger

by Rob Prindle  
Feature Editor

This stuff is strange. No, really, this stuff is so strangely good that I cannot imagine how it got published. Apparently Kangaroo court Publishing is truly a publishing house with vision.

Do I have your interest? I am talking about Mr. Todd Moore. A poet, a fan of the famous gangster John Dillinger, and an all around weird guy if his poetry is any indication.

Todd Moore is coming to Behrend to read his lyric/epic poetry on Thursday December 1. He will be speaking in the friendly confines of the Studio Theater at 7:30 pm. The reading is free and open to the public.

Moore, who has been called "The greatest poet of the American Plains since Sandburgh" by the Los Angeles Times, will read from his multi-volume Dillinger series. He has been writing his lyric study of John Dillinger since 1974 and has recently had three of the projected 21 volumes printed by the Erie based Kangaroo Court Press. Moore now teaches English in Belvidere Illinois and some of his poetry has appeared in small press journals like "Glitch" and "Wormwood Review."

I have the privilege of having a copy of volume 1, *The Name is Dillinger*. This particular volume has just been designated as a required text in an Honors course at the University of Toledo. Moore writes in the voice of Dillinger and really makes it work.

I decided that I would look for an interesting section to use in this article, but I ran into a problem. The entire book would have made a good out take. I decided on this:

*dillinger I am throwing clocks at water  
dillinger I am watching a woman undress  
soon we'll be doing it  
cowboy dillinger  
dillinger of the 1000 faces  
dillinger I am driving a car out of control  
or I can control it & don't want to  
dillinger I am watching a gangster movie  
& know I am better  
crashout john*

After reading *The Name is Dillinger* my mouth watered for the other volumes. Volumes with names like: *Dillinger's Face, Dillinger & the Color Red, The Taste of Blood and A Hideout Where*.

The advertisement for the series told me that the Dillinger Series is rated 'R' for strong language, sex and violence. I cannot help but admire strong violence and sex in poetry.

Don't take my word for it, though. The critics are falling in love with this man and his Epic poem on Dillinger.

Aurthur Winfield Knight of "Small Press Magazine" said of the Dillinger Series "Incredibly intense...I can't think of another long narrative poem as important since Ginsberg's 'Howl' and 'Kaddish,' and I think (Dillinger) may well address things that are more germane to what it means to be alive in our time than Ginsberg's work."



Dillinger  
by Todd Moore

Another critic, Robert Peters said "Dillinger may just turn out to be one of the few important long poems in the lyric-epic mode written by a contemporary poet. Moore comes as close as any poet I know to the primary nerves of our time."

If you have read this far, you are obviously interested in Todd Moore's work, so here's one more out take.

*dillinger  
the johnnie come lately  
the johnnie full of come full of shit  
the long warwhoop johnnie  
the johnnie in my pants  
the johnnie in yours  
bullseye johnnie  
& the john o guns john*

Ok, here is the last excerpt. If I do anymore, this guy's lawyer will be looking for royalties.

*I have danced w/ a stick in a field  
I have danced on wood and behind steel  
I have danced under the dumb moon  
I have danced rubber  
I have danced shoe leather  
I have danced barefoot  
I have danced on my father's snow  
& tried to thaw it*

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## Think Skiing

# Erie Offers More Than Rain and Fall

By: Millicent E. White  
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When late Saturday afternoon rolls around and you have all or most of your studying done, what does the typical Behrend student have to do? The question here is, what do most Behrend students do with their free time, and most importantly what do those of us who don't go home for the weekends do to have fun and make the most out of our college lives?

Everyone has seen the college orientated movies like "Animal House," which show the kids having a great time getting drunk and being rowdy, well here at Behrend that kind of fun can be had if you really desire it or you can take it easy and relax. It's up to the individual, Behrend is only what you make it.

I am a freshman living on a floor with 31 other freshman girls who all have different personalities and ideas of what is fun. We all managed to agree on one thing, though. It was sleep. It seems catching up on much needed sleep is a very popular thing to do on the weekends. I thought sleeping was a fine idea, but after a little thought we came up with some other interesting activities.

For those of us without cars or any other form of transportation, the Blue Bus is a very valuable asset. The Behrend Blue Bus is the link between the campus and many of the worthwhile and fun activities that we discussed.

Erie and the north western Pennsylvania area offer a number of seasonal activities. When we first arrived in August the weather was warm and many of us hopped the Blue Bus or bummed a ride to Presque Isle State Park for a little

fun in the sun. Presque Isle offers many activities. Along with a nice, clean beach comes swimming, boating, water-skiing, windsurfing, and a handful of other activities that guarantees a fun filled and rather inexpensive afternoon. Erie's Presque Isle Beaches are a real treasure. The seven miles of sand and surf represent the longest free stretch of sandy beach in the entire world.

