

EDITORIAL OPINION

Attention Student Affairs!

by M.A. Chircuzio Executive Editor

Soon that cold winter will be here and resident students will be grounded. Their tails will be frozen by that white stuff on the ground. On the other-hand, some ingenious students will find their way to Peek'n Peak or to hockey games. Weeknights will even be spotted by dormies sliding down any snow covered hill on a Dobbins Dining Hall sled...tray, that is. Streaking might be fun. Toboggan parties on the ski slope could be a great time too, as long as the ski slope is not the new library. For others, belly slamming on the driveway at the front gate (to see who gets to station road first), would be an appropriate game. Don't hit the new wall, it might crumble.

Now about commuters... I witnessed a petition calling for a student vote on the existing Residence Hall Visitation policy. It seems that the Senate Rules and Regulations pertaining to resident visitation policy has been grossly misinterpreted. The

petition called for support from the commuters to instigate visitation revision, to call the present policy to student referendum. I hope that after consideration, these commuters who have signed the petition will not be too upset when I say, Commuters have no voice in the world when it comes to resident policy. The Senate Rules and Regulations do not include non-residents, furthermore, I hope commonsense will tell you that policy of this nature is only justifiably changed by those who must live under it. Isn't it absurd to think that residents of Behrend would try to effect any policy change governing commuters, of course it is! I also understand that the petition which was being circulated was not sanctioned by any organization recognized by the University. The Senate Rules and Regulations also state that any change to occur in visitation policy must come from the resident government. In this case that government is the Joint Residence Council (JRC).

Two years ago the JRC petitioned the Office of the Director for policy change. The amendment was reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs. As a

result a committee was formed of the Office of Student Affairs, JRC, the Residence Co-ordinator, and a representative from the Resident Assistants. Negotiations, and finally compromise were the results of that committee meeting. The present policy is the result of that meeting.

The answer to the visitation dilemma is to channel all support through the Joint Residence Council. They are the backbone of united residents.

Dean Lane, Dean of Student Affairs, was noted as saying at the time of those negotiations two years ago that no further visitation revision will be accepted at Behrend while certain administrative personnel held positions at Behrend. In other words, over the dead body of the Administration! I hope it doesn't have to come to that! He also indicated, during the meeting, that afternoon visitation during the week needed some investigation and could possibly be feasible.

I also hope that the Office of Student Affairs will accept that revision in visitation policy as being necessary and essential to ensure a peaceful winter term.

Search for Volunteers

The Radio Talking Library, a service to the visually handicapped of Erie County, is seeking student volunteers to work one evening a week reading the evening newspaper. The evening newspaper is presented live from 6 to 8 p.m. every weeknight to bring the blind and visually handicapped the current items of local and special interest that are not covered in regular television and radio news presentation. No special talent or experience is required of newspaper readers—only willingness. The newspapers are read in the Radio Talking Library Studio at WQLN on Rte. 19. Any student interested in volunteering may contact Mrs. Mester in North Cottage for more information or call Bill Frazier at the Radio Talking Library (368-4654).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I don't believe in defending laziness, or apathy which is what I feel certain members of the SGA attempted to do at the October 7 meeting. There were claims that student exposure to the Constitution was very poor and that none of the students understood what they were voting for or against. Since the amendment won by 20 votes and close to two-hundred students voted, I will assume that these students are all fools. (Only a fool would vote on something he didn't understand). One SGA member believes that students should be forced to pay attention to issues pertinent to them. It is my opinion that anyone 18 years old should not be forced to do anything. If

he or she is too lazy to ask questions about issues concerning him, he deserves whatever treatment he gets.

Granted, I did not see the amended portion of the Constitution displayed in what I would consider a prominent place, but this is a matter of interpretation. The amendment did appear in the first issue of the Behrend Collegian in full and it is my personal belief that if it had been used for wallpaper, student response would have remained unchanged. Voting this year was at an all time low. The results of the voting are indicative of the perverse apathy of Behrend students. Also it IS a perverse kind of apathy which is expressed when students don't give a damn about changes which affect them. If students didn't understand the amendment or what it would mean to them, they should have asked questions. Remarks like: "Why don't SGA meetings take

place in the RUB Lecture Hall?" are asinine. If students won't go to the lecture hall for entertainment, do you really believe that they will go there for SGA meetings? I think not. Personally, I believe that as long as students don't attend meetings (regardless of where they are held) voice their opinions, or lend support, the SGA is a fat waste of time and a showcase for assorted activists, egotists, and loud mouths. I can count on one hand the SGA members I believe are honestly attuned to the needs and desires of the students they represent.

At the meeting I heard words like NO ONE, NOBODY, and NONE. All beginning with the letter "n" and all carrying negative connotations. I voted and I am not a fool. I understood the implications of my vote so right away, these words are inaccurate.

Rosa Myers

Star Corner

by Rosa Myers

NOTE: this is the first in a series of signs to be covered each week. VIRGO-August 24 thru September 23

The individual born under the sign of Virgo is the servant of mankind. These people must serve. They make excellent teachers, lawyers and nurses. They are of discriminating

natures possessing keen minds and often good mechanical abilities. Most Virgoes are slender, small to medium boned people with fine features containing points of delicacy. They have attractive hands which are well cared for even among the men. Health problems revolve

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ability to quickly put together the audience's requests. Lennon and McCartney's "Blackbird" was one such number in which the twosome produced a well done arrangement with some pleasurable vocal variations. Midway into the first set, the audience was graced with a solo. Connolly put out a very fine impression with the Old English folk song, "Green Sleeves." In continuation, Larry won the hearts of his captive listeners with an original tune about a "kid and a candy bar", during which his facial expressions brought a bit of reality and comedy to light. The partners, back together again, introduced a very emotional original composition entitled, "Rain Sea Sweep." Actual visions of rain were apparent in the timing and pattern of the arrangement which gradually made way into David Crosby's "Lee-Shore" a fine selection for closing the first, fervent set.

The second set consisted mainly of solo performances. Chris Laughrey was first in the spotlight, performing two very fine pieces. He did justice to Joni-Michell's "The Urge for Going" in that his masculine voice once again maintained the flow and glide at the proper times. "Barney" a Canadian folk song proved to be the saddest number of the evening; in lyrical preciseness, "the sadness—it cut through me." Chris made way for his partner who selected another original classically themed composition. Some "beautiful" guitar work was involved while Larry felt out more precise, expertise picking techniques. The duos relationship with the audience gained weight as they offered a "sing-along." The eager audience quickly responded to the original, satirical approach to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was a fun moment enjoyed by all.

One of the best put together songs of the evening was a melodious original, written by Laughrey. In this soft, sweeping number, a strong emotional quality was expressed by the special feelings tenderly available in an original composition. Pete Seager's, "Living In the Country" along with another original, "Ode to Blue" again showed the duo's ability in emotion and preciseness. The evening performance of Christopher—Lawrence, came to a graceful finish with Tom Paxton's "Where I'm Bound" proving to be an excellent song to say "good-bye."

The emotional, mood-setting aura produced by the talents of Christopher—Lawrence was quiet appropriate to the surroundings. A strong foundation to the performance was aided by a well balanced repertoire as well as the genuine attitude of the musicians. With performers such as Chris Laughrey and Larry Connolly, the Coffee House apparently has a good thing going.

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