

The Collegian  
**commentary**

**Behrend Reform**

By Jim Martin  
Executive Editor

Maybe the days past of student militancy should return, at least at Behrend. Let's get our chains, leather jackets emblazoned with "Mary, Mama and Hell's Angels" and then go abduct that brilliant graduate student recently in the news, who constructed an atomic bomb with just library book information. After that, we could demand anything by threat of destruction, from Behrend College's administration, faculty and also the administration at University Park! Just envision this: funds, monies, new and better facilities. More SGA, SUB and Behrend Collegian funds; all the activities of a major college academically and athletically. Envision these two entire, huge, bureaucratic systems stymied with turmoil. But my prognosis of the action ever taking place would never reach its first link. In other words, for any project to be undertaken for improvement or otherwise without the student backing is doomed to failure. The coordinated support of the student body is absolutely crucial today for tomorrow to arrive at Behrend College. If you are not here to help Behrend, why be here at all? Let me add radical activism produced little for the nation's campuses during the late 1960's.

Likewise, the institutionalized bureaucracy that has permeated all of Pennsylvania State University is not coordinated with each campus and Behrend College.

What has happened is a vast void between Behrend and University Park's bureaucratic systems. They have reached a crux where they are self-defeating because of the lack of coordination; it then chokes and lessens growth for both, mostly Behrend College. Penn State University is rolling and will continue. Granted, we owe our thanks for our existence (1948) to PSU, along with Mr. Behrend's generous land grant of 420 acres.

One reason this void continues is that only one-third of the commonwealth campuses constitute the senate body. It is easily understood why Behrend College and Pennsylvania State University cannot be one major educational institution for the citizens of the state of Pennsylvania.

Our forefathers said "No taxation without representation." Where might I ask are all our "Cost of Attendance for Behrend College" and other charges, such as car parking tickets going? Down to UP; but the real question is, "How come the greatest portion of these monies are not rebated to Behrend?"

This year only \$12,000 was allocated to the SGA, and that was a freak occurrence. Next year, only \$6,000 has been projected for reallocation funds for the SGA. That is ridiculous!

Returning to the student body dilemma, I label it as indigenous to begin lackadaisical, non-

committal; the syndrome of after two years just transfer the "hell-out-of-here" to UP.

Behrend College offers 18 (4 year) baccalaureate degrees. It offers numerous majors in two year associate arts degrees. It additionally offers courses that can be followed-up and degrees completed by the student at UP. (Here BC and UP resemble visible linkage of coordinated bureaucracies.)

The prognoses are student disunity, each student is diverse in his own interests and desires causing stagnation and an imbroglio about Behrend College.

The most viable instrument of the college community is the Behrend Collegian. Virtually every student on this campus has access to read this paper. It is ideally suited for service as a forum for exchange of opinion. In this capacity, it will present the SGA, administrative personnel and students with the issues the college deems important.

**SUB activities**

By Judy Reed

Are you interested in a White Waters raft trip? The SUB is sponsoring this venture down the Youghiogheny River on May 1. If any students are interested, sign up at the RUB desk. The Youghiogheny River is located south of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The cost of the trip is \$13, not including transportation to the starting point.

The traditional Las Vegas night is set to take place in the RUB upstairs at 9 p.m. on April 19. Tom Kavinski is in charge of this event which has proved to be a lot of fun in the past. The whole night is based on gambling including

black jack, card games, and craps. Play money is used throughout the evening. Admission is \$1.00 with activity card and \$1.25 without. Included in the admission price is a substantial amount of play money to last the entire evening. At the conclusion of the event the play money can be redeemed for a wide variety of prizes. So come gamble.

Another upcoming event is a dance in Erie Hall on April 23. The group at this dance will be Bullet from Ohio. The band will be performing from 8-12 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, admission being \$.50 with an activity card and \$1.00 without.

**Cleanup project**

On April 26, the BIO club and the Keystone Society will hold the annual "Wintergreen Gorge Cleanup" Project. Everyone interested should meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Nick Building parking lot. Refuse bags will be provided and don't forget your work gloves!

