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Editorial...

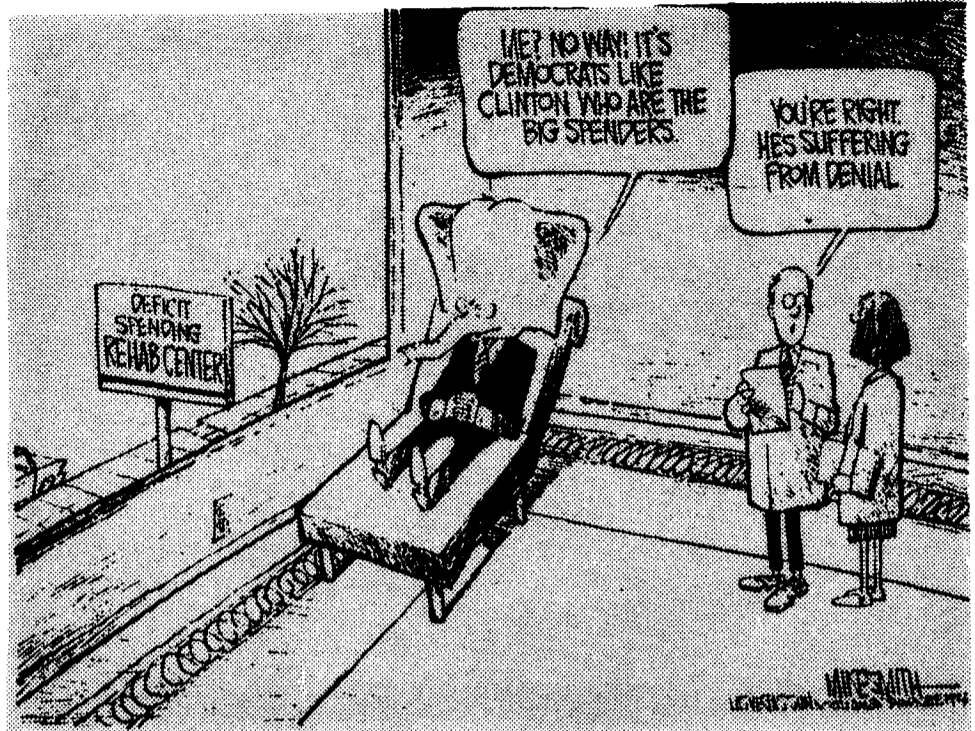
Spring Break is HERE. Actually, there probably aren't too many people reading this editorial. If you are reading this editorial, probably within the next 24 hours you will be on your way out of here. On your way to Florida, Colorado or home.

Spring Fever is quite prevalent around campus. Studying is the last thing on everyone's mind. You're sitting in your dorm, in the library, or at your kitchen table (or wherever you may be). But your mind is somewhere else.

Cell organelles are staring you in the face...mitochondria, vacuoles, chloroplasts. O.K. So maybe you're not studying biology. But you're probably studying something that pertains to "real life."

Your mind wanders. Wanders to the beach, speckled with honey-glazed sand under a blue, relaxing sky. It is alright to dream.

After 8 weeks of stress, Spring Break comes as an appreciated gift. No matter what you do, make sure you relax and do something UNstressful.



Letters to the editor

Ridiculous article

We are writing with regard to a ridiculous article which appeared in *The Collegian* last week. Being Plastic Engineering Technology (PLET) students, we were naturally upset with the lack of knowledge presented by the writer of the article. It seems as though some students, Mr. Duddy included, think that the new plastics lab is a waste of money which is coming out of our pockets.

Due to our immediate displeasure with the article, we conducted some research of our

own concerning this uncontrollable urge to spend money. Well, Mr. Duddy, here are the results and some opinions of our own.

First of all, the six million dollars plastics lab is being constructed with 67% donations from local industry. Three million dollars being donated by companies itching to get their hands on PLET students. One million being donated by one alumnus. Apparently, there are top-notch executives out there, who do not think Penn State is throwing money away. As for the other two million donated by the University, this is what we get in return. Behrend will receive a PLET program comparable to or exceeding the

masters program at the University of Lowell, a nationally accredited program. As for today, not one PLET graduate of Behrend is without a job (a well paying one at that).

In conclusion, Matt, we have some of our own opinions. We do not think that anything that the University does to make this program nationally renowned is a waste of money. As a matter of fact, the only part of your article that we agree with is the so called "missile silo." The next time you try to slander something that is doing nothing but good for your campus, do some extensive research first.

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From the hip

Tim. That's his name. Every week we see him. He heads to the office and waits for us to finish the next day's *Collegian*. He's our courier.

Between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m., he'll head over to see how good we are at procrastinating. At first, Alicia would try to figure out how to stall for time, but now she just tells him to take a nap. That's where you might find him. He'll be the one sleeping in front of the mailroom.

Whenever we DO finally finish each week's edition, Tim heads off to his car, while carefully handling the box containing the "masterpiece" (a masterpiece Matt often hands to Tim like an NFL football), and makes the fifty minute drive to Corry, where our printer is located.

There have been times when he's had to drive through rain, sleet, and snow in the dead of night. Kind of like our own Cliff Claven. Driving from Behrend to Corry becomes an hour-long game of Pole Position. Dodging deer and rabbits carrying death wishes is a common occupational hazard.

He's been doing this for almost three years. He is a student at Behrend, by the way. He's a sixth semester biology major from Wattsburg, PA. By day, he's an ordinary student; by night...a man with a mission.

Leaving the campus at 12:30 a.m. and not going directly home is something he has been doing for almost six semesters now. While most of us are either cramming for early morning quizzes or deep asleep, Tim is somewhere between Erie and Corry. He'll usually get to the printers at 1:30, then home by 2:00. Is he dedicated or a glutton for punishment?

So Dr. Hagenbach and Dr. Leavers, if Tim is drowsy and not paying attention, it's because he spent the previous evening (or this morning, it depends on your perspective) making sure you had this to read.

That is if you read *The Collegian*, or at least were told about this by a colleague. I better finish this quick. Tim's waiting...

Tim Schweitzer
A biography by Arnel Balcita