

Editorial Opinion
**Equipment Lacking;
 Snow Build-Up Results**

Behrend Campus is lacking many things. These include such things as a reader-printer for the library, some unlocked doors to the Dobbins Hall parking lot, 24 hour visitation, and even possibly some brains or the stomach to get these essentials.

Someone, somewhere along the line must have received the notion that the Behrend Campus now possesses all the essentials for its operation. Whether or not this person is at University Park, or in our own Administration Building remains to be seen; the problem is that Behrend is sadly lacking in materials to effectively handle the problem of being a university campus.

What Behrend needs utmost at the moment is some adequate snow removal equipment, a better designed student parking lot and some steps that are unlocked to get to that parking lot. The powers-that-be must think that the sun always shines and the birds always sing in Erie and at the Behrend Campus. Such must be the case as the maintenance staff is limited to equipment that is barely sufficient to keep the first foot of new fallen snow off the sidewalks. Any snow that remains is left to turn to a foot of ice which may melt by this May.

Parking lots are sore points also with anyone who owns a car. They could almost be compared to the Everglades in that many people have been known to drive in and never return, such is the depth of the snow that has accumulated because there is no adequate equipment to remove it.

It is a case in point to never mention the Dobbins Hall parking lot to a resident student who owns a car if one values his life. Even if it were possible, which it isn't, to reach the lot, it is nigh unto impossible to drive out. The driveway has been designed so it can double as a Gran Prix race course and also effectively prevent maintenance from keeping it plowed out so that students can utilize it.

Conditions are so bad that Security doesn't even have a shovel to clear its own steps. Let alone have enough to go around so that a shovel can be kept in the Security vehicle to be used by students.

Hopefully one of these days someone will see their way clear to procure or allow to be procured the necessary equipment so that Behrend can function as it should instead of hampering everyone with roads and parking lots that are worse than the public ones.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Berk:

In reply to your questions, I make the following statements, general, but accurate:

1) as of February 4, all twenty-seven units in the Language Laboratory were able to record at both speeds and the output from each head set was clear and able to pick up keen reception from all inputs.

2) prior to February 4, all equipment was overhauled and as of that date was in excellent condition.

To avoid any further delay in answering your questions, I would suggest that rather than through the Letters to the Editor column, you and or your committee and or a Collegian reporter stop by the Instructional Services Office (Behrend 119) at any time and you may point out individual problems and I will attempt to explain and or correct them. This will assure you first hand answers and give you the required newspaper coverage.

Sincerely,
 Thomas J. Doyle

Dear Students:

We the Inmates (Men) of Huntingdon State Correctional Institution have formed a fund raising committee consisting of 11 men and aided by prison population.

This drive pertains to a young black girl named Sheila Parrish, who has been stricken with Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE), which is a disease that has caused this young girl to have involuntary muscular spasms, also, she can neither walk nor feed herself.

There is a feeling within each man and woman confined to prison whether outwardly or not, that he or she would like to be recognized as a human; human beings, we feel our cause here is human and hope that our actions in starting this fund drive will make society look twice at what they see. But we all realize we have wronged a nation's law; Sheila has not. Still she is as caged as we are today, and unable to live a normal life... unless someone helps.

We would greatly enjoy seeing her walk, talk, smile and be a

happy child. Only money can help Sheila do these things we take for granted as everyday occurrences.

Help us inmates who are human-help another individual who happens also to be human, and in need of brotherly love.

Sincerely yours,
 The inmates of Huntingdon
 If you are at all stimulated by this letter, please feel free to help.

CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF SGA. THANK YOU.

Dear Editor:

We would like to know why the roads are not in better condition.

The entrance to the campus, when there is snow, is barely passable. You would think that the entrance would be the first place to be plowed. Since the road to the RUB parking lot is an incline and to enter it you must go up a hill, there should be a large covering of ashes on the ice to prevent your vehicle from sliding.

Why aren't these two problem spots taken care of as well as the walks on campus are?

Sincerely yours,
 A concerned 1957 Chevy owner

**Community Data File
 To Organize Services**

by Bruce Behringer
 Guest Writer

Much has been said of late about the duplication of services by our governmental units. Many tasks performed by our city governments are also performed, to one degree or another, by the county, state, and federal branches. This phenomena occurs not only in government, but also in a variety of other arenas, be they social welfare agencies or educational institutions. The left hand just does not know what the right is doing.



Bruce Behringer

This is becoming true of our own little institution, Behrend Campus, especially in the area of community services. One problem I have encountered throughout my internship as coordinator of community services has been that of gathering information from a variety of sources in order to find out exactly where community services are at Behrend. Bits and pieces of information have been gathered from seemingly endless sources in order to attain a fair analysis of our commitment. No one person or office really has a vast amount of data concerning community involvement. This is, to say the least, a situation in which the paradox of the duplication of services and the loss of enthusiasm for community involvement (because of lack of direction) is the result.

My solution is to create a community data file (CDF). Inputs into the CDF will come from a variety of sources who have knowledge of Behrend's

service. Include: Coordinator of Community Services (or the person or office which follows up my efforts), the deans of student affairs and academic affairs, the files of COVE (data about the student volunteers), data gathered from the community information sheets distributed to the faculty, administrators and student organizations, and information given by interested students.

The CDF will help solve the problems mentioned. The completed CDF will function primarily in five areas.

1) It will include resumes of past, course-related campus involvement.

2) It will include a collection of the personal community involvement of many administrators, faculty, and students.

3) It can eliminate duplication through the monitoring of present and future service. Activities and then recommending that groups or individuals with similar objectives coordinate their efforts.

4) It will provide a source of information of existing activities for groups or individuals who would like to become involved.

5) It will provide a pool of data and names of individuals or groups who are or were involved in community services in a particular category (ex: ecology).

Any person interested in contributing time or information to the Community Data File should contact Bruce Behringer at the Student Affairs Conference Room in the Administration Building.

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**Events
 Of The
 Week**

Thursday, February 17
 Coffee House "Kathy and
 Jon" - RUB - 9 p.m.

Friday, February 18
 Coffee House "Kathy and
 Jon" - RUB - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 19
 Commonwealth campus
 students conference on
 "Preview of University Park
 Life" - 101 Chambers Bldg,
 University Park - 11:30 a.m.
 - 4:30 p.m.

Basketball (Altoona) -
 Erie Hall - 3 p.m.

Coffee House "Kathy and
 Jon" - RUB - 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 20
 Road Rallye-Erie Hall - 2
 p.m.

Movie "The Fox" - RUB - 7
 & 9 p.m.

