

Letters

varying viewpoints

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "A Word From Our President," printed in the Sept. 16 issue.

As a woman and a psychologist I take issue with two of Mr. T. Clyde's statements: (1) "that a mature (my emphasis) woman is capable and legally permitted to become ripe with new life," and (2) "This being (infant) is depending on one woman. If she (again, my emphasis) goes wrong: a criminal or socially unadaptable creature may evolve."

In actual fact, any female who has begun menstruation, and some women begin at age ten, can become pregnant; and, as far as I know, no test for emotional maturity need to be passed before she becomes impregnated.

Perhaps, Mr. T. Clyde meant to include the word "physically"

mature which would have made his statement more precise and correct?

Also, in regard to his second statement, I would like to refer Mr. T. Clyde to the book, Biological Parents, which states that often the biological mother is not the best person to "mother" the child.

The best "mother" is he or she who has the emotional capacity to administer to the child's emotional needs, which suggests that at times the father, better than the mother, may have this capacity.

Finally, I'd like to add that in my experience as a psychologist the child who is adjusted is he or she who has both parents mutually share responsibility for the mothering of their child.

Thank you.

Cordially,
M. Koschier
Counseling Psychologist

Dear Editor,

In a recent editorial, Kurt Cavano said that the Behrend security force uses the B. F. Skinner approach to parking (give tickets to people parked illegally, withhold grades if the fine is not paid, etc.) Actually, most psychologists, including B. F. Skinner, believe that reward is more effective than punishment as a means of controlling human behavior. If the security force were to use the B. F. Skinner approach, they would reward

Dearest Dr. Hall,

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to you for your interest in my last editorial. You, being a Professor of Psychology, are a slightly more reliable authority than myself in the field of operant conditioning. I wish to apologize to Mr. Skinner for

Dear Editor:

It seems that there is a minority here on campus that endorses a constitution of apathy toward sports and plenty of partying. It somehow seems appropriate that they call themselves the Freaks Unlimited for Campus Karma. Through their choice of a name, they gave themselves a personality tag. Their statement is also quite reflective of a group that would give themselves such a name. Listen, Behrend students, to the philosophy of F.U.C.K.:

They said that the spectators at a sports event don't care about the game at all. Let us ask this: If they don't care, why are they there in the first place? They also have the twisted impression that a team's morale cannot be uplifted by fan enthusiasm. Obviously, they have never had a pat on the back. (Perhaps they were never worthy of one.) At any rate, for the normal person, a bit of praise for the slightest victory (not necessarily in sports) has tremendous reinforcement qualities. In the same thought, a bit of condolence is uplifting in that it assures the player that

people for parking legally rather than punishing them for parking illegally. For example, they could place a coupon on the windshield of every car which is legally parked. Then, when a person had collected a certain number of coupons they would be good for a free movie or a free hamburger at the RUB.

Dr. Eleanor Hall
Asst. Professor,
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P.S. Faculty get parking tickets, too.

missing his form of operant conditioning. Nonetheless, I stand corrected and now wish I had paid better attention in Psychology 2.

Sincerely,
Kurt E. Cavano
Executive Editor
P.S. I'm glad.

others sympathize with him, he is not alone. Isn't that the true spirit of spectator sports? They also stated, and we quote, "Furthermore, supporting the team may be rewarding to them, but we really couldn't give a f— whether we win or lose, for that matter, even play the game." It seems pitiful that this small group of people feel they have to use a strong four letter word to give strength to their otherwise weak argument. For them it may be a relevant philosophy, but we venture to say that to the majority, it is not. We can, however, understand why they harbor this belief. After all, could we expect more from minds that prefer to be "High" than within their senses (another comment on the basis for their statement). Remember, also, that they are not athletes. Athletes prefer simple praise for victories rather than pier (sic) praise for perversions. At any rate, all we ask is simply that they don't include us in their burnt out philosophy.

F.S.S.B.
(Fans for Student Support at Behrend)
(names withheld)

Dear Editor:

The other night, we witnessed an occurrence that made us doubt the fact that we are in college. A group of "jocks" got together and decided to scare an individual because of what he expressed in his letter to the editor last week. We are not cutting anyone down by the phrase "jock," because we do admire athletes and the position they represent.

But a typical "jock" is on such an enormous ego trip that they consider themselves to be the greatest. These "boys" are only so long when they are in a group. We understand that fact that they want to defend themselves, but a more civil manner would have been appropriate.

The point is they acted immaturely and violently. They had no right to do this. They were crude, rude, and ignorant. These "boys" were so immature, that

they shoved a female out of the way when she protested against their violence.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. This person that did express his feelings in the paper, represents only a small fraction of the people who feel the same way. We feel that these so called "athletes" better grow up and

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to the "interesting" letter-to-the-editor which appeared in the September 23rd issue. It was the one signed F.U.C.K. My initial reaction after reading that humorous prose was that he should have added the word O.F.F. Offensive Farce from the Fountain pen.

