

Editorial Opinion Visitation Once Again

More good news or bad news depending on your position is filtering down from the Administration Building these days concerning visitation. It appears that a massive extension is in the works for visitation hours. This is largely due to the hard work of the Joint Resident Council and the Student Affairs staff. All indications at this moment are hopeful for the passage of the proposal as it stands.

This addition to visitation hours is the first real major step towards a realistic visitation policy to meet the needs of the Behrend resident student population. However, at the moment there may be doubts as to whether or not this same student population can adequately handle the responsibility that the new hours will demand.

During the past year there have been some reservations on the part of campus administrators, both here at Behrend and at University Park over the issue of visitation. The charges leveled against it rested on the assumption that the resident students were not mature enough to handle the responsibility of visitation. Almost to a man, all students devoutly insisted that they could handle any amount of visitation hours, up to and including 24 hours, seven days a week. The number of hours given last year were substantially less than 24 hours, but the students took what was given, and in the opinion of many, proved that they could carry the responsibility easily. There may be some doubt cast upon that image at the moment.

Many of the residents in the dormitories at the present time seem to take the idea of visitation for granted; almost to the point of abuse. There appears to be little regard for the sign-in and sign-out sheets. Noise levels in the halls on weekends make it almost impossible for some to study. People often roam the halls making personal privacy a hard thing to maintain. Continuation of actions such as these could cast grave doubts upon the passage of the new visitation policy, and possibly even on the renewal of what little visitation the resident students now enjoy.

The entire concept of intervisitation is based upon the respect of the students for the regulations that come with visitation and respect for the other students living in the dorms. Without this, the entire idea comes apart at the seams. It is assumed that at the very least, the resident student population has the maturity necessary to implement without difficulties what visitation we now have and what we hope to gain in the near future. If we don't, what are we doing in college?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say that I feel the size of student enrollment at Behrend should be limited, because I'm afraid expansion would mean irreparable loss of the humane scale on this campus.

Many university administrations repeatedly speak of their responsibilities to expand to the state and nation, to qualified students, to education, to the 'fullest development of our most valuable asset, human resources.'

My attitude is that this campus - by expanding - would fail in these responsibilities, not fulfill them. It would be of no service to bring students onto a campus which could not support them physically, educationally or humanely. There is no benefits to education in overcrowded conditions, and undermining principles on which the campus might have been founded. There is no improvement in developing

human resources by making people face alienation, frustration, and overcrowding, or by contributing to the decline of our honor system. It would be of no service to our state or to Penn State University to decrease the status of Behrend Campus.

Thank you,
Barbara Goetz
(4th. Ed - North East)

Dear Students,

You should have observed by this time that it is impossible for any working organization to exist at Behrend without student involvement. Obviously, a club without members is a club in name only. The same holds true for your representative government. The SGA can do nothing without an interested and involved student body supporting it. The best way for you, the individual, to support your government is to become, or at least attempt to be come, a member of it. If a large number

of students do this it will be proof that the student body is behind the SGA.

Applications for candidacy in the Fall Elections are now available at the RUB desk. They must be filled out and returned to the desk no later than Monday, October 11.

As well as the position of 2nd Vice-Pres., there are 15 representative positions open. We hope to have a large number of people attempt to get these positions.

Remember, it is up to you the students to decide whether the SGA becomes a well-rounded working force, representing the student, or it becomes a powerless organization.

For your own well-being, I sincerely hope that you become an involved student body which will turn out a large number of people who are willing to become members of the SGA.

Joe Zani
(4th-L.A.-Kersey)

Grateful Dead Return; New Sounds-Old Style

by Charles Eschweiler
Staff writer

Those of you who have seen the Dead recently know that they are into a straight hard rock thing. This is a reversion to their early sound and up until now the best representation of the group has been on a live album made in 1966, (Vintage Dead, Sunflower records). The Dead's current style has alienated a lot of their old fans from the period when they were into long improvisational filtered through a lot of acid and general flower punk mysticism.

It sees that sometime between the release of Live Dead and Workingman's Dead Garcia and his boys got turned onto beer and steel guitars; it was a great gimmick for Workingman's Dead and the image of the group as post psychedelic era rednecks served as a decent vehicle for Jerry Garcia's steel guitar and Bob Weir's background tomes...unfortunately the boys took it to heart and recorded an album full of bucolic whimsy called American Beauty. American Beauty did and still does sound like out takes from Workingman's Dead.

These days Jerry Garcia has his spin-off group, New Riders of the Purple Sage, as an outlet for his pickin' and grinnin', and Bob Weir has been listening to old R&B 45's. The result is on the group's new album, Grateful Dead, which is such a reminiscence trip it's enough to scare you off (The title and personnel are the same as their first disc, and the cover is a reproduction fo 1966 Avalon Ballroom poster.)

Instead of just a memory exercise, the new Dead album is a logical extension of everything they have done, well...you see, there's a few long improvisations, and there's easy to take folksy stuff for all the new fans...and then by the time the second album in the double set

comes on and things start to drag Jerry Garcia hits a damn familiar riff and Jesus Christ if the whole band doesn't play the hardest sounding Johnny B Goode since the Steve Miller Band backed up Chuck Berry in 67...things go uphill from then on, and it sounds better the second time.

The album should be titled The Grateful Dead Play Hard Rock...and they play it as good as anyone else. The new Dead album and the Allman Brothers' live album are the only two indispensable sets I've heard yet this year, no doubt about it, everyone has to hear them once. ONE LINER QUICKIES. It's an American institution to save time and space by ripping off a quickie, so:

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY: Rod Stewart.. Buy the first Rod Stewart album, or Gasoline Alley...the reason

Stewart's new album is more famous is because it's very commercial and elementary shuck as compared to his two previous discs.

MOMENTS: Boz Scaggs. Steve Miller fired Scaggs back in 69 because Scaggs is a better musician, it's obvious on this album. The songs on Moments are in a Frisco Latin bag (Santana with horns) and there's nothing bad about that at all.

THE OSMONDS. This is a real classic all right, but what happens when Donny reaches puberty and loses his little high pitched voice? Really, try and read the liner notes on some tyke's copy of this album, they are hilarious... "Donny never has a bad thought about anyone..." etc. You come away from the Osmond's album and Bobby Sherman seems almost Byronic in comparison, the comedy disc of this year at last.

Speak Easy

by Gary Cochran

Q. When the Beach Boys were asked about drugs, they said no way, they do meditation. What's that? (R.G.)

A. Under the guidance of Guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Transcendental Meditation has emerged from the Himalayan Mountains where it has flourished for many years. Its followers say it promotes inner peace, self-understanding, and god consciousness. T.M. is popular among college students throughout the U.S. and many campuses have local chapters.

Q. What's the digging behind Lawrence Hall? (Dormie)

A. That is the beginning of parking lot "F". The new lot will have sidewalks and lighting, making it safer to park your car and expect the tape deck to still be there when you return. Robert

Baughman, Business Manager, hopes it will also relieve the overcrowded conditions in Reed lot. Dorm students should park in the new lots, opening up Reed lot to visitors and faculty. Facility should be completed soon.

Q. Is it possible that I. Kochel is putting off the students regarding their requests or is he uninformed or just uninterested in their continual annoyance? (P.Oed)

A. Maybe, doubtful, and possibly, in that order.

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