



Letter to the Editor:

Message from a concerned student

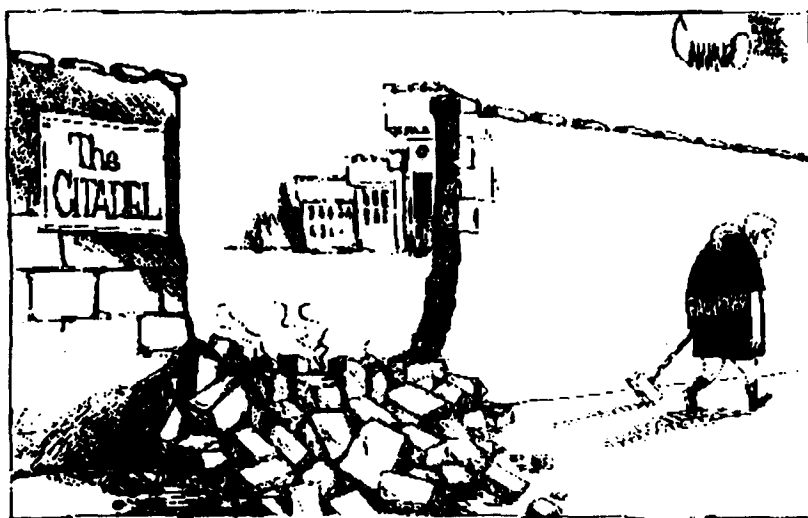
Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to a returning problem here on Behrend Campus. Once again Homophobia has returned also, yet this year it is more prevalent. Last year it was present lurking behind the scenes, to quickly remove or deface any educational publicity posted around campus. This year it is open it is more open in the harassment and threats of violence directed at one of the new freshman, from his floor mates and even his own roommate. While others have also been verbally harassed walking across the apartment quad, with shouts of "NO FAGS ALLOWED"! Although people have the right to express their personal opinion's, it is harassment when it is shouts of a derogatory nature meant to humiliate or degrade.

Although the administration is investigating the situation, I felt it was necessary to illuminate the rest of the student body, faculty, and staff, of

the problem. For harassment and discrimination are things of shadows and nameless faces, that cannot grow or continue when exposed to the light of the public eye. Also for the information of those involved, it is an offense in violation of the Penn State anti-discriminating regulations. Those of you who are in support, or even just friends let people know that this kind of behavior is not what we want associated with Penn State Behrend. College is a place of higher learning where one comes to challenge themselves with learning and growing into responsible adults. Whose openmindedness will lead our generation into a future equality and acceptance of a person not on their race, sex, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation, but on their abilities and person integrity.

Sincerely,
Bruce K. Bennett
Concerned student.



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Since the year is just beginning, it is our duty to inform, you the reader, the student, the person who is perhaps carrying a full load of credits, a full work schedule, and active in school activity, that you can do it all with out burning yourself out. That is right, you do not have to be burned out.

To be burned out means that you are stressed to your maximum limits and feel like just giving up. Hey, most of us been there, surfed it and survived. It is possible and we'll show you some ways that when you feel those (cliche) walls are closing in on you, you'll be able to kick back, smile and feel good about your accomplishments.

First, forget about the misconception that there is never too much time in a day. It's bogus. Everything has a place. It takes a lot of discipline to schedule your day around the events in your life. Scheduling, at first, does not allow for much spontaneity, but after a while, pieces will start falling into place, and you will find that you have more than enough time to do the things you want.

Secondly, drinking and drugs do not offer any means of a solution. Most of the time, they are a waste of time. Sure, they may offer a temporary relief, but remember how long it takes to cure that awful hangover? The problem of addiction always comes into play when dealing with these two substances. Staying sober allows a clear mind to make decisions, discipline, and that extra step to having a day off.

Most importantly, having a positive attitude is like a Flinstone vitamin; it's good for you. Attitude affects your entire surroundings. If you believe you can do it, you will. If you believe you can do it well, you'll do even better. Negativism is a parasitic disease; it's real catchy. It bums everybody out, and you feel real low. Just remember, positive is as positive does.

One of the major problems with our society is that everything is automated. We like fast cars, fast banking services, fast food, fast computers, and fast sports. We always seem to be in a hurry, but we're not going anywhere. Slowing down, smelling the flowers, checking out the sunset or simply realizing that you're alive helps, and it keeps you sane.

In conclusion, nothing is impossible if you can schedule wisely. Getting stressed out brings everyone else around you down, because you become an irrational beast. Don't resort to that level. In the whole scheme of life, a paper due two weeks from now isn't going to amount to much. So, kick back, chill out, and have a helluva semester.

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