

Editorial Opinion

Complaints And Pleasures!

Editorial: Random Paragraphs on becoming executive editor:

Writing is an art. All too often art tends to be empty expression. It is there, it is pretty, it is nice to look at, it does nothing. Art can inform, conform, and reform. This column will serve as a forum, to discuss and solve complaints and pleasures here on campus. They should be and hopefully will be, your problems and concerns, good or bad. I will attempt, as that is all I can do—attempt—to make the problems worth reading about and get the problems solved. Create-construct-perfect art.

On the commuter coffee crisis: 'As of the last SGA meeting the coffee crisis alone is now too small a subject to talk about. It seems a showdown is coming

between hungry students and Mr. Finley and major changes in the whole food service organization is being called for. Thanks for the letter though (buy a thermos; in the long run it's cheaper).

Onecology:
This will be short because we have all read about as much as we can stand about ecology. (Bi. Sci. we love you, really). As we look around us, we should see a cleaner Behrend College. How does it look?

On an earlier editorial:
Dear Rosa: Perhaps I can clarify a few things for you and other people about that editorial. I do not believe that in love a person becomes vulnerable but that he wants to be vulnerable. I agree, people have to know themselves first and often this gets in the way of people. Also, we must understand that hurt does

not always mean harm, people who love absorb the shocks, that hurts, of those they love. In this kind of relationship, there can be no harm, only a continual growth of the relationship. OK?

Here I must talk from many roles at once. Word has reached me, second hand of course, that there has been some question about the way try-outs were organized. The officers who had to serve on the casting committee as well as try-out were not all that happy about it either. But that was how it was. We were as objective as we could be and the final word was Mr. Selco's. This is the way he works his auditions. If anyone has any complaint about the results of the try-outs they should talk to the people involved, not around us.

Till next term, good luck, peace and think snow!!

Councils View on Drugs

Starting with this issue of the Collegian there will be a series of articles relating to various drugs. These articles are supplied by the Erie County Drug Council in an effort to give information regarding rehabilitation agency referrals, legal and illegal drugs to the students.

Methaqualone releases inhibitions and can be psychologically and physically addictive. With prolonged abuse of the drug, a person will build up physical tolerance that will produce severe withdrawal symptoms when use is discontinued. This may result in delirium and can produce a near coma state without interfering greatly with pulse, respiration or pain response. Methaqualone is particularly dangerous when used in conjunction with alcohol. Used together abusively the two drugs may restrict respiration and cause death.

The amount of methaqualone needed for an overdose does not increase correspondingly with a user's tolerance, so that while it takes increasing amounts to reach the same state of being "stoned", the amount it takes to overdose remains the same. Heavy users, eventually may get to the point where they overdose before they get off.

METHAQUALONE

Sopors and quaalides are common names that refer to the drug methaqualone. It is a non-barbiturate hypnotic sedative, useful in the treatment of insomnia. Doctors prescribe it as a sleeping pill or tranquilizer. Methaqualone had been promoted and described as being completely safe and non-addictive drug.

The effects of methaqualone are very pleasurable. Unfortunately, they can also be very dangerous. Especially so if you've been led to believe otherwise, or are not aware of the dangers.

Millions Die From Deadly Air

Millions Die From Deadly Air. Such a headline is indeed possible at the rate man is polluting the air. Although the topic of air pollution has been stressed so many times in the past, people still do not realize the potential danger it possesses toward all mankind.

Air pollution itself is defined as: "contamination of the air by waste products from the activities of man." Some of the more major sources of air pollution are chemical plants, iron mills, smelters, and power plants, with the number one cause being the automobile. As a result of these contaminants, man is faced with problems of crop destruction, metal corrosion, paint chipping and discoloring, and moreover danger to human health.

In the area of vegetation, man faces a financial, as well as physical, loss from air pollution. Data taken from a 1969 Air Environment Studies of PSU reports that \$3.5 million was lost in direct crop destruction while another \$8 million was used in the substitution and relocation of crops. The major pollutants which cause the most harm to

plants are oxidants (ozones, PANS, nitrogen dioxide), sulfur and lead oxides, and particulates. These pollutants cause the leaf tissue to collapse, with a reduction in chlorophyll due to discoloration as well as a reduction in growth.

Pollution has a marked effect on human health. The respiratory system is most affected with bronchitis, emphysema, and lung or esophagus cancer often occurring. Sulfur oxides, the major pollutant from steel mills, can cause allergic reactions, and auto and smokers' emissions may cause defects in brain functions by producing dizziness, nausea, brain fatigue, memory loss. As most people know, the common site for cancer is in the lungs. Smoking and sulfur dioxide, the major contributors, interfere with the cleaning process of the lungs, and thus the chances of cancer are increased.

Our own city of Erie has a clean Air Committee which has been influential in combating air pollution in the past. They brought forth the "No-Burning Ordinance", which allows the people in the city to burn only on Saturday between 9 and 5. But as in most cases, there are many violators because of the difficulty in enforcing such a law. Erie can be said to be a comparatively clean city (as far as air quality goes), because much work is

being done to purify the air. Yet in the near future, a steel mill will be constructed near the bay. Whose benefit is this mill going to be for if our air is affected?

Food Drive Next Week

Well, it's Thanksgiving time and that means it's a time to be thankful for all the things that you have been provided with. But what about all the people who have nothing? Some students at Behrend have been thinking about this question and have decided to do something about it.

A food drive! Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, November 12, 13 and 14, Behrend students along with students from Gannon, Mercyhurst and Villa Maria will be going from door to door to all the houses of Erie and Wesleyville collecting cans of food. The collection will be given to the Charities Offices in Erie who will distribute them to needy families.

What can you do? They need cars and workers. Just come down to the lounge in front of the mailboxes in the RUB on any of the nights mentioned and give a hand.

If you have any questions please contact Candy Bosch in 145 Perry Hall, 899-9064.

Something Different

Sat. Nov. 10

Upstairs RUB 1-5 p.m.

First Annual Craft Festival

Featuring:
Candle-making,
Macrame,
Ceramics,
Leathercrafts,
and More!

It's FREE!!

Coming Soon!

Ice Skating Rink at Basketball Courts by Perry Hall

Sponsored by Keystone Society

Pros & Cons

...Behrend College's police and safety service is once again the security department.

...the eternal dryer in the Lawrence laundry room has finally flickered out.

...this is the last COLLEGIAN this term.

...something is finally being done about the poor cafeteria services on campus.

...think snow.
...the Halloween party in the Niagara recreation room was a great success.

...a beautiful queen and handsome king crowned at Homecoming.

...one more week of classes left of fall term.

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