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EDITORIAL

Behrend's fiftieth anniversary celebration a success

Behrend's fiftieth anniversary celebration was a very well thought out event. It managed to include almost every part of the university, past and present. It provided activities for students, which not unexpectedly, were not as well attended as they could have been. However, there was a good turnout for the bands on Friday night, and most students seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Behrend also thanked its friends and benefactors on Saturday night with a dinner and speaker. This event did include a few students and was quite successful. Housing and Food turned out a meal that we didn't think it capable of, and Bruno's looked well for the occasion. Each participant in that celebration received a copy of "Behrend Remembered" by Ben Lane and also were able to taste the Be-

hrend Berry ice cream. It is to be expected that the benefactors of a college are to be treated well when they visit, and they certainly received an enjoyable evening in return for their continued interest in Behrend.

Finally on Sunday, faculty, staff and students all had the opportunity to hear Michael Beschloss speak. Michael Beschloss has been on the news quite frequently, recently commenting on Clinton's presidency, and Behrend was fortunate to have such a speaker present for their anniversary.

Behrend's fiftieth anniversary is a time to look back on how far Behrend has come in the fifty short years it has been in existence. If it weren't for the generosity of the Behrends, thousands of students would not have had the opportunity to attend such a unique school.

The Behrend Review

CHARLES TESTRAKE

A call for Clinton's resignation

On January 26, 1998, President Bill Clinton publicly stated: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Then nearly six months later on August 17th, the President stated in a nationally televised address: "I did have a relationship with Miss Lewinsky that was not appropriate." Thus implying that he had had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and that he had told a direct lie to the American people to cover himself.

Now the issue of whether or not Bill Clinton had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky is insignificant. However, what is significant is that he may have lied about it under oath, and he lied about it to the American people.

A little over thirty-six hours after Clinton's address the United States attacked terrorist targets in Afghanistan and the Sudan, in what was said to be a response to the recent bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. And not soon thereafter several reporters and politicians alike were questioning whether the timing for the attack was orchestrated in advance to divert attention away from the President's sexual misconduct. Thus the so-called "Wag the Dog" scenario taken from a motion picture of the same name about a fictional U.S. President who starts a war with Albania to divert attention away from his own sex scandal.

U.S. Senator Dan Coats, a Republican from Indiana, stated in his response to the attack, "that once a President loses credibility with the Congress, as this President has, through months of lies and deceit and manipulations and deceptions, stonewalling, it raises into doubt everything he does and maybe everything he doesn't do and doesn't say." Now under normal circumstances remarks similar to that

of Senator Coats could be dismissed as partisan rhetoric. However the circumstances are not normal. The president has admitted on national television that he "misled people." So the question is, can we still trust President Clinton?

No! Unfortunately no, we as American citizens can no longer trust in what our President "does" or "says," "doesn't do" or "doesn't say." We know he has lied to us once. Has he lied to us before or will he lie to us again? There is an old saying that once someone does something once, it is much easier to do it a second, third or fourth time. However, even if President Clinton is indicted by special Prosecutor Ken Starr on charges of perjury, he should not be impeached by Congress.

Under Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution: "The President, Vice President and civil officers of the United States shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." However I don't feel that lying in a civil suit, that was later dismissed, exactly qualifies as "high Crimes and Misdemeanors." If the President were to be impeached on these charges, it would set a dangerous

precedent in which it would be easier for Congress to impeach future Presidents on trumped up charges, solely because they happen to disagree with their policies.

The only honorable thing Bill Clinton can do to restore some remnants of his credibility is to resign from the office of the Presidency. By doing that he would prove himself a bigger man than he has thus far demonstrated in the last several months and possibly save



this nation the strain of a long and drawn out impeachment hearing. However a man who would cheat on his wife with a girl only a few years older than his daughter, then lie about it under oath, lie about it to his family, and lie about it to the American people probably does not have the personal conviction to voluntarily give up the most powerful office in the world. Testrake is a political science major. The Behrend Review will appear every 3 weeks in The Beacon.

By Denis Horgan
The Hartford Courant

Why is college tuition rising?

Those "Night of the Living Dead" types you see Boris Karloff around are not actually people who have been paying too much attention to the news. (Whatever happened to the "Dog Days of August"? The Good Old Days.) No, the zombies are mostly stunned people who have just written their college tuition checks.

You could think, out of a sense of solidarity, that when the kids finish up college you'd fling yourself down the cellar steps a few times as autumn

schools.

You can go all the way around the world in high style, no hostels or steerage travel, for a single semester's college cost. You could spend a month on safari and have enough left over to buy a small elephant with what it costs to buy off the extortionists at good old Big Bucks U.

For what you pay for the young scholar's educational keep for a measly month, you could fly the entire family to Paris and back or buy a whole living room's worth of furniture. Nice furniture. Send the brilliant young heir to the state school and

you'll only be paying the equivalent of a family's food budget for half his university sentence.

A week of college time at one of the grander emporiums will cost what a pinstripe lawyer pays for a serious suit at Brooks Brothers or for a Waterford crystal setting for 10. A day of Boola Boola stands for what a snazzy meal costs at the very best restaurant, four stars, where they put out more than one fork; and while you can only eat so many meals, the meter ticks re-

lentlessly on the college calendar. An hour of university lectures will set you back what you'd pay for an NFL game, if you could get even a cheap seat.

Turning it around, the average policeman or fireman could work from one end of the year to the next and barely take home enough to send a child to party away his or her time for a college year -- a year with more vacation gaps in it than there is in a 5-year-old's smile. If the police officer has the audacity to eat or live under a

hundred new first year students this year, which is a definite increase from last year. If the school keeps growing at this rate, this problem will also keep growing.

This problem has been brought up in the past and solutions have been suggested. For example, it was suggested that Dobbins be open extended hours, the way Bruno's is. This may help to alleviate the problem somewhat, but it will not change the hours that most students prefer to eat their meals. Bringing an additional four hundred people on this campus surely calls for a reevaluation of the dining situation. For now, students just have to fight the crowds.

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One Flew Over the Albatross' Nest

ANNE RAJOTTE

Overenrollment causing crowded campus

Walk into Bruno's at about noon on any given weekday and you will find possibly one of the most crowded spots in Northwest Pennsylvania. Is it because of the delicious food? Probably not. The low prices? At ninety-nine cents for a bagel, surely not. Simply, it is because there is no other choice. On-campus students can go to Dobbins, but for commuters, Bruno's is the only place to get something to eat on campus.

The reason for the extreme overcrowding is the ever increasing enrollment at Behrend. While the rising student population is beneficial in some ways, many students are starting to feel a little crowded. Parking is so tight that Police and Safety ran out of parking passes before the second day of classes ended. Students are more

and more often having to park in the lot next to the Police and Safety building, which is quite a walk for those in

options. Students wait in 15 minute lines for a sub because they have to. Students are willing to be herded like cattle through the various lines in

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the suites and apartments. However, nowhere is the crunch felt more than in the dining halls. Dobbins has a line that wraps its way around the salad bar during dinner hours. Bruno's barely has enough tables to accommodate all of the students and those lines are getting longer and longer.

It is simply not pleasant to be in Dobbins or Bruno's during lunch or dinner time, but there are few other

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Construction is already underway on a new residence hall, and yet another one is planned after that. However, there has been no talk of a new dining hall. How is the administration expecting to handle two more residence halls without expanding the dining hall? The problem has already grown out of control. There are twelve