

EDITORIAL OPINION

Quad College Unity

by M.A. Chiricuzio
Executive Editor

Note: It might be helpful to the reader to read the letters first.

I attended my first SGA meeting of the year Monday night, and frankly I was impressed. President Jim Armstrong ran a very good meeting. One of the topics for discussion was the formation of the quad-college unity (Behrend, Gannon, Mercyhurst and Villa Maria). The discussion was mainly centered around the idea of coordinating concert activities between the four colleges. I seem to feel that there is a much more important and useful reason for this unity.

In the city of Erie, students are having quite a long summer vacation. The striking teachers in Erie have bounced back and forth with negotiations on their contracts. So the question arises in my head is this: Of the supposedly graduating classes in the

city schools; what will happen to those who anticipate going on to college. Many of those students bound for college will be attending Erie area colleges. A couple of other questions need to be posed; they are this: How many of these students are forced to work for their tuition; if city schools will make students go to school this summer, where will this tuition come from? If no tuition can be earned, what will happen to area college enrollment?

The anticipated action of this quad college arrangement should be to form or draft some type of statement to the press urging the end of the Erie teachers strike, however eloquent. This I think would be the least of actions that quad arrangement should undergo.

Dear Mike and Mark, thank you for your letter. With a 14 point deficit, most teams would expect a long pass. Enough said. Change

the paper in your parakeet's cage and once again thank you for your response!

Dear Ms. Hykes, I'm glad to see that you feel that even though I may not be the best writer, mechanically, but at least I'm glad to know that some of my material is thought and discussion provoking. I hope I interpret your meaning correctly. On the matter of your information pertaining to my revolutionary ideals. Where did you hear that I was a revolutionary of the sixties (even if you say "at heart"). If you refer to the philosophies of those rallies and protests, the emphasis was on the spontaneous action of numbers or masses, if you wish. Further more, action was not directed through established channels. I have continually stressed the importance of proceeding through these channels which will best satisfy the most need.

Rosa, I'm disappointed.

by Michael J. Woods

Young Socialists Invade Behrend

The Young Socialist Alliance has invaded Behrend! As many students have noticed, Behrend has been visited several times recently by a group of young people soliciting quarters for their brief newsletter expounding upon the platforms of socialist candidates throughout the commonwealth. Tuesday, through the encouragement of our executive editor, I had the pleasure of interviewing a member of the Young Socialist Alliance, Mr. Andy Nakrin. He presented me with a coherent outline of his parties policies and the impetus behind them. Through this article, I hope to enlighten the readers of the Collegian as to the relatively obscure alternative to the tradition of the two party system. The Socialist Workers Party, (supported by the Young Socialist Alliance) is the organization to which I am referring.

Before examining the basic socialist ideology, one must temporarily suppress their dominant cultural values to afford themselves an objective look at a political system which is still novel to American political thought (and to some revolutionaries). "In general, socialists view our system as being too concerned with matters of private gain and too indifferent to the matter of social welfare and good for all of the people" was Nakrin's reply when he was asked to encapsulate the party ideology. But that is antithetical to our entire capitollistic system, you say. You couldn't be more correct. The socialist platform espouses a system which proposes a public ownership of the now profit oriented super corporation; the reallocation of all defense monies into areas such as education, socialized medicine, welfare, and various training programs; the abolition of wage controls (which hurt only the working class) and the institution of "cost-of-living" clauses in all union contracts; an end to the suppression and oppression of all groups within our society. Mr. Nakrin also spoke of the successful action of the SWP relative to these issues, "We have obtained an injunction against the sexist abortion bill passed in Pennsylvania which restricts the rights of women to exercise their own free choice and also we are in the process of suing the Watergaters, through which action people such as Richard Nixon have been forced to testify and secret FBI documents have been released to the public."

These FBI documents which were released, uncovered many facts and innuendos regarding the covert activities of this exclusive executive branch of the government. They set up a group of goals which sought to "...prevent the coalition of militant blacks, prevent the rise of a black Messiah, and to prevent black nationalists from gaining 'respectability' within the community..." and all of these through blatantly unethical means. They have disrupted campaigns of all minority parties and sought to discredit prominent members of groups which stand in opposition to the dominant political modalities within our society. This evidence stands and awaits only your evaluation.

For all those interested Ms. Roberta Ickerr, the SWP candidate for governor will be speaking at the YMCA on West 10th street, on Thursday, October 31, at 8pm.

I present this information to the students of Behrend not as a political plug, but merely as a bit of political background for those who have not familiarized themselves with this alternative ideology. I still go through much mental turmoil with regard to my own political ideology and probably will continue to do so for a duration of time. My only hope is that this article brings our whole system into prospective. I'm damned glad about being able to write an article such as this, and our country is one of the only ones which could afford me this opportunity. I feel this nation has more potential than any other on the face of this earth, and I hope to see this potential actualized. We are a powerful nation—we need only to channel some of this power to be the benefit of all Americans. Your right to vote is your power within the system. Don't forget to exercise your rights. Vote on Tuesday, November 5 for your chosen candidate.

