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Spring Fever

by Nikki Gennuso
Collegian Staff

It's April, it's spring (with the exception of Eric), and everyone's hormones are raging. Is it spring fever, or is the thought of everyone wearing less clothing making everyone a little horny? Hmm... I find this very intriguing. I must admit, spring does have an effect on me. You see people outside, with shorts on, T-shirts, and other clothing that is a heck of a lot sexier than the down jackets and wool sweaters of winter, and you think wow, there is something under there after all. There is something in the atmosphere that suddenly makes a whole lot of people attractive. I think there are extra hormones in the air or something. There are guys outside playing sports in their little tank tops, and suddenly it's like - hello, biceps! I've also heard that guys are excited that girls are wearing clothes that actually show that they have a shape, not that there is anything wrong with the occasional extra large sweatshirt, or anything.

I asked a number of people if they thought that spring fever existed, and all of them thought that it definitely did. I'm not sure if spring fever is the motive, but everywhere I go people are talking about, "Wow he's hot," or "I'd like some of that." I'd definitely say that there is an



outbreak of spring fever on this campus. With all of the recent formal events around here, there are people hooking up all around us! Couples everywhere, walking around holding hands, kissing, it's enough to make you want a boyfriend or girlfriend bad.

I personally enjoy spring because of the warm weather. I can actually do things outside like run or play tennis, and wear a little less clothing. The fact that there are guys around doing the same things doesn't exactly hurt either.

But if it's the air or the warm temperatures that do this to people, then why is it happening at Behrend? I mean, let's face it. It's been about 35 degrees outside recently, not exactly my idea of warm weather.

The sexual tension around here is so thick you could cut it with a knife. You must admit the sun puts everyone in a better mood. Everyone is smiling a lot more and when that happens everyone looks a lot more attractive. So, do I think that spring fever exists? I'm going to say yes. I can't wait until the weather gets warm and it's time for the bathing suits and jaunts to Presque Isle! Hope you find someone great to share your fever with.

Overcome your own boredom

by Jason Simmons
Collegian Staff

On many occasions I have heard the complaints and rumors that Behrend lack's excitement. Boredom is the end result of many here; people complain that this campus is isolated, has no events, has nothing to do, the male to female ratio, etc. While the unequal ratio is beyond our control (we would all like to see that change-oh yes, very much so) all other complaints have their solutions, but where does the blame lay?

My senior year English teacher in high school once said to my class, "If you're bored, then it's your own fault." His quote is not all encompassing, but has its glimmer of truth. Do you consider this campus to be a boring one? If so, change it! Complaining will only advance your

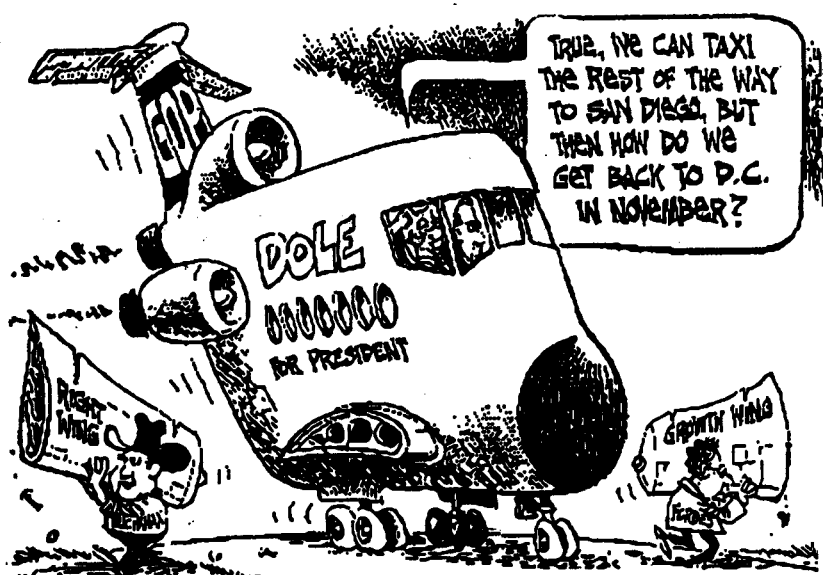
cause so far. Do not conform to an apathetic crowd, for it teaches learned helplessness. There are many ways to voice your opinion and do activities on this campus. Don't expect activities to be served on a silver platter; you want fun- create it.

There is the "Collegian" for those who wish to be heard around campus. There are numerous clubs to join. All you have to do is read a sign or ask other people about them, and walk at a maximum of five minutes to attend a meeting or activity. There are many intramural, varsity sports, and sport oriented contests. There is the SGA which represents us and the SPC that programs activities in Bruno's Night Club and shows movies. Do you ever dislike what these organizations show? Then join them and tell them what you want to do, they will

listen.

You can also create your own activities. There is a forest on campus. Go to the Gorge, hike, rock hop, get your shoes wet, or catch a snake. You have friends? Then how could things be so bad here if you have a few good friends? Hang out with them; is it not fun to be with friends? There are piano rooms where you can play music, the Back Room where you can play games. Be inventive, creativity is not too hard.

Can you think of more to do? Then do so, if not then it is your own fault. That means you have failed your test in creativity and inventiveness. The people are friendly here, trust me, they will talk to you, clubs and organizations will listen to you. So do not complain about the situation, do something about it or it is your own fault.



Gas tax

Chad Clouse
Opinion editor

The local government of Pennsylvania has proposed a gas tax to pay for the clean up of the local natural disasters this year, namely the flooding and damage done by the snow. This means adding to the already inflated price of gas in Erie. A gallon of cheap gas will cost you \$1.20 or more and with summer coming that will rise to \$1.30. The local government here in Erie has not raised a hand to stop the inflating of prices in Erie county. We already pay the most for gas in the state. You should be aware that gas prices in Erie are not competitive and all within a cent or two of each other. There just doesn't seem to be any competition, especially when most of the gas stations have the same supplier and operate under the same name.

The gas tax looks like it will pass. The politicians have no idea how much strain it will put on the average citizen's budget. I know that I pay on average of twenty dollars a week on gas just coming to school from Millcreek. The five cent increase will add forty cents my bill, an average of \$1.20 a month. How many of you have an extra buck around?

Now comes the question of way the government feels obligated to make the whole state pay for repairs to one specific area. I believe people have the opportunity to but home owners insurance (you really can't live with out it). Let the insurance companies cover the damage. As for damage to roads and bridges, the government should budget in disaster relief, we all now that the weather, i.e. snow, does damage every year. The state government has no right to tax us for their own stupidity.