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commuter cafeteria is presently run by the school, not at the user's convenience, but at the management's profitable convenience. People should not be told when they can eat lunch. They should be able to sit down and enjoy a decent, inexpensive meal when they want to, either morning, noon, or night.

"Another point I'd like to stress is the current wave of vandalism. Although vandalism can be found at any institution, public or private, it has increased at an alarming rate here at Behrend. These deviant and malicious acts must be stopped. If elected, I plan to form a sort of "student vigilante" group to seek out and squelch completely this juvenile behavior.

"Although the question asks for specific problems, I feel there are a few difficulties that must be overcome to develop Behrend into a flourishing college community. One of these difficulties is the fact that many people walk around daily, not giving two dog biscuits about their fellow "Behrendites". This can be rectified by simply scheduling regular social events appealing to

most of Behrend's 1600 students."

Question: What experience do you have that would qualify you for the presidency?

"My qualifications include attending practically every SGA meeting during winter and spring terms of this year as the Student Representative at-large. I served on the Beer Blast committee and I'm presently involved in revising the disciplinary code for next year. Serving as executive director of Bowling Lanes Enterprises, I helped extensively in organizing the Behrend Bash.

"By being active in the SGA, I have become rather familiar with the "ins and outs" of student government policy. I feel that Mike Woods did a superb job this year and I hope to continue his fine rapport with the faculty and administration here at Behrend next year. I have also been extensively involved with WBCR by helping it progress from a mickey mouse set-up to a full fledged radio company. Finally, I plan to work closely and effectively with my vice-president, Mike Pond in accomplishing those goals set before me by next year's students.

The Collegian commentary

The library has a multitude of problems. For one thing, students do not use it as much as they should. This, however, is due to the fact that the acoustics are bad in this facility, thus, noises tend to be amplified. Also a reason for this lack of use is the fact that faculty members do not plan their courses often enough with use of the library in mind. A suggested reading list of materials pertaining to the course, (these materials, of course, being located in the library), would help in this area.

Another disadvantage is that students are not instructed in how to use the library. If students were more aware of what the library has to offer, and how to take advantage of these resources, perhaps they would use the library more often.

The Behrend College Library has a better collection of books and resources than most students

think. 40,000 volumes and 500 subscriptions isn't really all that bad for a college the size of Behrend. The students do not utilize what they have available to them, the reason is that they really aren't aware of what the library has to offer. According to Mr. Stiffler, Director of the library, students should be taking out an average of 15 books a year. But this is not the case, as students usually take out an average of only 8-9 books a year. Again student awareness of the library and its functions through some kind of course or program, (perhaps it could be included in English I) would help with this problem.

Another big problem is that the audio-visual department and the library should be combined. At the present time, they are operating out of two separate buildings. The audio visual

department is located in the Behrend Building, and the library is located in the Reed Union Building. Combined, the students would have better access to the audio visual materials. However, this problem will be altered with the completion of the planned academic complex.

The library has many problems, many of these will be solved once the new complex is built, but in the meantime, more interest on the part of the faculty and staff in making students aware of the library and what it has to offer, and a little consideration and tolerance on the part of the students will help. If we all work together, perhaps we can solve some of the problems facing our library. Why don't you go and check out the library and all the advantages (academically and socially) it has to offer? You may be surprised at what you find!

Prisoners seek aid in freedom fight

By Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki
Hundreds of thousands of political prisoners—men, women, and children throughout the world—are tortured and languish in jails and concentration camps. Their crime? Writing a dissenting opinion in a newspaper. Or being a member of an "opposition" political party. Or being active in church. Or being related to someone who speaks the truth when the government thinks truth is subversive.

In an article which appeared last year in MS magazine, Rose Styron, poet and board member of Amnesty International, reports that the treatment of women and children is frequently more painful and degrading than the treatment of men.

In her account Styron lists details that are as sickening to type as they are to read. But the facts must be known because we are the only hopes these women have.

Sytron writes: "Women are raped by a succession of military police and jailors. They are forced to watch their husbands and children being tortured or killed before their eyes; they are threatened with the abuse of kin if they refuse to sign the false confessions prepared by their guards. They feel the babies still in their wombs being shocked with prods, until the babies die or are born malformed. Women who deliver while in jail often die themselves, treated savagely during childbirth.

"In Greece, following the military coups of the past decades, young girls were strung up and displayed night after night with rods pushed up their anuses. In Chile in 1974, torturers inserted mice into vaginas of women prisoners; they burned the

women's nipples, and branded pregnant bellies with a Z (for junta's White Book accused the Left of concocting a 'Plan Z').

Although it repulses and angers me every time I read these barbarous accounts, it also makes me more determined to struggle for the human rights of the "voiceless." Currently, Group No. 102, the local chapter of Amnesty International, is working to release Ani Irnanti Nandang, a women political prisoner in Indonesia.

Ani Irnanti was arrested in 1969 for allegedly harbouring a prominent army officer, Supardjo, in her house for several months. Supardjo was one of the officers involved in the attempted coup in October 1965. Ani Irnanti has been detained for six years and has not been formally charged.

Ani Irnanti is the wife of Ir Nandang, a junior officer in the Indonesia navy and an oceanographer, who was sentenced to 10½ years imprisonment on the charge of harbouring Supardjo.

Before her husband's trial in 1968, Ani Irnanti was called for questioning by the naval authorities and explained that she and her husband were unaware of Supardjo's identification. He had been introduced to them as a friend of a friend who was needing accommodations in Jakarta. Neither she nor her husband every belonged to any mass organization nor were they politically active.

Ani Irnanti was not charged at the time of this questioning. Instead, she was arrested the following year without any indication of the reason for her detention. As far as we know, she has never been interrogated.

Apparently she has been in prison for six years because she did not report her husband to the police.

Ani Irnanti experiences stringent detention conditions in Bukit Duri and is denied visits from her family.

Please send courteously worded letters to the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C. asking about Ani Irnanti and requesting them to pass on your enquiries to the relevant authorities in Indonesia. If the Embassy does not reply, write to them again in a few weeks and remind them of your interest.

If you would like more information on this case and others, please call Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, Pax Center, 345 East Ninth Street, Erie 459-8349.

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raise money are: have a book co-op, or even take over the book store (they do this at Gannon and Edinboro); establish a pub for students over 21.

That brings me to another problem: this isn't a four-year school; there aren't enough 4-year programs.

There's not enough student input. I think there should be a student review board for any kind of administrative action against a student. Also, there should be a student representative at any meeting, perhaps one elected by SGA.

Another problem is the parking for commuter students. The obvious answer is to build another parking lot, but in the interim, I don't think that Behrend should ticket anyone for parking on the grass. If a student pays \$7.50 for parking, there should be places to park. And the parking fines are ridiculous!

Another problem I think is that advisors should take a course on how to be an advisor. For the dorm students, I think each dorm should decide their own curfew, and if they don't like the curfew in the dorm they're in, find another dorm.

I guess there should be more money-making entertainment because I think it's the biggest problem. I'd rather see a student pay \$5 a term to get people like Gregg Allmann here rather than putting quarters in the jukebox to hear him."

Question: What experience do you have that would qualify you for the Presidency?

"I've been going here since 1966 and off and on. I started out here when there were little barns out here. And I think that though the school has gotten larger, there's just more students here that don't care. That qualifies me, I've been here a lot and I know most of the instructors and the people in the administration building. I'm more acquainted with the problems here."

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