



A Word From Our President

By Mike Woods
SGA President

I wish to begin this article with an apology, an explanation, and a legitimate bitch, all invested in one event (or non-event). You may remember seeing the campus plastered with posters and flyers several weeks ago advertising a beer bust to be held that weekend. You may also have noticed that there was no beer blast that weekend—if you did you are eligible to receive (at no cost) one of the undetectable hairs on Paul Corbran's upper lip (referred to as a moustache in MOST cases) for your powers of astute observation. I shall attempt to explain the reason behind this mishap.

A battery of about six students busted their collective asses for two weeks in order to make arrangements for the blast and the "front" money (approximately \$600.00) was being supplied by these individuals (who, for various reasons, shall remain anonymous). A deposit had been made on the beerhall—oops—I mean fire hall by way of confirming our reservation, a turntable had been appropriated, and expensive sound system was being held for rental, publicity was ubiquitous, the tickets had been printed, albums of good dance music were being collected and then it happened. The Board of Trustees of the Brookside Firehall were meeting, ostensibly, to clear up some last minute details before the blast - Three Days Before The Blast. Instead of clearing up those "few minor details" one of the

members of the board "black-balled" the blast and it could not be held there. Needless to say, it was too late to secure another hall, so the blast was cancelled. I feel the actions of this board member (and thus the board) constituted not only a breach of contract (technically) but a breach of faith to the students involved, and a general "slap in the face" to the Behrend College Student Body whom I feel are generally quite responsible. To this one board member, I made a snide gesture: tongue between lips and blowing hard. To the diligent students who gave of their time to provide an activity for the Behrend Students and funds for our organizations, I say "good job, thank you, and we'll do it this spring for sure."

It's time to talk politics. I won't ruin this discussion by interjecting any of the already belabored bicentennial "hype" but this is an election year which makes it important to all of us. By the time this edition is "out", one national candidate (Marc Marks) will have already spoken here. I decided that we should sponsor this activity as a service to the student body who share part of the responsibility for electing our new officials this coming Fall. As isolated as college communities seem to become from Washington or Harrisburg, the social, structural and mostly, economic policy making which takes place, though a direct influence on all of our lives. I hope we are able to present other candidates before

the year is out, regardless of their ideologies, so everyone may have an opportunity to become acquainted with both the issues and mechanics of contemporary politics. I encourage all to register to vote as soon as possible and lets get some people into office who will do some positive things for THE STUDENT!

Well - This is the last issue for Paul Corbran as editor of the Behrend Collegian. I remember well the feeling of acute panic and nausea I was stricken with when I was notified that he had been given the position a year ago. Paul Corbran has done more single handed to bastardize the title of "editor - in - chief" than any one person ever in the history of journalism. Yes - Paul, who was once quoted as saying, after being asked how he felt about the Behrend Student Newspaper, "I think we should oughtta have one a 'dem...we could print great stuff like articles or lemons and shit..." A great Behrend legend is "passing on" (I wish) - the most notable financial conundrum ever to plague a governing body is doing us all a big favor and getting the hell out of the newspaper business. Now I would like to say a few nice words in memory of Paul but upon deliberation I find this an impossibility and shall revert to truthful reporting. Paul, you're a schmuck, you can't write, you can't talk, you can't grow a moustache, and essentially you have no right to exist! Be kind and go flush yourself - all levity aside, Paul and I have worked side by side through some difficult times with the Collegian, even as far as publishing our own "underground" newspaper last year (The Bare - End) in order to save the Collegian. Paul is a dedicated man, a serious and practical man and I know he will continue to serve the public well wherever he may reside. Good Luck, Paul - It's been a pleasure working with you and you've done a hell of a job.

I wish everyone good luck in their hours of need (finals period) and look forward to a real "get down" Spring Term - Later.



From the desk of the Editor

By Paul Corbran
Editor-in-Chief

Well, this is it—my last article as editor of the Collegian. I can hardly believe it!

It was about a year ago that I received word of being named to this position. It seems so much longer. . . I had so many new ideas then — most of which are still in that stage. It's funny how things can get away from you. . .

That first term was something! We had very few staff members left — like four or five maybe. Tom Stanger would drag a couple of his roommates down on Tuesday nights, and we practically wrote the whole paper then. After using the copy that we had and snitching news items from the bulletin boards the rest of the paper had to be written. Things like Dear Flabby, Dr. Stranglehold, Duck's Deluxe, etc. were not uncommon appearances in our little tabloid.

Gay Catania's voice can still be heard in our office. Gay knew how to bitch and she was good at it — but only when it was needed did she utilize this talent. She was everything an Editor could want in a Managing Editor — her presence there will never be forgotten.

Things looked great for the Collegian in Fall term. We actually had a staff again! Our financial situation wasn't quite as bad as the year before and we had more copy than we knew what to do with. Even now, though our staff has dwindled, we still have our "core," the people who are willing to work.

Bob Wetmore took over for Gay this year. He's probably been the most help to me than anyone in the past year and a half. Bob has a certain way about that makes you just want to strangle him at times, but without him. . .