Suzy had a very valid point by stating that the team does need our support to "come out on top." Apparently the author of that letter has been too busy throughout his lifetime decaying his brain cells, to be in a situation where the support of fans and friends could make the difference between a win or a loss.

I'm not condemning the partying aspect of college, but there is a time and place for everything. I don't care if this junior Shakespeare would rather be getting high instead of watching the game, but he should remember that when the team loses, the entire school gets tagged with the loss.

My final comment is that at least I have what it takes to sign my name.

David Jordan
Photo Editor
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Chem
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs,

Today at the bookstore, my friend and I were asked to remove our coats (as all people who go there are also). I don't feel that any store has the right to treat it's customers like potential shoplifters. We are innocent until proven guilty; I can't imagine them asking this of older adults. The bookstore tries hard to monopolize the sale of textbooks on campus. They could at least treat the student populace with some respect, after they make their fast buck off us.

Gerald Spaulding
1st term
Liberal Arts

To The Student Body:

I am forming a literary magazine for interested writers to publicize his or her work. You do not have to be Edgar Allan Poe to submit your writing; everyone's work will be considered. This is a chance to have your writing appreciated!

The literature will include poetry, verse and short stories, however, the magazine need not be confined to these areas.

I am also interested in you if you're a person who enjoys organizing club activities and for typing. The magazine can also use artists to draw illustrations. If you have any ability to offer the literary magazine, you are welcome. More information can be obtained by contacting Diana Lynn Kimmel - Perry Hall - Room 258. The first meeting will be held Thursday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Hall (RUB)

Diana Lynn Kimmel
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learn the better values of life.

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From the desk of the Editor

By Dan McKay
Editor-in-Chief

Listen. All those letters on the left side of this page might as well not be there if people do not respect other people's right of expression. Sure, we welcome all letters, no matter what they say. Of course we stick to our policy of printing all letters uncensored. This, I believe, is one of the biggest services we can offer our reading audience.

But apparently some people who took offense at a letter in last week's edition, could not confine their displeasure to written words, as the authors of this particular letter did. Instead they displayed it to one of the authors in the showers of first floor Perry.

Maybe some people "get their rocks off" on this sort of retaliation, but I was outraged when I first heard of it. I have always believed in fighting fire with fire, and I think there is some truth to the saying that "the pen is mightier than the sword."

"However, you may feel about what the members of Freaks Unlimited for Campus Karma wrote in their letter last week, I seriously doubt that you would like us to start censoring your letters. At any rate, it is the LAST thing in the world I would do.

If the type of violence that followed last week's letter should follow some of today's letters (and there are a lot this week), what choice do you leave us?

I'm not saying that we're going to start any censoring bullshit; just advising you that in order to ensure your freedom to express your views on this page, you had all better respect the freedom of your fellow Behrendite, no matter how much you disagree.

After all, what is there to prevent you from writing your own letter explaining why you disagree, or maybe even agree, with a previous letter? Certainly not me. I am firm in my belief that cool heads must prevail.

One prudent word about style. Although we obviously print words which were once considered "obscene," they may detract from your message. Used properly, though, they may embellish your letter with pizzazz (pissass?), so I suggest you check it out before you drop it off here in the Collegian office.

Please, no more violence like this stupidity in the shower. I would very much prefer peace, love, and don't bogart that joint, friend.



As I See It

by Kurt Cavano
Executive Editor

By Kurt E. Cavano
Executive Editor

I don't have one issue that I wish to talk about this week but rather I have a lot of little things that need said.

First of all, I must say that I caught quite the pile of flak due to my last editorial. I hope there are no hard feelings but...

I would also like to clarify the fact that: letters to the editor that are printed on this page in no way reflect the opinion of the editor. This is pointed, in particular, at one of the letters printed in last week's Collegian. I personally disagree totally with what was said concerning the sports programs here at Behrend, but is the Collegian's policy to print all letters submitted.

There seems to be a little or no interest as to whether the name of Collegian is changed. If you have any ideas for a new name or would like to see it remain what it is, come down and let us know. I personally would like to see it remain the Collegian but there is some other sentiment as to some more "appropriate" title. If you

have any feelings at all let us know about them.

There are still a few openings for chairpersons on the Student Union Board. If you have any interest in having a voice in what activities are programmed such as movies, concerts, dances, etc., and would like to take an active part, see Mr. DiFrank at the R.U.B. desk, or come and see me. We all have the information and would be more than happy to talk to you about it.

This next paragraph is dedicated to T. Clyde Kennedy. As president of the S.G.A. you are in charge of distributing the funds that we were allotted to Behrend by Penn State for all the clubs and organizations. The programming of activities at Behrend is virtually at a standstill due to the fact that you are procrastinating. Get with it, we need the money, quit messing around and get to work.

In case anyone is interested, next weeks column will deal with Director Kokel's Views on X-rated movies on campus. Until then...

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