

# Letters

varying viewpoints

To the editor:

On March 30 and 31 faculty throughout the university will make a decision of great consequence for themselves, for their students, and for the future of The Pennsylvania State University. The question of organization for the purpose of collective bargaining will present itself to the faculty as a choice among the following: PSUPA, AAUP or no representation. In the interest of all concerned we encourage all faculty to vote.

TIME:

Wednesday, March 30  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 31  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Lobby of the Otto Behrend Science Building.  
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Asst. Prof. of Chemistry  
W. Tauber,  
Asst. Prof. of Education

Dear Editor:

I could attempt to summarize a great amount of mixed emotions about Behrend in this premature final address, but it gets to be all too much. I have been suspended from Penn State for two terms for housing 4 grams of pot, knowing about it, and bringing shame to this institution. I have advised the SUN in their investigations, and we found little consistency in the severity of punishment imposed on drug-related cases. In the past years, much larger busts have met with much smaller penalties.

While many state schools are becoming increasingly liberal and free, Penn State has taken a distinct 180 degree turn into outdated attitudes on the "evils of pot and beer." Maybe I'm paranoid, but it's hard not to be, when I've been shafted like no one before. Through my work in SGA, I have found apathy overtaking most student initiative to change "the system". But it isn't hard; look at other schools where students have persuaded progressive change in rights and regulations (ie. Indiana, Pitt).

The administration of this college is aware of their responsibility to keep informed of student dissent and will lend an ear to your ideas. Through the year, though, the SGA has dwindled into a handful of reps. that carry out the Organization's motions, and little else. A new SGA executive board is being formed, and for once, it may be important who leads, as the students now demand action and adequate representation.

I have been subject to our

disciplinary system, along with a group of people this past month, and in the midst of it, I sense injustice. I have spent over \$200.00 for two weeks room and board awaiting my final sentence. I have not yet been informed even vaguely of my appeal date, and was not informed of my trial time until 10 hours previous. Although it was necessary for me to give written permission to the Behrend Collegian to use my name in connection with my bust, the Office of Student Affairs needed no such permission to release a distorted version of the bust to the Erie Times. The Times has printed two stories (Thurs. and Fri.) which wrongly connected my roommate as a host to the party. All this has been publicized before my chance for an appeal. The bust itself was sloppy as Hell, with the Area Coordinators confiscation of marijuana, which under state law they cannot touch without themselves being charged with possession (as they have no authorization), unlike Security.

I could go on, but it just upsets me. I hope it upsets you enough to do something, if it's nothing more than paying attention to your constitutional rights. I'm sorry to leave the people here; Behrend offers a sense of community like no other college, and I'd like to thank everyone for their unselfish support. Zeke, Yogi, Mason, Herb, and Brad also wish to express their thanks and farewells. We all have been given the opportunity to start again, I guess, but it's hard leaving someplace we've made home.

Final comment; next time you see various drunk people puking and vandalizing, think of the passive pot party that will be no more. Illegal drugs under 21: is this fair?  
Mike Pond

## S.U.B. Goes To Texas

Student Union Manager Jay DiFrank and SUB President Kurt Cavano attended the 17th annual NECAA Convention in San Antonio February 16-20. NECAA (National Entertainment Campus Activity Association), of which Behrend is a member, offers through its conventions "the potential for face-to-face contact with the sellers of extracurricular programs, and opportunity to save money on programs and a chance to see up-and-coming talent." NECAA, providing information on available entertainment and entertainers, also offers training on how to present activities. "Over 85 hours of educational sessions in the areas of Art and Exhibits, Contemporary Entertainment, Films, Lecture, Minority Programing, Outdoor Recreation, Fine Arts, Research Services, Resident Hall Programing, Theatre, Travel, Two-Year Institutes, and Video was covered."

Such now-famous groups as Seals and Crofts and Boz Scaggs started their careers through NECAA by playing at different colleges. Behrend appearances by the 1st National Rotagilla Band, James Mapes (ESP and hypnosis), Livingston Taylor, and N.O.R.M.L. have resulted from our membership in NECAA.

### Trivia

by Joanne Goldberg  
Collegian Staff Writer

Those faculty members with offices located in the North Cottage may sometimes refer their too cold or too hot residence as "the dog house". This is not as funny as it may sound. For years, the North Cottage was the Behrend Kennels. The most famous canine to roam the paths of Behrend was Bruno, owned by Harriet Behrend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Behrend. Bruno was a favorite of the family. At the request of Mrs. Mary Behrend, Bruno's picture will

remain on the walls of the Administration Building for as long as the main house stands. Bruno's tombstone is located between the commuter parking lot and the Wilson picnic grove. Another dog who won fame and fortune at Behrend was Chennie, owned by the first Behrend College director, T. Reed Ferguson. The student newspaper, which was then called the Behrend Cub, featured a gossip column under his name. There you have a few more notes of Behrend trivia to bark about.

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## Spring Arts Facts

This year's Spring Arts Festival has lined up exciting activities. The Festival officially opens Wednesday, April 27, with the Behrend Players' production of Pinter's "The Birthday Party" at 8:00 PM in the studio. At 9:00 PM there will be a Coffee House in the RUB banquet area.

Other events of the week include David Sanborn in concert, classes and demonstrations by T. Daniels, a professional mime, an "Ice Cream Thing" on the RUB porch, a Crafts Festival, Rock Festival, craft displays and dancing by a group of Seneca Indians from Buffalo, the ninth annual RUB birthday party, a student music recital, "Milestone for Mickey"—a filmed history of Mickey Mouse, and a bike rally.

Sunday, May 5, brings the Spring Arts Festival to a close with a chicken barbeque at Wilson Picnic Grove and the first annual Spring Thing, which will feature contests in kite flying, frisbee throwing, and skate board skill.

The Spring Arts Committee, headed by Tom Kennedy and Kurt Cavano, has spent many hours to arrange all the activities, but they are still in dire need of a publicity chairperson, student help, and money. Anyone wishing to help should contact either Tom or Kurt. The next Spring Arts meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 10:00 PM in Lawrence lobby.

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