

EDITORIAL OPINION

Now It's Your Turn

by M.A. Chircuzio
Executive Editor

Last week I received my first reply to one of my stirring editorials. It's about time. I can't believe that in my past writings no one has been insulted, degraded, irritated or incensed. So I owe a great deal of thanks to Amy, although she is wrong. Maybe people think that their words will burn the paper? Some have come to me and said I'm full of s—. I sure wish they would write about it.

I said you were wrong because I feel you may have misunderstood me. I'd like to clarify the matter. I am happy to see that some students would take the

initiative to instigate change. But as I have said, there are those students who can help you achieve change. My editorial came out well after the petition had a chance to aspire so I feel that my efforts to inspire student involvement had no ill effect on their efforts. I hope you can now see that what I wrote about was not too far off when I said there are those students who know how to get things done. Further, if the petition had been in the right hands, action would have most assuredly occurred.

I have one big regret. Amy Loeffler is on the Collegian staff. If any students could muster up enough energy to write to the paper, I might vomit. The ex-

citement would drive me up a wall. I couldn't imagine actual replies to editorials that make sense, have nothing to do with what student feel are important or that even stink. Get your a--s out of the ditch and bite—. My head is tired of trying to dig things up to insult inactive people. So what I've just done is to answer myself, everyone must be inactive, inactive people wouldn't let me tell them they're "dormant", "ignorant" and now I'll assert, "You are boring me, fellow students and probably you're walking around telling everyone how bored you are." I've got some big news for you...you ARE boring!!!
Happy birthday Paul

Little Green Men Have Arrived

by Paul Corbran

There have been some reports that there were some small, greenish people seen entering the Reed Union Building at a little past eight last Wednesday evening. Word has it that, after a few moments, they came back out, mumbling a few disgruntled bleeps, and entered a silver disc that was parked in the visitors parking lot. This story might sound loony but it just may be true. Our friends were probably annoyed at the fact that they, and about one-hundred and thirty "earthlings", were turned away from the Reed Lecture Hall where a capacity crowd enjoyed a lecture, by Mr. Stanton T. Friedman, entitled "Flying Saucers are Real". The hall was packed with people representing all age groups. There were even some Behrend students attending.

Mr. Friedman spoke, for over two hours, on a variety of collected data pertaining to UFO's. The speaker presented his subject superbly and held his audience well. In the two hours that he spoke, just a few, if any, people left before he was finished. His fact filled lecture was riddled with small humorous breaks, which made the time seem to fly past.

Topics ranged from large-scale

investigations into UFO's to the possibility of man ever achieving interstellar travel. The evening included photos of different "flying saucers" and statistics proving that many of these objects are, indeed, extraterrestrial visitors.

Stanton T. Friedman is a nuclear physicist with both Bachelors and Masters degrees attained from the University of Chicago. He has also had fourteen years experience in the development of advanced nuclear and space systems. He has lectured, on UFO's in over forty states and Canada and has appeared on numerous radio and television shows coast to coast. Articles of his have appeared in publications ranging from the National Enquirer and SAGA magazine to Physics Today.

In an interview with Mr. Friedman, he was asked how he first acquired an interest in "flying saucers". "I read a book," he replied, "then fifteen more. Then I joined a few groups." focusing on the study of UFO's. He has been interested in the subject for fifteen years, lecturing for seven, and working full-time on it for four and one-half years. He has received very little public opposition and, in his past lectures, he has had a total

of only five hecklers.

In the lecture itself, Mr. Stanton presented statistics from investigations such as Project Blue Book special report no. 14 and the Condon report. From these, and others similar, unidentified flying objects were separated into three different categories: 1) Sightings of phenomenon by an observer which is unidentifiable to the observer but identifiable after long, technological investigation. 2) Sightings without sufficient data. 3) Reports, by competent observers, which remain unidentifiable after investigation and also which behave unlike anything possible from earth. In both investigations, even though reported as less, the figures of third category sightings were over 30 per cent.

Mr. Friedman pointed out that many sightings aren't reported because of fear of being ridiculed. He also mentioned four reasons why authorities haven't "jumped on the bandwagon" of UFO's, they are: 1) Ignorance - they don't know the data. 2) "Laughter Curtain"-fear of ridicule. 3) Ego - authorities won't admit that there are beings more intelligent than man. and 4) Failure to understand - behavior observed as impossible by man is disregarded.

"Man advanced, technologically, in great strides in only the past hundred years. Is it not possible that another civilization might have started its technological advance just a few hundred years before us?" were

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It is my sincere belief that I and an excess of one hundred students and Erie residents experienced the ultimate in educational deprivation. It is one concern to be ignorant because of a lack of opportunities to advance one's intellect, however, to seek the benefits of a given opportunity and be denied is beyond my range of understanding. I am speaking of the scheduled lecture on Wednesday, October 16, entitled "Flying Saucers ARE For Real" to be presented by Stanton T. Friedman.

