

Editorial Opinions

A Salute To New Students; The Collegian Lends A Hand

The Behrend Collegian would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the students to Behrend Campus. Equally important, we would like to do our part in orientating all the freshmen and transfer students to life at Behrend by offering a few helpful suggestions.

If you're a freshmen, cheer up you only have eleven more terms to go through the agony of registration. So keep your chin up because this was only your first introduction to University bureaucracy and red tape. You can't beat them, so just memorize your social security number and keep your hand limber for filling out your No's. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 9 cards. (If they don't have your biography assembled yet, they will when you graduate.)

Don't forget to learn to complain about Erie weather—it makes great conversation. No matter when your classes are, it's amazing how it always manages to rain right after they are over. The commuters are the ones who really get annoyed by the weather. If you're having trouble finding a place to park now, wait until it snows! When you don't find your car under all the snow at the end of the day, don't worry, you can always stay with a friend in the dorm until the spring thaw. By the way, security is tight, so don't hassle them over your thirteen parking tickets.

Dormies have their own little unique problems. The food isn't really that bad. Watch out for that little bowl of salad though; it will haunt you all year. The only thing that

changes in it is the color (from green to brown). But if you really can't take it, you can always enlist or get drafted, we understand K-rations are excellent.

In case you haven't memorized your mailbox combination yet, don't bother. The only things in it will be for your roommate anyway.

Most students find that budgeting their expenses consumes a lot of time. Don't bother! Reasons: (1) Forget about your \$45 general deposit fee; (There can't really be that many fires in the dorm, can there?) (2) Tuition costs just never go down; (3) Beer prices are always on the increase; (4) All the money you thought you would need for clothing will only be spent on blue jeans anyway; (5) Activity cards? Well, what can we say? (6) Used books are hard to sell, especially when they're not the same ones used in the course the following term.

Differences in college courses and professors are many and varied, but no matter what the course or who the professor, if they say you're in danger of flunking the course, believe them, you are!

It will also become necessary to cultivate the habit of rigorously and constantly complaining about the Collegian, while faithfully reading it every week.

If you believe in the old saying, "never believe anything you read, and only half of what you hear" okay, but don't forget, we warned you!

Encampment Recommends: Form Campus Council

The recommendations has been made at the Behrend Summer encampment program that the organization of a campus council should be considered. The Behrend Collegian applauds this recommendation as another step toward achieving efficiency in administration needed and expected at a four-year college.

No one single institution, committee, or council at Behrend represents all three members of the campus community, Students, faculty and administration. Unfortunately each seems to work in isolation and often in total isolation of what others are doing. There seems to be no realization at Behrend that a well planned college program can only emerge from the coordinated efforts of all three groups. But the present organization and interaction of these three groups inhibit the coordination of a well

planned program both academically and extracurricularly.

President John Oswald has realized that this was also the case at University Park. He expressed a need for immediate, considered and respected advice from all members of the University community. He needed a University Council. He created it.

The Behrend Collegian strongly recommends that the suggestions of the encampment be explored immediately and a viable representative council be created. We suggest that three members from each group be brought together to serve in this capacity. This campus council could be of tremendous assistance not only to the advisory board and the director, but to everyone at Behrend. A campus council would eliminate the present isolation between the students, faculty and the administration and would result in effective and coordinated planning procedures.

A Word To Freshman: The Party Is Over

by Doug Beichliter
Managing Editor

Once again the academic year begins for Behrend Campus, complete with registration, keggers, and a new crop of freshmen who are busily engaged in learning all the tricks of the trade from the sophomores.

By now the average freshman knows all about Kelly's and keggers in the Gorge, and if they don't it is only because they have been vegetating in their room during Orientation Week.

Orientation Week will probably be the biggest blast of anyone's academic career. The only trouble is that most freshmen don't realize it until it is over, and maintain only the party spirit throughout the term.