Letters to the Editor

Ms. Myers Counterattacked

Dear Editor:

I must say I am more than a little disappointed with Rosa Myers' coverage of the October 21st SGA meeting. "Ms. Myers" is obviously on a private ego trip, making herself out to be a gossip columnist, not a reporter. Her only coverage of the meeting consists of slamming Dave Scypinski, Alan Kirk, Barb Jolly, Darla Berkey and calling Dean Bainum a racist. There is no reporting here, only a re-hash of petty bickering.

"Well," "Ms. Myers" might say, "That's all that went on." But while everybody is arguing about how apathetic the student body is and how no one ever gets anything done, a small group of students has organized a Biological Involvement Organization (BIO) on campus. You may not have seen it in

Rosa's article, but these students presented a Constitution to SGA on October 21, and it was approved. Let's hope that these interested students will be able to achieve their ambitions.

Lots of people complain about apathy; some only see what they want to see. Others do something about it.

Gary Mohr

Sincerity

Dear Executive Editor,

So you want us to get our asses out of the ditch and bitch? Well, like Amy, I too am a member of the Collegian Staff and I have only this much to say: You are one of the biggest do-nothings around. You sit on your behind and write the editorials (which refer to as "stirring" while the very paper you write for is

in dire need of reporters. But you won't get down off your high horse and even help report on some of the happenings on campus. Who's really apathetic? You held your office hours in the cafeteria last week. I've heard some of the staff tell about the lousy time you put in on Tuesday nights. But I am writing for me, Rosa Myers. I think you're just a big bag of wind. Why don't you clean up your own corner first? A wise man once said: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." I think you've got a pile of rocks sitting right on your very own desk.

It's not me who is boring. I'm one of the best damn writers you've got on this paper and I am also one of the creative ones. What I can't give in time, I give by way of good reporting and creative ideas. It won't be you who will be vomiting, it will be me—not from excitement but disgust and all over your desk.

With utmost sincerity,
Rosa Myers

Chauvinism

Dear Executive Editor,

Perhaps it's not that our students here at Behrend "High" are not apathetic. They're probably all sitting at their desks straining their little minds to interpret the double-talk, poor sentence structure, and words that have no relation to the context (by their definition) that riddled your last editorial. I could give you examples, but I believe such atrocities should not appear in print twice. (Once was too much!) I guess either you need to attend the writing clinic, or else you were more right than you realized when you said your head is tired. Your grammar is not my main concern, though it would be easier to reply to something we could understand and specifics rather than generalities.

I can only speak for myself. Basically, I agree with much that you say. Even when your chauvinism bugs me, I realize that it's your opinion, and all the letters in the world will not change you. That applies to almost all areas of disagreement with your "writings." The editorial, as it states in the title, is only an opinion. Sometimes, it's thought and discussion provoking. I interpret that to be its function, not to be an incitement to riot, verbally or otherwise. I also didn't realize our letters were so critical that the paper depended on them. I understand that you're still a sixties revolutionary at heart; try to understand that we have other concerns, too. In other words, yes, we may be apathetic by your standards, but frankly, I do what I can and I'm sick of hearing about apathy. Just find a more worthy case to get on and get off ours!

Muriel Hykes
P.S.—I think the JRC is doing a great job! They deserve some recognition. Why didn't SGA have any of the advertised committees' applications available??

Repent!

Dear Editor:

In regards to the recent editorial by Mr. Chiricuzio concerning the problem of violence at Behrend, we wish to point out the hypocrisy of his remarks. Mrs. Chiricuzio was a member of a flag football team. Flag football is supposedly a non-contest sport, however, the Space Kiddettes with Mike Chiricuzio at the helm decided to change that. With a 14 point deficit most teams would elect to throw a long pass in order to make the score respectable, but Mr. Chiricuzio and company chose to run off tackle, striking all those in their path. This was an unnecessary act of violence as well as one of ignorance. Why not practice what you preach, Mr. Chiricuzio?

A subsequent editorial dealing with Mr. Chiricuzio's disgust with the lack of replies to his editorials is only understandable. Anyone this opinionated would be in need of a rational point of view as well as a psychiatrist. It is hoped this letter will prove that point of view. The majority of your editorials are so dull, Readers Digest would refuse to publish them. We lined our bird cage with them and our pet parakeet fell asleep!! As for your opinion that the students are boring, we can only say that the semi-intelligent scribbles you call editorials do not deserve to be dignified with a response.

Respectfully,
Mark MacMichael
Michael Kahl

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