

## Racial roots need dealt with

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It is absolutely appalling to see the attitude that exists on this campus with regards to race. Hatred fills the air with a putrid stench and it is not found just among the majority, but also among the minority. The roots of our racial discontent need to be dealt with sooner rather than later on a policy level. Remedying economic and social deprivation must be the focus of intense social reconstruction.

Slavery for many Black Americans is as real today as it was 150 years ago. Blacks often forget that their ancestors were betrayed by other blacks and sold into slavery. Slavery left an indelible imprint upon the psyche of Black Americans because it conditioned them to believe that they were somehow inferior to whites. Of course this is a blatant lie. We have peanut butter because of the efforts of George Washington Carver. Booker T. Washington was a great educator responsible for black improvement in Harlem. Crispus Atticus shed the first precious drop of American blood during the struggle for independence. These men are NOT black heroes, they are AMERICAN heroes. It is time that we admit the value and importance of Black Americans to this nation.

Of course America is not perfect, but rather we can improve. We must want to make the necessary and proper changes

that will start the process of rebuilding America. We must take the cautious first steps on the road toward unity. With this I mean taking steps as individuals to be the daring ones to befriend members of other racial groups. It seems to me that many minorities are so filled with anger and bitterness that they will not allow the divisions to subside. They need the



security of their fear and they need to see racism in everything. What are they going to do once the last of the racist residue is purged? They won't know what to do because they have made victimhood so much a part of their psyche that they will be lost. Whether these people admit it or not they want racism to persist because it provides them with security. It is fear that allows the vile stench of

racism to persist, and people like those mentioned above that are the problem. You know who you are, both white and black. If you are not willing to be the brave ones then you are the problem.

We have the division because no one is willing to be brave. Minorities are just as guilty of stereotyping as Caucasians. If you assume all whites or blacks are your enemy, you are limiting yourselves. The world is far too big to maintain a tribalistic attitude. Come out of your group mentality because you are placing blockades in the way of progress. If you decide that racism is going to keep you down it will. Racism did not keep Martin Luther King, Duke Ellington, or Fredrick Douglass down. Fight for yourself and decide that no one is going to stop you. Angry bitter people are doomed to fail because no one wants to be around them? Who is going to hire a person with poor language skills and an attitude (general reference to all people is intended) because they will bring everyone down around them. If you are positive, openly filled with self-pride and visible strength, no matter what you do you will earn respect. If you think all is lost, then all is lost because you are too weak and foolish to make a small difference. Keep in mind a whole lot of small differences make a big difference. If you are too bitter and fearful to take steps to remedy your problems and reach out to other races YOU ARE THE PROBLEM!

## Improper ratio

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I wrote this article to complain. Here goes... The state of this learning facility deserves an abundance of opportunity for the male specie, however, if I want it, it will not come. It is all based upon the anthropic principle. It explains the present nature of the situation simply by the fact that we are here to observe it. If we ceased to exist, the situation would not manifest. To personalize the principle, because I want a beneficial change, my fancy remains ignored.

The women are lucky. They get the cream of the crop - do not overestimate this statement. For every woman, there are three men and two of them are a result of a lost pilgrimage. The quiet humans of the campus conjure a drool of sexual boredom. Some do have girlfriends in their hometowns, but for those who find it necessary to sojourn numerous miles to visit the abode call Behrend home (me). Therefore, I complain.

I want this campus, part of the US, the land of the free (so we think, however, if I was born in Morocco I would not complain), the place of equality to restore the proper ratio of male to female students in order to enable proper socialization for the despondant.

I am a lost one. My mystification of our false reality enables me to get lost. I shall forever search in the improper direction, for this campus is my rock and redeemer to a powerful career. I will remember the disturbed ratio during my adulthood and through subconscious manipulation, I will be a product of conditioned helplessness. My chi force residing in this land is disturbed, therefore I complain.

## Bigger weights

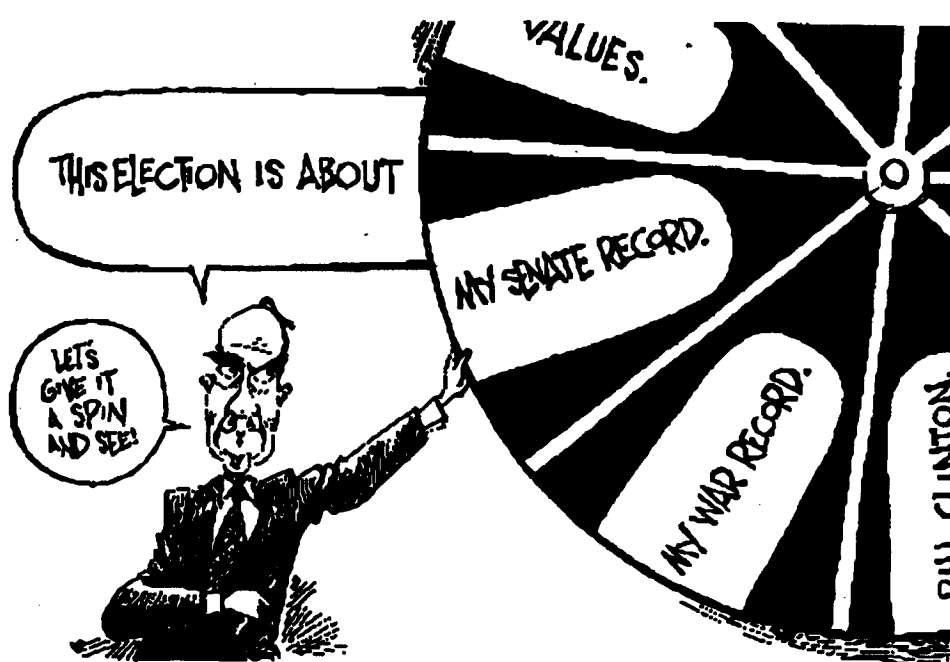
by Nikki Gennuso  
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I, like many others, enjoy using the weight room here at Behrend. I stress the word MANY. For those of us who choose to use this facility, it sometimes means standing in line to use simple machines, or waiting for someone to get done using the free weights that you need. There are a few thousand people on this campus, and the weight room isn't nearly big enough to accommodate half of them. I've personally found myself going down there at rather odd and inconvenient times, just so I can use the ever-sought-after Stairmaster. There are only four, mind you.

If that isn't enough, what about the varsity athletes? They need extra time to get in there and work out without being

bothered by waiting in lines to use a machine. If the university doesn't want to build a new one for those of us who use it for recreational purposes, at least think about the athletes who need it more badly than us. A lot of money that comes out of our tuition to go here, goes to unknown places. Not to beat a dead horse, but why is it that we needed that overly costly stair tower? Just think about the kind of kick-butt weight room we could have with even a quarter of that money.

The college itself, is trying to grow as a whole and improve, seeing that many students are deciding to complete their four-year degree here. By making improvements in the size and quality of the weight room and Erie Hall for that matter, would be a great start to making this campus better.



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