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The people who count will get it

Underpaid teachers demand tips

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In light of the recently released Penn State Faculty Senate Report, many Penn State Behrend professors are searching for a new means of supplementing their incomes. "Before they released this report, none of us realized that we were getting paid so miserably," says Associate Professor of Quantum Physics, Dr. Benton Quest. He is also very grateful that, despite his petty income, he is still able to send his son Johnny to college at no expense of his own due to his being an employee of the university.

Penn State Behrend professors held an all-night conference, where they brainstormed ways to compensate their salary disparity. There were a number of promising proposals for means through which professors could, collectively, raise more funding, including professors hosting their own events, such as a date auction, a kissing booth, a fashion show, and opening a liquor store outside of Bruno's. The professors, all of whom were very enthusiastic about these possibilities, were discouraged by the fact that all their students are such hard workers that they may not be interested in attending these events. Therefore, it was decided that the most appropriate means of soliciting the students would be doing so dur-

Salary comparison	
Behrend Faculty	\$\$\$\$
Zamboni Driver	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Taco Delivery Man	\$
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ing class time. All professors concurred on this point of argument and decided that the best choice would be to ask for tips from their students at the end of every class session.

"Now I can stop bribing my professors in secret. This new tipping system will take away all my worries about getting kicked out of school," says 17th semester Psychology student Tom Riddle.

Although the majority of students think this is a fabulous idea, there are a few stragglers who are opposed to the tipping method. Ferris Bueler, a sixth semester DUS student said, "This tipping system is going to cause complete and utter chaos. Professors cannot be trusted to take tips from students without letting it affect grades." There has been recent

protesting by a small uprising of students who pay for their college education by taking out student loans. They believe that once this tipping system is put into effect, professors will begin to grade their students based solely on tips, rather than attendance or even merit, which some very traditional professors have used up until this semester. "They might as well stop doing evaluations because students' opinions will no longer matter," said an anonymous student who doesn't want their name or major to matter.

At least one professor has gone on the record as being against the notion of asking for tips from his students. "I would rather have my students hate me for who I am; I don't need their false sympathies." Professor Severus Snape has commented that in order to compensate for his low wages he plans to "kill Dumbledore."

Despite controversy and the possibility of destroying the integrity of the entire Penn State system beyond the point of salvation, professors at Penn State Behrend plan to implement the new tipping system starting Fall 2006. All the lower class students are packing up and heading for community college next semester. There is going to be a rapid drop in enrollment, but after the initial transition, Penn State Behrend will have the highest graduation rate within the Penn State system.

Battle of the Bands
See Nine Bands
Fight to the Death
with Guitars as Weapons
over 8 hours of
Blood in Erie Hall

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Open Letter to the Man Who Almost Killed Me

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Thank God that we have such generous people out there. Recently, on my drive home after a long day in class, I met one such person.

As I was sitting at a stop sign waiting for traffic to clear in order to make my left turn home, he stealthily approached the stop sign on the other side of the highway onto which I was planning to turn. He slowly inched towards the intersection trying to avoid detection. When he finally came to halt, already part of the way into the oncoming lane of traffic, he glanced over at me. It was at this point that he realized he had been caught; I knew that he had joined me in waiting for traffic to clear.

It was at this point that his bountiful generosity began to shine through. He gave me, totally free of charge, the grin of a cat who just ate the canary, and because he just seemed to be compelled to give things away for free, a slight head nod as if to say hello. Seeing as how he was giving such pleasantries away as quickly as he could, he may have even winked at me, but I couldn't see his eyes through his mirrored shades. I'm inclined to give him credit for the wink, though.

As for me, I was not in such a giving mood. It had been a pretty long, food-free day for me, added to the fact that I am but a poor college student, and I think you'll agree with me that these are not conditions conducive to generosity. I did, however (and most generously, if you ask me), spend a few microseconds to process all this information and make a mental note that this gentleman did, in fact, exist.

Finally, after what seemed like minutes, but was actually only minutes, traffic cleared for me to make my move. I thought for sure that I would not receive any more gifts from this kindly fellow traveler. As it turns out, he had more and bigger presents for me.

As I skillfully guided my car into the intersection and turned my wheel to the left, he jumped on his gas pedal like that was his job. According to the logo on the side

of his vehicle, (which I got a really good view of), it wasn't. Apparently, he forgot that I had been waiting to make this turn since before he could even see the intersection. I probably had no business turning my small fuel-efficient car in front of so large and gas-guzzling a vehicle.

That's when I decided that he probably had expected me to return the favor of his generous head gestures that were so beautifully executed. It suddenly occurred to me that he was probably a huge music fan, and so I quickly started playing the only melody my car knows. I didn't think that it was that great a gift because it was only one note, and it sounded roughly like a duck being castrated without anesthetic.

His delight with the new gift was quickly evidenced as he gave me two gifts in quick succession.

The first was an exquisite demonstration of yelling, which let me know that his disregard for my right-of-way was a gift more precious than a cheese danish. He seemed to be explaining to the subtle ways in which following normal traffic rules actually made me a dangerous criminal. If he hadn't completely ignored my safety, something awful might have happened. This was, of course, welcome information for me because I don't want to cause any accidents by stopping when I am supposed to stop or going when I am supposed to go.