This could prove to be the biggest problem facing many freshmen. As most have found out by now, classes have started and once again it is time for the Behrend student population to dig itself in and prepare for the annual "Winter Hibernation". Going up to Kelly's and getting

zonked out of your mind on screwdrivers and downing a case of Boone's Farm Apple Wine on a weekend is fine, but too many freshmen lose sight of their real purpose of being at Behrend: EDUCATION! It is an established fact that going home at Christmas with a 1.5 is not conducive to lots of goodies under the tree. And with your parents shelling out \$600 a term, they might look rather unfavorably upon the possibilities of your bringing a car up for Winter Term. Also the purse strings have been known to be pulled shot during Winter Term in an effort to bring recalcitrant students in line with parental ideas from home.

Therefore, in order to make life easier later on, everyone must now realize that the party is over and it is now time to make a serious effort to wear out that \$40 dollars worth of books that you purchased for a mere 10 credits. It will indeed make life a lot easier for you later on.

Behrend Collegian—New Name, New Image

The Nittany Cub, beginning with this, the first issue of the academic year, 1971-72, will assume a new name, the Behrend Collegian. "Hopefully, we will assume not only a new name, but a new image as well, that of professionalism," said Ray Geiger, Editor-In-Chief of the Collegian.

The Collegian will strive to better serve the entire Behrend Community through responsible press, progressive design, and an increased service to community advertisers.

The Behrend student press will

begin its 23rd year of publication, being established in 1948. Geiger also announced that the publication dates would be every Thursday with the exclusion of holidays and term breaks: September 30; October 7; 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2; January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 2, 9; April 13, 20, 27; May 1, 18, 25, June 1, 8.

Geiger concluded by saying, "We would appreciate any comments or criticism anyone may have to offer concerning the Collegian."

Zappa Has Returned, New Mothers Formed

BY Charles Eschweiler
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Frank Zappa broke the original Mothers up in early '69 because they weren't getting the musical recognition he thought they deserved. "Most kids today wouldn't know good music if it came up and bit them on the ass," Frank whimpered, almost hinting that we might not have Frank Zappa to kick around anymore. Frank spent a respectable amount of time pouting and then burst forth with his very first solo album, Hot Rats, featuring more of the same very technical and avante garde complicated "Wow, you sure know yer music, Frank!" type of stuff that the Mothers had run into the ground. Hot Rats was a critical if not financial success and Frank decided to reward us with a second solo effort, Chunga's Revenge, which turned things quite around. Chunga's etc. was honest to god straight ahead razor sharp playing. . . the satires had none of the pompous attitudes that caused so much of Frank's previous stuff to fall on its face and in general, no one needed a bite on the ass to see that it was good music.

Zappa became bored at hanging around studios in the winter of 1970 but couldn't find enough of the old Mothers to get

any suitable group together. After the great success of Chunga he quickly packed up the sidemen he used on that album, announced that they were all going to be new Mothers and began touring. . . the first example of the new Mothers and Zappa's new direction was released late August on the Live at Fillmore East Album. The new Mother's tunes are breezy little snatches of melody not unlike what you might hear a group of sophisticated juvenile delinquents chatting about over the reform school wash basins. . . needless to say the new stuff isn't for everyone's tastes, but no one should be put off for that reason; besides, Frank has the Turtle's old lead singer Howie Kaylan do a new version of Happy Together that is the proper way for such a bit of tripe to be presented (of course if you were one of those punks that stared absurdly at the radio and sang along with the original you might be shocked at how amiable perverted young Howie really is) At any rate the new playing of Zappa gets off the ground admirable, a lot of people have suspected him capable of such stuff for quite some time and despite the fact that he has been seen in the company of such minor talents as John Lennon, Zappa might emerge as a musical genius yet.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I wrote a letter to all of the resident students concerning the condition of the Gorge on Tuesday, Sept. 28. At that time the Gorge was a damn mess with empty beer cans and all sorts of trash. It was in definite need of cleaning.

Today, I'm writing this for a different reason. Not to bitch about the condition of the Gorge, but to give thanks.

On Tuesday I asked for help cleaning up the Gorge, — and on Wednesday I had the help I asked for. Today, thanks to the Behrend students, the Gorge is again a place of beauty to be alone and to enjoy.

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