

As we see it

Senseless

Throughout the month of March, Behrend College suffered an incredible amount of senseless vandalism. To name a few examples of the damage:

-Wilson Picnic Grove was "spray painted"; the door to the Men's Room was literally ripped off, in addition to light bulbs and windows being smashed.

-The dollar bill changer in the RUB cafeteria was tampered with; glass was broken, metal twisted.

-The water tower, as well as the north wall of the library, was defaced with spray paint.

-Windows were smashed in Dobbins Hall, North Cottage and Erie Hall.

-Coin boxes on three of Lawrence Hall's clothes dryers were broken into.

-Smoke bombs were set off in the dorms.

-A fluorescent, ultraviolet lamp owned by the Biology department was broken.

-Dumpsters behind Perry Hall were recently set on

fire; arson is suspected. -Several vending machines were damaged.

-The sewage plant was burglarized; water testing equipment and life preservers were stolen and later thrown over the gorge.

Unfortunately, funds used to repair damages such as these are not taken from the pockets of the vandals, but rather from the college's general funds, which ordinarily would be used to sponsor student activities and events. At other times, payment for repairs is directly taken from uninvolved, innocent students, especially those in resident halls. Did you know that damage done on your floor, if left unreported, is paid for with Your deposit money?

Security officer Jeff Lang commented with regard to the person or persons responsible for the recent flood of vandalism, "I would look for one who has no sense of right or wrong." Wouldn't you?

Letters varying viewpoints

Dear Editor,

There seems to be considerable degree of hypocrisy and/or ignorance displayed by the staff of Collegian Newspaper. Somebody is not doing his/her homework concerning "Oswald's Message." This compassionate piece of ambivalent bullshit should have been subjected to significant level of intellectual criticism that I would have expected from such inquiring journalists on our newspaper staff. On the preceding day, the local newspaper published a UPI article in which Secretary of Education, J.C. Pettinger, announced that Penn State, Pitt, and Temple will seek tuition increases in General Assembly this year. I don't know what Oswald is trying to hide with his last sentence—"Bound tosome impact on tuition." The future speculative tense does not belong in a situation where the University has already taken definitive action. I certainly don't have much respect for his honesty.

I know the University has many expenditures and that costs are increasing; but I can also feel a pinch on my wallet every time I pay tuition fees or sales tax. Why don't we try to clear the air by being a little more honest with each other (University and students) by the adoption of the three following proposals:

1. Total openness and integrity by University administration concerning fiscal matters in issuance of any reports, messages, speeches, etc.
 2. Integration of student personnel into various processes concerned with formulation and policy making decisions dealing with budgetary expenditures. This also includes an adequate feedback mechanism and right to appeal "final decisions".
 3. Availability of final budget to various student publications of both main and commonwealth campuses.
- Only when these policies are fully operational can we begin to accept the credibility of the University Administration. By working together on a common problem can we begin to understand each other. We can then accept the "concern" by President Oswald as real and sincere only when he allows and directs the University toward acceptance of the above proposals. But he should act quickly, for the "age of enlightened consumerism" is now part of our reality, and we students, as consumers, will not be satisfied too much longer with just the "tuition increases" and "messages from the President" cycle.

Sincerely yours, Kevin B. Kurat 7th Term Mechanical Engineering

Bits 'n pieces off-campus

The Gannon College Student Senate is offering a spring get-away vacation at a very reasonable price. The trip is to Acapulco, Mexico's "City of the Sun", playground of international cafe society and American jet set. A frenetic night life from simple bars along the beach to swank supper clubs is complemented by great food and lots of fun. The trip includes many of the essentials

included in the low price of \$224 per person. Contact Paul Williams of the Student Senate for more information at 456-7523.

Dr. Richard Hawkins, a prominent faculty member of New York University's Graduate School of Business, will be lecturing at Edinboro State College

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From the desk of the Editor

By Dan McKay Editor-in-Chief

Now that I'm coming directly to you as I should "From the Desk of the Editor," I hope our commentaries sound more like commentaries, and not my own personal ramblings-on. If you find last week's issue in your Collegian collection (as I suspect you might) you will notice that I got lost under the "Commentary" head. It seems like some folks down here doing layouts just don't have their Heads Together, if you know what I mean. Really though, the mistake was pretty bad, because now you probably think that the editorials are just my personal opinions. Wrong. That's partly what this column

Meeting

(continued from page 1) to look into it a little." Stating that the best ideas come from competition, Mike commented that "I'd like to have two or three people running for the office (of President)."