For the winter person, one of the main attractions of Erie is the long winter and accessibility to some pretty good ski resorts. That's right skiing!!! Get your boots, hats, skis, and season passes ready!!! Peak and Peak is only 20-30 minutes from campus, and Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, and Holiday Valley are only two or three hour drives.

For the beginner or budget minded skier, Mount Pleasant in Edinboro is 20 minutes away. It doesn't have chair lifts, though, just a small ski area for beginners to try their luck and learn the basics before hitting the more advanced slopes. I have heard that the skiing does get exciting on cold nights. The trails are dimly lit and the ice buildups make for some of the most challenging skiing you will ever do.

In the interim between the beach and ski seasons Behrend students don't have to wait for the first snowfall, they can go outside and enjoy the beautiful sights and smells of autumn we are having right now. If the rain stops, a walk through the gorge is a great way to enjoy all of this. The paths are wide and safe but most importantly the walk can be beautiful and invigorating. Nothing gets the mind off of school and other

problems-better than a hike in the gorge

On lazy Saturday afternoons the most popular activity is to hop the Blue Bus to the Millcreek Mall and spend the day shopping in the almost endless stream of stores and enjoying lunch at one of the many restaurants.

The Blue Bus also provides services to and from the mall in the evenings. Students can take advantage of the movie theater or have dinner at Chi Chi's, The Red Lobster, The Ground Round, Ponderosa. That is, you can eat there if you have just gotten an extra \$50 from some kind relative. If that isn't the case you may want to try somewhere less expensive like McDonalds, Taco Bell, Arbys, or Rax are within most peoples budgets. If you haven't fulfilled your weekly grease quota these are the places to go.

I advise all students to take advantage of the Blue Bus. The fair is .60 cents to and from campus. This is definitely a small price to pay for a little good clean fun.

Behrend also has a number of pre-scheduled campus activities to

keep the students occupied. The different clubs and associations sponsor dances and other activities to provide entertainment on the weekends.

For the health conscious or athletic student Behrend has tennis courts, basketball courts, and if you take a little initiative it wouldn't be very hard to arrange a pick-up football or softball game. By observing the fields and courts on any given weekend it is very easy to see the resident students are always ready to get out and be rowdy with one another for a few hours.

The Party scene at Behrend is only as good as each individual makes it for himself. A party is always around the corner, alcohol or no alcohol. The students at Behrend throw some parties, but more often you find little get-togethers in the dorms, apartments, or various off-campus locations.

Once again, weekends at Behrend are not boring if you don't want them to be and everyone needs to take a break from the pressures of school and really go out and enjoy themselves every once in awhile.

## Be True to Your School Condoms in School Colors?

(CPS)--It's the final touch for the well-dressed college student: condoms in school colors.

Students at most schools will be able to get them soon, says Nicholas Fogel, Jr., president of College Condoms, the San Diego firm that's selling the devices to selected campuses in California, Arizona, Florida, Iowa and Kansas, "is the market is there."

The condoms are sold in packets of six for a suggested retail price of \$2.99. "At USC, the packets are three red and three yellow. At the University of California, it's three blue and three yellow. For schools with three colors it's two, two, and two," Fogel explained.

Red, yellow, dark and light blue, black, green and pink condoms now are available, but students soon will be able to buy them in brown, emerald, white, "every color," Fogel promises.

The inspiration for the product came when Fogel attended a basketball game with an alum of the University of North Carolina. The friend wore Tar Heel sportswear, prompting Fogel to tease that he probably also wore a Tar Heel condom.

The idea stayed with Fogel. His first consignment of 14,000 packets went on sale four months ago. A second batch of 240,000 boxes is almost ready for the marketplace.

While some campus stores carry the product and some choose not to, Fogel says he's had "100

percent acceptance" from all the campuses he's contacted.

The school colors, Fogel claims, "have relieved the stigma of buying a condom. (Students) don't feel like they're really buying condoms. They can joke about it."

So far, at least one outlet reports sales of the condoms are slow.

Mort Spiegel, manager of Campus Drug near Arizona State University, says, "People have to become aware that it is here. We've sold a couple, though, I think it will catch on."

Fogel says typical reactions are like those of two doctors he contacted. One wanted to buy several packets to give as presents at his class reunion. The second doctor said, "Those are great! I can use them as stocking stuffers."

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## Host Demonstrates

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physically threaten one of the men on stage! Is this any way to Geraldo to conduct himself? (He instead of objectively exploring a delicate subject as he should have, Geraldo helped to promote the tension which eventually led to the unnecessary violence.

Though I blame Geraldo for most of what happened on his show, I think that it was not he who directly caused the incident. Up until the point where the fight broke out, there were many accusations and racial overtones commented on by several people.

However, it was the actual name-calling by one of the supremacists that really started everything. (He called one Jewish guest a "kike.") Despite this, I think that if it had not been for the subjective and tension-filled atmosphere that Geraldo himself helped to build, this sad spectacle could have been prevented. If this show is any insight into the true perception of equality by our so-called advanced society, score:

Racism.....1  
Equality.....0