Jay Schonthaler has been with the paper since he started here at Behrend. Last year, he was our Sports Editor and this year, he does a little bit of everything. Jay's the kind of guy who doesn't say much — but when he does it is always fitting. "Sounds good," huh Jay?

Mark Reese and Ron Wayne are two others who have been with me since I started. Mark volunteered for the "forgotten position" as Sports Editor and has done well considering he has no reporters. And Ron... well Ron is in a class all his own — you just have to know him. I couldn't begin to portray him in a sentence or two. Ron stuck with it, helped us out on Tuesday evenings and wasn't even on the Editorial Staff until last term (work, work, work).

These are the people who stick in my mind most. I can't forget people like Carol Mantsch and Amy Snyder either — their help has been invaluable. The photographers, whom without which this paper would be far less. Mike Kaveney, Ron Strike, our money-makers (?) and the whole Collegian staff. . . I would just like to take this time to thank all of these people and everyone else involved with the paper. I thank them for helping me and, also, for putting up with me.

It's been quite an experience, to say the least! I will now hand my pen, and everything that goes with it, over to Mr. Dan McKay. God luck, Dan!

Thank you again and good-bye.

Bridgers Enthused

By Bernard Scott
Fac. Adv. to Dup. Bridge Club

The college bridge club continues its regular meetings on Monday with a four table game enthusiastically supported by the student body. It had an exciting finish with a 3-way tie for first place: Heidi Lugosch and Nancy Volk, Danny Dickson and Gene Hamilton; Randy McFarland and Evelyn Balmer share the honors.

One of the student players, Jim Beckert, accompanied by the writer, ventured into deeper waters Wednesday evening at the Erie Bridge Center. We touched bottom but it was good experience. This Friday evening, a student team comprised of Tod

Augenstein, Jim Beckert, Danny Dickson and Mike Maletto propose to display some of their newly acquired skills at a team event sponsored by the Erie Bridge Association. All evening games at the Erie Bridge Center (1221 Grant Avenue) start at 8:00 p.m. and anyone interested, even in just watching (Kibitzers), is welcomed.

The Behrend College Duplicate Bridge Club is an organization reactivated as part of the special interest series sponsored by the Residence Hall Staff and the JRC. It is open to all connected with Behrend College. The more people playing, the better the playing. Come and join us!

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The Collegian

commentary

By Bob Wetmore
Managing Editor

This issue, it's only fair to give Student Affairs a piece of the pie. So we'll pull them out from under wraps and show you the workings of the due process system of Penn State.

This due process branch of Student Affairs was formulated to protect and uphold the rights and privileges of everyone in the Penn State system, including students, staff faculty, and administration.

It can't be emphasized enough that everyone is here in a learning capacity — including Student Affairs — and it is not the University's intent to run a penal institution, but rather an educational one.

Student Affairs believes that the essence of discipline is rehabilitation, and that the burden of guilt should not follow a student through his college years.

Of course, there are two schools of thought involved in this statement, even though it does seem reasonable. Some may argue the giving a person a second chance is just that — giving him a second chance to commit another crime. This may or may not be true.

Again, Behrend is an admitted sanctity. The system believes that it can properly handle all cases of its own accord, without the help of outside authorities, according to due process. It believes that something should not be held against a student if the

situation can be remedied (such as through restitution, some form of discipline, loss of privileges, suspension, or dismissal). In other words, record of an offense is only held against a student for one term; and when the successive term begins, all records are automatically cleansed. This may or may not be the proper route.

Any questions on the structure of the system may be answered by reading "University Policies, Rules and Procedures in the Area of Student Affairs," which may be found in the white mid-section of the Behrend College Student Handbook.

And this conglomeration of statements was not plucked from thin air. It was tailored after the fashion of due process, and drawn from an actual bill of rights. But we're not concerned with technicalities. At least I'm not. And if anyone says you can't fight city hall, they're right. Maybe what we're concerned with is morals. Not due process. It's not right, and it's not fair.

I find it very hard to be dishonest while trying to imply honesty. I'm also afraid that I might fall from any high pedestal of criminal protection.

And I hope to Allah that an "outside" lawyer or convicted criminal never gets wind of a "system's" case in this, such a land, where "all men were created equal." Though, as we all know, with our system's fleet of lawyers, politicians, and

miscellaneous dirty-doers, it will never happen.

So, in another classic example, city hall will still stand. And even if the hall's roof starts to leak, there are lots of busy little people to patch-up the holes.

In so many words, we must stuff our morals and plod along. But at the same time remembering that we may visit our brother who is in jail — committed the same crime we did — but was convicted under the wrong roof.

NOTE: Any student who has any questions about the system, please contact Student Affairs in the RUB or call extension 244R. They will be more than happy to provide you with any information.



The Behrend College Library will have extended hours during exam week, staying open until 12 o'clock each night from Sunday, February 22 through Thursday, February 27. There will be no library services from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock. This is an accommodation for students who wish to study.