

EDITORIAL OPINION

Problem

by Paul Corbran
Executive Editor

White flakes dropping into a field of cotton dotted with leafless trees. Red cheeks surrounding jolly smiles. Tightly bundled children armed with sleds and mittens. Ahh, it's wintertime again... YECHH!!

The worst part of winter is having to drive in the snow and Behrend doesn't make it any easier. In the parking areas and on the roadways the snow that is plowed uncovers a layer of ice. The exits on the middle lot are especially bad because of the incline. The plowing of the lots, when it is done, is the poorest that I've ever seen. A large number of the parking spaces are only plowed halfway to the edge of the lot. You almost have to be a stunt driver to get between the car when the lot is filled. Commuter students have to pay \$7.50 a term to use these parking lots and are still forced to go through this same trouble every winter.

Snow removal on the walkways is another problem here. Last week I noticed that one of the paths from the parking lots hadn't been plowed for two days. I, for one, don't care much for walking into class with snow up to my knees. Here again, when they are plowed, I seldom have to lift my foot to get down the hill to the

parking lot. I'm sure that the university could afford us a little more safety in this respect.

Improvement could also be made in an area of the Audio-Visual department. The collection of language tapes leaves much to be desired. I myself have found the Spanish tapes are very poor. This not only hinders the student's work, but also hurts their grade, in some cases. Students who have homework papers have credit taken off, by some instructors, where the tapes made it impossible to answer the question. This has been a problem all year and there is no excuse at all for it occurring in an institution such as this.

It has been brought to my attention that two students from Behrend had been ejected from a local hospital late one recent evening. It seems these gentlemen were working on some project having to do with attitudes of nurses and decided to walk into the hospital at 11:30 at night. Interfering with the nurses' duties, they were asked to leave numerous times, and finally had to be escorted out. Anyone who plans projects, such as this, should contact the appropriate officials beforehand and I'm sure that they will be most willing to help.

Visitation Rights Reviewed

by Rosa Myers

A reliable source told me that back in 1969, Randy Kenkeand started the "fight" for visitation. At that time, the women stayed in Niagara and the men stayed in Perry. The women could visit the men, but the men couldn't visit the women. This seemed ridiculous to my source because he said if you made a date, the woman had to run over to Perry and wait for you. Visitation was from noon until six on Sundays only. When visiting between the sexes took place, the door had to be open. "You couldn't put anything in front of the door and the guy had to have both feet on the ground." I didn't want to believe that part, but it did make me think that if you had anything else but conversation on your

mind, you had to be pretty creative. I didn't mention this though; I just thought about it for a few seconds.

During 1970-71, there was no visitation at all. "You had to sneak in," my source told me. "I bet there was more shacking' up then than there is now, because you had to wait until it was really dark before you could leave. You had to be in by midnight during the week and by 2 a.m. on the weekends or you were locked out. A head-count was taken every night, just like prison; it was sick." And then we talked about a couple of other colleges, one in particular where the men and women take their meals separately. Which brings me to Mark Russelberg. He is a member of the Student Affairs Committee which is composed of

himself, SGA president Dave Scypinski, Pat Lamb, and three faculty members.

I interviewed Mark prior to term break and he explained to me that the students on the committee are in more of an advisory position with no "real power." The committee (at the time of the interview) had met twice since its formation and at the second meeting, the subject of visitation was brought up. Russelberg was not present at the second meeting, so no new proposals were voted upon.

The committee was advised to "concur with the majority and sympathize with the minority." A survey taken during Fall Term indicated that 80 per cent of the students favor privileges which would allow visitation from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Russelberg wanted the whole student body to become involved and work for visitation privileges which would satisfy everyone. He believes students must back the committee. But even so, he is hesitant about making statements concerning the direction the visitation issue will take. "For about a week everyone will be fired up, and then it dies down." He feels that if any issue at Behrend is to look or become valid, it must be supported by students. (Of the students polled, only 100 students indicated they wanted no change).

Russelberg indicated that one idea being tossed around is the possibility of having a choice of dorms, with each having its own visitation privileges. I told him that the atmosphere in the dorms seemed different to me this year, less relaxed and more uptight. He felt that there was more violence now than when people were partying last year. I asked him how the RA's felt about the present situation, but he stated that he didn't know what their sentiments were, and only offered an observatory remark: "RA's are more like whipping boys—if you don't take action (when rules are broken) you're not an RA for long." But Russelberg doesn't really know if revised visitation can help this or not.

In his opinion, it is difficult to say.

Letters to the Editor

Public Service?

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, the Erie-Metropolitan Transit Authority is in dire need of attention. Events of the past term and the beginning of the Winter Term have been bringing my temper to a slow boil.

Just the other day, I waited for a bus, which was to come at 3:57.