I was utterly shocked and appalled to hear Mr. DiFrank explain to the people waiting in a line which extended through the second floor of the RUB, down the stairs and through most of the first floor, that they may as well leave, seeing as how there was no

more room in the hall. I have never before heard a more absurd reason for denying people of attending a lecture. I now must seriously consider the type and quality of education I, along with 1500 other students, are receiving here at PSU, Behrend. Is Behrend merely an educational factory or an institution at which one may further their education? I fail to see the reason why the lecture could not have been moved to the gym. Athletics is indeed an integral part of receiving a well rounded education, however, I'm sure that the people who are accustomed to using the gym on Wednesday evenings would sacrifice their privilege for one night. There was no event scheduled for that evening. If people were truly there to hear the syllabus of the lecture, they wouldn't have minded sitting on bleachers or on the floor. Behrend College cannot possibly expect to become a college independent of the Penn State University system, if there isn't even a room on campus that can't facilitate a gathering of over three-hundred people.

It would be most unreasonable on my part to place the blame for this most unfortunate incident on the shoulders of Mr. DiFrank or the SUB, however, who will bear the responsibility now and in the future? I've read the SGA's and Behrend Collegian's complaints about student apathy, and rightfully so, however the one time people do support an activity, they are turned away.

Sincerely,
Doma Jarlenski

Do you want a turkey for Thanksgiving and have no idea how you can afford it? The athletic department has a solution.

There are going to be two cross-country races; one for male students and one for female students. Each person will put one dollar into a pot. The winner of each race will win a turkey. Dorm students may have their turkey cooked at Dobbins Hall.

To enter see Coach Lauffer between October 28 and November 1. The race will be run on November 6.

The race will cover a good part of the campus, approximately two miles for the men's race and a little under two for the women's.

SGA Blasted By Reporter

After several abortive attempts by first V.P. Dave Scypinski to adjourn the ninth SGA meeting held this term, Rosa Myers, Collegian staff reporter, voiced an opinion: she felt that the meeting along with being a lousy one, showed a lack of organizational morale and gave evidence of the factions which have formed within the SGA.

"There are many things which should be said and are not being said," she told SGA members. "I would like to know what the SGA wants to do. I have nothing to report, nothing to write. I'm tired of coming to meetings which accomplish nothing. I want to know; are we going to work together or are we going to remain diversified and wrapped up in our own special interests?"

Alan Kirk attempted to answer Ms. Myers by relating to her the fact that Behrend being the type of college it is, can only accomplish certain objectives and that individual members can only represent the students they were voted in by. When asked if he felt that the resources at Behrend are responsible for the lack of direction exhibited by the SGA. He feels that student input and interest is low and this in some way prevents the SGA from taking certain actions.

Alan's attempt to answer Ms. Myers' question proved unfruitful

and after twenty to twenty-five minutes of dialogue had elapsed between Mr. Kirk and Ms. Myers, Jaye Beebe who had sat quietly listening, leaned forward and suggested to Alan that he make concrete motions instead of wasting time becoming enthralled with the sound of his own voice.

After this stinging comment, Zack Dalesandro, and Dean Bainum (who had also sat quietly listening, except for one emotional moment when she let loose with a choice Anglo-Saxonist expression) suggested a list of six items to be tackled by the SGA: visitation, alcoholic beverages on Campus, the sign on 190, a Campus map which could hopefully become a project of the MTE class, a proposed mural to be executed by students on designated RUB walls and a library complex.

Various SCA members were assigned to research the areas all of which were touched upon by students during the course of the meeting.

The gathering of officers became a veritable brainstorming session in which students began to evaluate themselves in terms of the organization and the student body. Barbara Jolly suggested that the constitution be amended again in terms of the succession of presidents. It is her

belief that the president should be voted in always. "If I was staying here next term, I would run for president," she related. Gina Myers, second v.p., defended first v.p. Dave Scypinski, feeling that the suggestion was perhaps a slur on him. But some members were in agreement with Barb and like Barb felt that the SGA might be in need of some "new Blood."

Exhibiting wrath never before expressed at any SGA meeting held this term, a red-faced Barb told Darla Berkey she was sick of hearing about what happened last year in the SGA.

"This is this year," she stated. After a couple of heated remarks exchanged between the two of them, Darla Berkey left the meeting and did not return.

Frustrations, tensions, angers, resentment were partially aired. But the organization has apparently decided to "become" and not merely to "be".

Notice: The Behrend Collegian is everyone's paper, not only the editors. A lot of hard work is required from all staff members and we, the editors, want to compliment these members on their work. It is evident that many reporters feel detached from the actual publication and work of the Collegian. If anyone is interested in our procedures or has any questions pertaining to the publication then please feel free to attend any of the weekly work sessions, held Tuesday evenings in the Collegian room.

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