Because of the SGA's tight budget, the request by Behrend's representatives in the Inter-Campus Athletic Trip at UP for \$180 to pay for part of their expenses was voted down. A motion by Ed Mulkern to give them \$100 of the \$574.95 left in the budget was unanimously approved. It was hoped that the difference could be made up by the Office of Student Affairs.

The SGA's proposed new constitution was previewed in preparation for the three consecutive meetings to be held next Monday night to vote on. Among the changes are:

1. Expanding the membership to 21 members.
2. Phasing out the representatives of the Academic divisions. Difficulties arose in voting for these representatives according to the old constitution.
3. Expanding the number of Dormitory, Commuter, and at-large members.
4. Creating an office of secretary. This post was overlooked accidentally in the old constitution.
5. Stripping the President of some of his-her budgetary powers.
6. Removal of the office of second Vice President.

In open business, Mike McCarthy proposed an idea to install a coffee machine next to the existing pop machine in the Behrend Building. He was told to consult with Business Manager, Mr. Robert Baughman and Fred Moser, vending machine operator, on the idea.

And finally, the case of the missing SGA typewriter was talked over, but not solved. The typewriter, a brand new Smith-Corona electric, had been missing since Spring break from its place in the BSU-JRC Outing club office. In discussing whether the typewriter is missing or stolen, Dean Bainum expressed her doubts that it was stolen by saying, "But still, nobody's going to walk out of this place with a typewriter." Information about the typewriter can be given confidentially to any SGA member. It was agreed in general that the "persons in the SGA are pissed off."

The motion for adjournment was unanimously agreed upon at 8:47.

is for. Now, more than ever, I want the Collegian staff involved in the policy making.

By the way, if you haven't already done so, you'd better check out this week's editorial. I imagine we'll get to more interesting editorial opinions on pot, fraternities, the drinking age, faculty unionization, etc., but no way till all this vandalism bullshit stops. It costs you and me more bucks.

After last week's front-page SGA article fiasco, I didn't know for sure whether I'd be back. I thought it was innocuous enough, but Mike Woods flipped out when he read it. He and I even went around trying to retrieve those copies that were distributed. Personally, I think if anyone has an idea for the hall for the next Beer Blast, that's good news. Dean Lane calmed me down with his cool humor. He said I should have entitled the article "Kochel's Kegger." Hmm... maybe I ought to try that sometime. Everything's hemp now, though. I was talking to Mr. Kochel on Tuesday, and as you can see, I'm still around.

Despite some last minute shakiness, last Saturday's Beer Bash was really great. Pond Production, Bowling Lane Enterprises, and the JRC. really put on a good time. Vertical Union played some good rocknroll. People there actually asked me if I was going to write an article on it! Cut me a break, huh? I need to party on, too, every once in a while. A little bit of paranoia was evidenced by the small number of kegs. Nothing could be done about it, I guess, but crowd more bodies

into the rooms. Of course, I wouldn't want to party in my room if I could help it.

The word from Bowling Lanes Enterprises is that the next Bash may be outside of the RUB, possible with a band more into soul to facilitate dancing. I'm sure that too, will be very good, too.

Wow, I am almost overwhelmed by all the enthusiasm and new faces around here. I wish they would come to layout though!!! Joe Kozek makes his Collegian cartooning debut below.

The cartoon staff, non-existent when I took over, is really shaping up. Betsy Choder is really ranking out the print on sports. And Alx Calfo makes his first appearance on the staff with an admittedly very short article on the Spring Arts Festival meeting. He'll be covering the candidates entered in the Pa. primary. Also, he's working on a light feature on one of his favorite hobbies. We still could use more folks covering news and the business staff needs help selling ads to get this debt off our back.

I was glad to see a letter, however critical, in the mailbox. Actually Kevin Kurat has a point. Well editorialize on this problem a little later. Why don't you start writing a letter to the Editor (that's me??) Wouldn't you at least like to see your name in print? I almost forgot its April Fool's day. I guess I should say something about it. Well, April Fool's day comes but once a year, so we put out mast head on upside down. When you think about it, that isn't even funny....Well, we'll try harder next year.

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