

Letters

varying viewpoints

Dear Editor:

"A Behrend College coed . . . died in a freak accident that occurred when a telephone cable fell onto the car she was driving." Erie Morning News, Nov. 1976.

Till then she was like the rest of us; the word was insulated, came out slowly and with pain. She was normally quiet, wrote her compositions, delivered her informational speeches.

Only a freshman, she would have gotten better or worse by and bye. Like the rest of us but for this instant: when cable imploded skull, her mind exploded in a thousand wires

and sparked a billion words out from their futures, words now fused to the world; when, for her, a lover's whispers and roars, a child's first noisy tug and first loud, indifferent cruelty a taut skin's first slow screaming into age, arced in and out, and toll free hummed below the stubbled corn, shook the roots of Concord vines, boiled through the silt of lakes, quickened the sap of long dead poles.

fired the frozen air, ricocheted from satellites, bounced off spheres, ride in waves of space, and someday far beyond will terminate in stars.
Chester Wolford

To the editor:

The Association of Faculty Women and Wives of The Behrend College will be awarding a scholarship to an outstanding Behrend student for the first time this spring. The award will go to a student in his 7th or 8th term at the college who plans to earn his Baccalaureate Degree in a Behrend College major. The exact terms of the scholarship will be posted by the Office of Student Aid. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage students to remain at Behrend to complete their education.

The Association will be sponsoring a Scholarship Fair Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 - 5:00 at the Wesleyville Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road (one block east of Station Road) to provide the funds for the scholarship. The group will be selling plants, baked goods, used books, garage sale items, crafts, hoagies, and tickets for a surprise drawing. All Behrend students are urged to go and support the fair.

Cecilia Tauber, President Association of Faculty Women and Wives of Behrend College

To the editor:

It is with deep regret that I have to write to you to voice my indignation, dismay, and chagrin at the results of the "Big Pot Bust" scandal on your campus.

I cannot fathom an administration that seems to devote the bulk of its energies in disciplining students, rather than trying to help solve student problems.

The recreational and social facilities on your campus are at the best miniscule and until the school administration realizes that students need some sort of relaxation — both physical and mental — the better off both staff and student will be.

I do not fully understand your brand of "justice". I do not understand how anyone can circumvent all rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; take a page out of the McCarthy era. By holding a kangaroo court, and based upon whimsy, insecurity, and emotion,

hand out "sentences". What a diabolical method of discipline!!!

My indignation is in my sympathetic feeling for the student body, my chagrin at the attitude and actions of the staff and faculty towards the students and my frustration at not being able to do anything to help right a wrong.

Just for the record! I know the entire story behind the "Big Drug Bust" having spoken personally to students and staff. I am a firm believer in discipline and decorum, but — I feel that the staff has gone overboard. So much so, that it is at the point of being ridiculous, outlandish and for mature adults, embarrassing. I blush for you all!!!

I wish the student body well, and of course — keep a stiff upper lip. Just think only a couple of more months and it's vacation time.

Bernard Shwidock Teaneck, N.J. 07666

P.S. Who got busted for the full page Beer ad that appeared in your last issue? Isn't that an example of the greatest form of hypocrisy or do we label it something else?

We "label" it paid (advertising).
J.M.

Dear Editor,

After reading the March 24,

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1977 publication of the Behrend Collegian I feel compelled to write a letter to the editor in protest of the recent marijuana busts. I cannot believe Ms. Bainum when she says, "I have nothing personal against these students; in fact, I think we, the University, have been fair in not turning these students over to the local authorities. We saved them a criminal record that way."

To begin with, over 40 per cent of the population of the United States has tried marijuana. President Carter has a bill in Congress that will, if passed, reduce strict pot laws to a mere parking ticket-like violation.

Second, if Ms. Bainum had any knowledge of civil action on such a bust that occurred at Behrend, she would know that this case would have been laughed out of court, if it had gotten that far. I have never heard of anyone being busted for 5.5 grams of pot. Also, in High Times, October 1976 it states "paraphernalia is rarely used as evidence." It seems to me that since the University had such little evidence they had to use paraphernalia for suspensions of these students.

If Ms. Bainum continues to hand down such asinine penalties over 80 per cent of the students will be subject to suspensions.

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Appeals Rulings

Kristen Hartzell

The appeals board of Behrend College recently handed down

Professor Dimwit Says "Yea no union. I only have to work 3 days a week."

final sentences to two students who were involved in the drug bust held on Feb. 13 in Lawrence Hall. The students were roommates of room 315 (Lawrence), where the party was held, and were charged in varying degrees to contributing to the consumption of marijuana on Univ. property.

One student, the "host" of the party, was first given three terms of academic suspension, which the appeals board changed to two terms suspension. Any future infractions of Univ. policy could result in permanent separation from the University.

His roommate, who did not participate in the party, was given academic probation for the remainder of his academic career, which the appeals board changed to probation until the end of his junior year. Again, any future infractions could result in permanent separation from the University.

As a result of the drug raid, a student ad hoc committee was chartered through SGA to investigate and or change inconsistent policies and penalties.

Parking again

by Kristen Hartzell Collegian Staff Writer

Something is finally being done about the grossly inadequate parking situation at Behrend. Certain individuals in Behrend's administration have submitted a proposal to University Park to build three additional parking lots on campus.

The proposal calls for a lot to be erected north of Erie Hall, between the existing parking lot and the woods north of Turnbull. Another lot is planned north of Nick Building and south of the present Nick lot. (This area was used during Winter term as a temporary lot.) The third lot would be built south-west of the Nick lot, on the flat ground between the pumphouse and westside of the Nick Building. In total, the three lots would provide 198 additional parking spaces.

The proposal must be accepted by University Park officials and permission granted before construction can begin. Sources indicated they hoped that construction would be finished by August 15, 1977.

Future proposals may include the construction of an additional classroom building, sources said.

Excellence in Teaching Award for 1977

Nominations are solicited from students, chartered student organizations, faculty and staff, for nominees to be considered for the Behrend College Advisory Board's Excellence in Teaching Award for 1977, to be presented at Commencement, May 28, 1977.

The recipient will be selected by a panel of three students and three faculty members (including last year's award winner) chaired by the Dean of Faculty.

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