

Letters to Editor A Final Thank You

Dear Editor,
It has recently come to my attention that a valuable member of the Behrend College administration staff has been asked to leave his position. Perhaps now is the time, as never before, to give this man the credit he is due for his tireless work, his dedication and most of all his humaneness.

I remember when I first came to Behrend after two disappointing years at another college. What I was looking for was a second chance, a chance to prove myself in a college to myself. At that time, I was officially "unacceptable" as a student in the Pennsylvania State University system. I did not have anything to offer "on paper" to the University. Ken Goetz gave me my second chance, the chance that I, and so many other students that he has helped, needed. He did not know me before I came to his office but nevertheless the humanity in the man understood my problem and he did all he could. Now two years later, I have gained acceptability in the eyes of the University system, and am one term away from a successful graduation. Now is the time I find to offer public thanks and appreciation to a fellow human who cared to forego the rules in an attempt to help.

Thank you Mr. Goetz, thank you from myself and all the other students you have cared enough for to help them with their academic problems.

Sandor J. Vargyai
10th L.A.

Dear Editor,

I feel I must speak up for the silent majority of people whose rights are being infringed upon by a number of egotistical, irrational incompetents who inhabit Behrend College. I am speaking about the smokers.

These walking smokestacks don't give a damn about anyone other than themselves. Oblivious to the no smoking signs, their foul, obnoxious smoke fills the classroom to the point where one is expecting a foghorn blast. Nonsmokers in the room develop such adverse physical reactions as acute inflammation of respiratory passages and lacrimating eyes. Nausea, bloodshot eyes, and an intense hatred for smokers also develop. Not even Fels Naptha can remove the reeking smoke odor from clothes.

Everywhere the smoker leaves his mark: cigarette butts, matches, matchbooks, ashes, cigarette packs, or a cloud of smoke. His smoke pollutes our lungs. His litter covers our land. It is his hacking cough that stings our ears; his constant sniffing that slowly wears away our patience; his garbled speech we must decipher when he talks with a cigarette between his lips.

Just as we swat the mosquito that tries to harm us, so we must also swat this purveyor of the filthiest habit in the world.

When that smoker lights a cigarette next to you, look him

squarely in the eyes and say: "eat my smoke flavored shorts."
Anonymous

Cure Found

Dear Editor,

Women of Behrend College I must have your attention! The last time a guy came up to you and asked you for a date were his hands and forehead perspiring? Did he talk incoherently? Did he exhibit nervous tendencies such as muscle spasms or temporary amnesia? Did he look at the ground while talking? Could you see the veins in his neck bulging with each excited heartbeat? If the answer to these questions are yes, then that young man was suffering from Ineeda datus. This dreaded disease affects only men who are about or in the process of asking a girl out on a date. It arises from a sense of anxiety caused by a fear of the girl telling him to drop dead or hit the road. It leads, in later life, to heart disease, high blood pressure, ulcers, and impetigo. But you women can help cure these young men. Instead of waiting for a guy to ask you out and have him develop Ineeda datus use your calm, cool, tactful feminine wiles and ask him for a date. Your help will ensure the continuation of a healthy population of male human beings.

Peter Grant

Overcome Parking Retard Pollution

Us! Yes us! Everyone reading this article. Have you noticed a difficulty in parking this term? In recent years Behrend's parking space has been expanded and consequently decreased with the growing number of vehicles. Each and every one of you has a responsibility as drivers of an automobile. You are the only hopes for solving the problem which confronts us.

A group of Behrend students engaged in a project concerning Behrend's traffic problem and its effects have come up with some asserting and distressing figures. A survey conducted for two days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day has provided some upsetting conclusions for

Discover ROTC Opportunities

Since many of the students of Behrend College are here for only two years and must transfer to the Main Campus in their junior year, many of them miss out on ROTC. Most of you aren't aware of the opportunities available in the two year ROTC Commissioning program.

An Air Force ROTC Admissions Counselor will be here at Behrend College on October 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the upstairs hallway of the Reed Union Building to talk to all interested students, both male and female.

its participants. Out of 612 commuters a startling 86 per cent drive automobiles to Behrend everyday. Out of this 86 per cent a shocking 70 per cent of the cars were designed large vehicles, while the other 16 per cent of the autos were compact. Accompanying this is the fact that, in a two day span a total of 1,815 vehicles entered Behrend with a total of 2,127 people. Proof that the majority of the vehicles had no more than 1.1 persons per car. Only 124 students entered Behrend via bus, a mere 1 per cent of the commuters. Also calculations presented us with 21 walkers, 20 bicycles, and 6 motorcycles, minute percentages of commuter traffic. Eventually commuters will overcome parking areas and new facilities for parking will have to be constructed. This can only lead to an increase in parking fees.