At the last meeting, Mr. R.L. Harris of Trout Unlimited presented two films. The first film informed the viewers on the general organization of Trout Unlimited presented two films. The first film informed the

viewers on the general organization of Trout Unlimited and also showed us the danger that many of our fresh, fastwater streams in the nation are in. The second film, "The Way of the Trout," was a beautiful film produced by amateurs which won the Blue Ribbon for Outdoor Films in 1971. The photography was fantastic and it was easy to see how it rivaled films by major producers for the coveted Blue Ribbon Award. The club would like to thank Mr. Harris and Trout Unlimited for presenting such an interesting program.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Elusive Viable Vehicles—Big 'O' Swift to Reply**

Dear Editor,

It's about time the student body got off its posterior and began to think of itself as a viable vehicle for change. As much as I disliked this past election campaign, I must admit that Mr. Woods, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Farren made it interesting and entertaining. Mr. Woods will probably prove to be a good executive. He has some good ideas and he can work very hard. However, it was absolutely necessary that he ran opposed. Since no one else would, it seems only fair that two fun-loving individuals did run. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Farren did the only thing they could do. Since no one brought up any issues (it is not the responsibility of the candidates to bring up issues), there was really no election. If this letter is making

no sense then it is fulfilling my wish.

Behrend College, Campus, Center—makes no sense. From the top rungs of the administrative ladder, this joint is populated with fools and no-brains. The only reason for the existence of this place is to further the end of the Centre County Campus. To hell with the Centre County Campus. Let'em go fly kites. Behrend College could be where it's at. The first point of action is to institute a thirty dollars a year activity fee. The student body numbers approximately 1,600. That would give the SGA and SUB about 48,000 dollars a year as opposed to the idiotic sum we now receive. The second point would be to drop out of the system which is administered from the Centre County Campus. Behrend College would then sink or swim on its own. The third point would be to have everybody who wants to be involved with Behrend College to stay and everybody else take a long walk off a short pier. Then and only then would Behrend College be a meaningful institution of higher learning. It's either that or hope for Armageddon.

Enjoy,  
Jaye M. Beelee  
Executive Editors Note:  
In my opinion, it is the responsibility of the candidates to

bring up issues and what they stand for.

..Armageddon, (in the Bible), is the place where the last decisive battle between good and evil is fought. A battle between Behrend College becoming a major college with self-derived (earned) funds staying here between Pennsylvania State University has begun. It will continue if the students of Behrend acquire some spirit.

**Appreciated**

Dear Editor:

In concern to your rebuttal to Coach Onorato's press release to the Erie Times instead of the Behrend Collegian...

I would like to dwell upon the outstanding season of one individual who was given no acclaim by the apathetic students of this college. I feel, along with the rest of my teammates, that this individual should be recognized for his outstanding achievements as possibly, and definitely in my mind, the finest wrestler in Behrend College history.

During the 1973 through 1975 seasons, Brian Vollant did the following:

1. This year, Brian, was the first Behrend Wrestler to ever go undefeated in dual meets, with a fantastic 17-0 record.
2. For the second year in a row, he

has finished, second in the tough Ashland Tournament, and third in District 18.

3. Also, for the second year in a row, Brian competed in National Competition at River Falls, Wisconsin, and Sioux City, Iowa, both years he advanced his way to the quarter-finals before being eliminated.

4. Brian has ended his last two years at Behrend with overall records of 20 wins—6 losses, and 25 wins—4 losses.

For his career as a Behrend Wrestler, Brian now holds the following CUB wrestling records:  
Career Wins 47 (1972-1975)  
Season Wins 25 (1974-1975)  
Career Pins 19 (1972-1975)  
Season Pins 8 (1974-1975)  
Career Points 160 (1972-1975)  
Season Points 78 (1974-1975)  
Longest Win Streak 18 (1973-1975)

My congratulations, along with my teammate, to to you, Brian, on your success as Behrend's greatest wrestler ever. Brian—not only will I miss you as a wrestler, but also as a true friend. I know next year will not be the same without you, but the whole squad, from Coach Onorato down, will feel your presence. One just doesn't forget someone as special as you. Thanks Bri.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Swift  
Co-Captain 1974-1975  
Behrend Wrestling Team

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