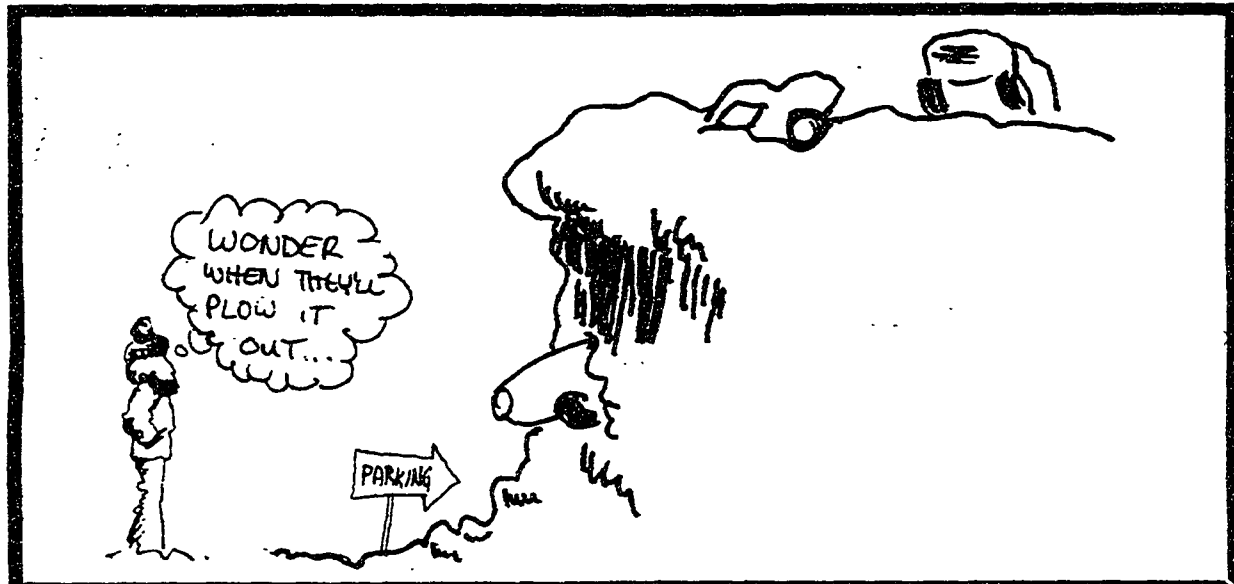
It never showed until 4:13—fifteen minutes late. Yet, the roads were bare, and the weather was perfect. It seems that the driver had stopped for a snack, which I've witnessed more often than not enroute to the downtown area.

For those of you that haven't noticed, they removed the Buffalo Road stop in front of the K-Mart. They tell you that you must get off on the corner of Nagle and Buffalo; it costs an extra five-cents to get off in front of K-Mart. Did you ever try to cross Nagle Road to get to the K-Mart Plaza, without getting hit? C'est impossible!

Not only that, but did you know that tokens are no longer recognized as tender for transportation to even K-Mart? It now costs 25 cents to go this short distance. I was smartly informed by the driver that a token (20 cents) is only good to Saltsmans road. Then, what the h— are they still selling tokens for? To look at?

And they call the EMTA a PUBLIC SERVICE??!!

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Pisces

Note: This is the seventh in a series of weekly articles.

The Pisces individual is the sage of the Zodiac. He is the wise man: compassionate, gracious and understanding. In him the traits of all twelve Zodiac signs are met in a single soul. His emotions run deep and when he has no outlet for them he is subject to depression and melancholy. Sensitive as he is to the sorrows and problems of others, he rarely reveals his own secret fears and misgivings. He is instead the pool into which others cast the pebbles of their own misfortunes.

Early in his life, a Piscean individual should be taught the value of work, honesty, and discipline. Because he is a sensual creature, he is apt to indulge too often in the physical pleasures of life. If not trained properly, he may spurn work, waste his fine mind, and stoop to using a brilliant imagination to deceive himself and others.

A positive Pisces is a joy to meet. He emits rays of compassion and fellowship which are difficult to resist. Never sitting in judgement of others, he is the friend who always lends a shoulder to cry on and believes that any problem however large can be solved when encouragement and understanding are given.

A negative Pisces abuses himself and others. He is a taker and a exploiter. Being of a sensitive nature himself, he knows

Star Corner

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how to wound and demoralize others. Seduction, be it moral or otherwise is never a joyous undertaking when suffered at the hands of a negative Pisces. He can easily become addicted to drugs, alcohol—anything which helps to distort his self-image and the world around him. He lies, procrastinates endlessly, and plays games with his life and the lives of others. This is why the symbol which signifies Pisces is of two fish, each swimming in the opposite direction: one upstream and one downstream. A Pisces can reach the height of grandeur or sink into the depths of despair and misery.

The Piscean woman is soft and feminine. She appears to be of an indecisive, almost weak temperament but this is hardly the case. At her best she is robust, cheerful, and hard working. She needs love and it always comes to her. If you meet a brusque, tough-acting Piscean female she is probably protecting a heart

which may have been wounded too many times. Men find her especially appealing because of her seemingly easy going, undemanding manner.

There is a mystical, comforting quality about the Piscean man. Women generally enjoy being near him because he is rarely demanding and can express tenderness and consideration without making a woman feel obligated to him. He is an affectionate person but his love life is often heartbreaking. He is so eager to love and be loved that he overlooks his own emotional welfare. Of all the zodiac types, the Piscean man needs to be involved with a woman. His outlook on life is often colored by the particular woman he is interested in at the time.

Some Pisceans at Behrend: Jennifer Gregor, Brian Vollant, Pat Lamb, Tim Miller, Anne Meury, Mark Borrowy, Dianne Mandel, and Instructors William Brice and Arno Selco.

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