The second gift was probably in response to the avian nature of the tune I had played for him. In a most extraordinary display of kindness and heartfelt gratitude, he gave me a bird that I can only assume was intended as a companion for my wounded duck. Unfortunately, my duck friend prefers birds that chirp much more cheerfully than the one he offered me.

Although I probably should have taken the time and gone out of my way to thank this man properly, I decided I really didn't need him trying to give me any more gifts that I would be obliged to return in kind. Therefore, if you are out there Mr. No-Regard-For-Traffic-Laws, I thank you. From the bottom of my safe-driving heart, thank you. But if we should meet again while you are in such a generous mood, please know one thing: I prefer cheese danishes.

Take my civil liberties

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Americans in America are fighting to defend America and all Americans in America from Un-American terrorists who would attack America and American values. Since 9/11, it has been obvious that we must restrict some civil liberties to guarantee our safety. It's obvious enough that we need to get rid of the restrictions on search and seizure, cruel and unusual punishment, self incrimination, etc. Thankfully, our leaders are already rolling back these roadblocks to freedom faster than Wal-Mart rolls back prices. It's high time we put some more civil liberties on the chopping block.

Let's start with the first amendment. Freedom of speech is the first thing that has to go. Speech that questions the administration, for example, does nothing but give aid and comfort to the enemy. To prevent another 9/11, our leaders need to have unquestioned authority. The same restrictions apply to freedom of the press. When the liberal media engages in their Anti-American hate speech, they hurt the people's support for the administration and for our troops, and it disgraces the memory of the lives lost on 9/11.

Freedom of religion is one of our most sacred rights, but this is a time of war. The PC Police don't want to admit it, but terrorists are not random people; they are religious extremists. If we place restrictions on being religious, then it will be far more difficult for extremists to hide in this country while they plan attacks like those on 9/11.

Another part of the first amendment is the right to peaceably assemble. I'd like to remind readers that it only takes a few bad eggs to turn a peaceful assembly into a riot. And terrorists could use groups of protestors to find like-minded people who just need a little encouragement to become the instigators of the next 9/11.

These protests are the breeding grounds where impressionable hippie children are recruited by terrorists. Not all people are lured into the glamorous world of suicide bombing; it's the youth. Their lack of life experience and rebellious nature make them the perfect patsies. The terrorists' most sinister plan yet would be to use America's staggering youth voter turnout to get liberals into office who will be soft on defense and who won't have learned from the tragic events of 9/11. This is why we must restrict the 26th amendment, the right to vote at the age of 18.

The only thing kids love more than voting is guns. The second amendment, the right to bear arms, is usually thought of as a way for Americans to defend themselves. But it's also a way for immigrant terrorists to arm themselves to the teeth and attack us from within; not with planes, as they did on 9/11, but with guns that we would have sold to them. So guns can only be permitted in the military, and the military police in our cities once we get that program up and running.

Just as men have an innate ability to use guns,

they have an instinct for voting. It is more important than ever to make sure that only the most qualified citizens are choosing our leaders, to protect us from terrorist attacks similar to those on 9/11. There are some left wingers who are programmed to see things the other way, but just as women are less qualified to fight on the front lines, they are not qualified to choose our president in a time of war, a president who can prevent another 9/11 from happening. This is why we must temporarily repeal the 19th amendment, women's suffrage, until the war on terror is won and we don't have to worry about attacks on American soil, like 9/11.

While we're talking about repealing things, I want to talk about the 21st amendment, the repeal of prohibition. While our enemy is sober and primed to attack, as they did on 9/11, America will have its guard down, in the bottom of a bottle, too drunk to see the invasion right under their nose. We must remain vigilant to prevent attacks like those on 9/11 until the threat has passed. Which is why we must repeal the repeal of prohibition, so that we can be sober enough to stop terrorists from repeating 9/11.

It is important that we hunt down the terrorists to give justice to the families of the victims of 9/11. Instituting a draft would be very controversial, even after America was attacked on 9/11. But there's an alternative way of forcing people to be soldiers and getting cheap labor to supply our military as they fight the terrorists responsible for 9/11. To honor the victims of 9/11, we could temporarily repeal the 13th amendment and temporarily reinstitute slavery in order to find the evildoers responsible for 9/11. To quell the controversy, this slavery would not be based on race. So that we can maintain a strong economy after the 9/11 attacks and through wartime, we can take the lower income brackets and put them into jobs that support our troops as they hunt down the terrorists, thus preventing future 9/11s. We could build large-scale factories where the workers can live on site; so when you think about it, they would be getting paid in the form of food and shelter anyway, and in the valuable knowledge that they are helping to prevent more 9/11s.

To stop terrorists from planning another 9/11, it is beneficial to us to repeal the 22nd amendment, which limits our president to only two terms. Just as we cannot change horses in mid-stream, we cannot change leaders mid-war, lest we experience another regrettable 9/11. If some of these civil liberties had been restricted earlier, we may have never known the horrors of 9/11. By repealing the 22nd amendment, George W. Bush could ably and safely lead us, as he did on 9/11, until the threat of terrorism is over and we don't have to worry about 9/11-style attacks. To prevent 9/11ish attacks, Bush could amass the power to suspend the previously mentioned civil liberties, as should have been done before 9/11, until such time as we are safe from terror like on 9/11.

In conclusion I'd just like to say thank you, and 9/11. And for those of you who are still not convinced...gay marriage!

The Life of a Comic, as told by Herbert Filby

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