

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to comment on the article, "Moderation of Behrend Policies" submitted anonymously, in order to avoid persecution from Behrend's "political structure." The submitter of the editorial is obviously an underage student who not only got caught once for under age drinking but caught twice for the same offense. This is indicated by the inclusion of themselves when referring to the judge taking his/her license for a year. (The first offense for an underage drinker is a three month suspension of his/her license. The second offense is a year's suspension of his/her license).

The college experience is often the first experience away from home for many individuals trekking the traditional path of continuing education. They are considered adults; although, they are not yet legal to consume alcoholic beverages. The choice to drink (illegally) is their decision, whether or not it is a common part of college life.

The writer seems to be in constant contradiction. They tell about an automobile accident that killed one friend and left the other without a lesson learned (He still drinks and drives). At this point, I figured the writer was going to emphasize the importance of making responsible decisions about drinking; but instead, the writer advocated drinking and driving when they accused Police and Safety of being responsible for a woman who was raped because she was too drunk to drive without risking the chance of an arrest. Huh? I think something is wrong with this picture. First of all, I am sorry that your friend was raped. I hope that she found help dealing with what happened. I also hope that she pressed charges on the perpetrator of that crime. Lets blame the person who took advantage of your friends predicament.

Okay. It is generally known that everyone hates a cop, until they need one. The policies that are enforced at Behrend are the same policies that all officers enforce, inside and outside of academia. Alcohol related issues are handled as though students are responsible for their own actions. Pennsylvania law states that no one under the age of 21 is legal to consume alcoholic beverages. Why at Behrend, should this law be inactive? Behrend is real. So are its students. The fact that "PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS DRINK IN COLLEGE" does not excuse those that are blind to the law that says it is illegal. For those that do not drink because they are too afraid to be caught drinking and they do not want to lose their license or receive fines are showing responsibility and understand that actions are followed by consequences. Not only do they realize that drinking under the age of 21 is illegal; they realize that driving while under the influence can be deadly. Statistics on drunk driving accidents are staggering. How could anyone of sound mind claim that Behrend Policies are endangering the drinking privileges of college students by regulating the law on its campus.

Sue Daley's Moderation Management Program is offered to help students deal with and find alternatives to becoming sloshed. Moderation for persons under the age of 21 means abstinence. For those who chose to break the law and find themselves busted by the Behrend "rent a cops," it must be a real shocker to find out that these officers are real, and have the authority to arrest and to charge students as though they were real adults, on a real campus, needing to obey real rules, in a real world.

--Mary Ellen Sullivan

Mike Coursey's

**The Republican Ticket
Powell vs. Dole**

The 1996 election is looming near and it looks like there is a new Republican Candidate on the horizon. His name is Colin Powell, and he has become the new media darling of this election.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has many years of fruitful and dedicated service in the Senate. Like Colin Powell who was a General and was chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, during the successful Desert Storm conflict, Senator Dole is also a war hero.

Unlike Colin Powell, who was mainly calling the shots from the Pentagon, Senator Dole was commanding an infantry platoon in Italy during World War II. Senator Dole showed much heroism when he was shot up in the field and had to drag his limp body miles to safety.

It took many years of intense physical therapy and surgeries to help correct the damage done to his body but it cost him full use of his right arm. He has a trademark habit of carrying a pen in his right hand so that nobody will mistakenly shake his right hand.

Colin Powell on the other hand was a career Army man who rose from a humble family in Queens to be one of the most powerful men in America, being head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Which man will voters choose? I'm not sure right now. Senator Dole has more political experience and backing from the Republican Party. Colin Powell has the carryover effect from the Gulf War and all the Nationalistic pride that evokes in the hearts of the American Citizenry.

Senator Dole ran previously for President and lost. So the campaign trail for President will not be a new adventure for Dole.

Senator Dole is considered a centrist in the Republican Party and he does not have the full backing of the Christian Coalition. Which has exerted a lot of force in the voting booth.

One often wonders if Colin Powell would accept the Vice-President nomination in return for assurances that Senator Dole would only run for one term as President, considering his age and everything.

These issues remain to be resolved, time will only tell, but it seems that the Republicans have a decided edge in the race for President in 1996.



Hey, you! Yeah, you!
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