In 1970, 280 million tons of carbon monoxide polluted our air along with other vehicular emissions. Where did all this pollution come from? It came from you and me. We are the culprits and there is no getting out of it.

To err without feeling is certainly forgivable, but we now have proof of endangering our last breath. Take the bus, form a car pool, or get a horse. A little inconvenience is certainly worth it for the ecology of our environment.

Editorial Opinion

Participation or Desertion?

Last Thursday's Gove Scrivenor mini-concert could have been held in a closet and still have enough room for men's and women's restrooms. With figures still pouring in, the unofficial attendance count was listed at 31.

The question which immediately pops up is why such a well-publicized event only drew 31 (or was it 32) people? Maybe the label "mini-concert" doesn't appeal to students. Or possibly they believe that since the show isn't being held at the Warner Theatre, the performer can't be too hot.

Whatever the case is, the Student Union Board and other campus organizations are getting pretty disgusted with student turnout for their sponsored events. If the kids are thinking that since a small school like

Behrend is bringing in these entertainers because they couldn't get booked anywhere else, they're wrong.

Gove Scrivenor played two nights after the Behrend fiasco at Duquesne University, a much larger institution which could afford to bring in more expensive acts. Gove has also opened the bill for people like the Allman Brothers and Neil Young. He doesn't get to play those shows because he knows how to pour flea powder on his dog.

The Rock 'N Roll Revival which played at the Warner and was as well-attended as a Saturday gym class, is scheduled for appearances at New York's Madison Square Garden, Boston, Philadelphia, and the rest of the major East Coast cities. It isn't some humpty-dumpty act like many Behrend students believed. So what else is new?

The same attitude was present last year when a comedy-satirist troupe, The Portable Circus appeared on campus. A grand total of 48 people showed up for this act. The next night, The Portable Circus played at University Park. What's this about no decent entertainment at Behrend?

The kids who did go to the Gove

Scrivenor concert will tell you that he was absolutely great. He's a very talented musician and a genuinely funny person. Gove was warmly received by everyone there and it's a shame more people didn't come to see this first-class performer.

The Student Union Board would like to continue to bring in acts of Gove Scrivenor's caliber and would do so if there was some spark of interest on campus. Unfortunately, their budget is being raped by this non-attendance at scheduled events so the only alternative is to trim off some of the planned activities. No protests please.

On October 21, the Mac Frampton Jazz Trio will play on campus and a similar scant audience will force the SUB to slash its budgeted events. Let's see if Behrend can do better this time.

Pros & Cons

...great student turnout at the Gannon soccer match this past weekend — "we've got S-P-I-R-I-T!"

...evaluation of RA's happens this week...???

...two full buses will be leaving Behrend Saturday afternoon for the trip to Niagara Falls.

...Lawrence Hall has been running out of pillow cases on linen day by mid-afternoon.

...a new discovery: kids at Behrend like to dance; the autumn weekend dance was a success.

...Capt. Weitz, Skylab I astronaut, receiving the first Behrend Medallion.

...again Lawrence Hall seems there's no cold water.

...dorm council in Niagara doing a fantastic job selling donuts. (while making us fat)

...only five weeks left of fall term!!!

Who's Who To Be Filed

Any junior or senior who would like to fill out an application for Who's Who should do so by Friday, October 12. Applications should be turned into Dean Betsy Seanor in the Student Affairs office.

Career Tapes Available

The Career Development and Placement Center at University Park received a grant last winter term from the Penn State Foundation to develop a series of audio-taped descriptions of academic majors at Penn State. Part of the funding was to provide a library of the descriptions and a tape recorder for each Commonwealth Campus. Descriptions of 86 majors have been completed and some of the audio-cassettes are being prepared at this time.

We are now in receipt of 9 of these tapes at Behrend College with the expectation of the remainder to follow. These tapes currently available on specific majors include Astronomy,

General Agriculture, History, MER Option in Human Development, Management, Agricultural, Civil, Electrical majors in Engineering, and Foreign Service and International Politics, Pre-Law, Public Service, and Political Science majors in Liberal Arts.

Students and faculty are particularly encouraged to use this information access system for the purpose of developing a better understanding of what a particular major is all about and its career implications. For further information please call at the Career Development Center, Room 134, in the Behrend Science Building.

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A free introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be held in lecture room 101 Behrend Building on October 16, at 7:30. The meeting will define and explain Transcendental Meditation while at the same time familiarize the audience with the TM method.

THE AVERAGE 5TH WK. STUDENT

