

# OPINION PAGE

## From The Desk Of The Editor

By Dave Jordan  
Editor-In-Chief

Speaking for the staff of the Collegian, I can honestly say that the last issue of the paper was a success. We were quite pleased with it. I hope that the presses keep rolling the same way.

I was having trouble thinking what to write about this week, when a friend suggested that I write about sex in the dorms. There is one big problem with that. I'd have to write completely from the observer's viewpoint and I'm sure that I would get my facts screwed up.

Instead, I'm going to write about a different kind of love. It is a romance that continues to spread in popularity each day.

Now this love is very strange because it usually makes people quite frustrated, but the more frustrated they become, the greater the tendency is to go back and try again. I should know because I, too, am in love; in love with that four-legged machine which has different colored lights and makes funny noises. If you haven't already figured it out I'm talking about a pinball machine.

Now let me give you an idea of just how popular pinball is. Did you know that over the course of an academic year about 40,000 quarters are inserted into the machines here on campus? Now at two games a quarter and also

considering free games, that works out to be about 100,000 games played a year.

To find out why pinball is so popular, I went to the Backroom and asked some of the pinball regulars why they played so often. The responses included: it's fun, it's relaxing, it's a good way to getting out frustrations after you flunk a test, but the most popular reason is that playing pinball is addictive.

Even though pinball machines are an awful lot of fun, I think that most students find sex in the dorms more enjoyable. But then again, how would I know?

## Film Your Way To Fame And Fortune

Film-makers of Behrend here is your chance! The Speech Communication Association of Pennsylvania (S.C.A.P.) is presenting the Fourth Annual Film Festival at the Fayette Campus of Penn State on October 13-14-15. The categories offered are documentary, dramatic, and experimental first printed since April 1, 1976. All films will be exhibited and critically evaluated. Plaques will be awarded to winners, plus publicity releases.

All films must be received by Dr. Ralph Smiley, History Department, Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815, by October 10th. Film cans, reels and leader must be labelled with name of film-maker, title of film, and category of competition. A letter should accompany the film listing credits and giving concise production history.

Films will be returned by October 30th if a return address and correct postage for mailing and insurance are affixed.



## As I See It

by Kurt Cavano  
Executive Editor

A student recently asked me, "What is the purpose of the Behrend Collegian?" I said, "Well it..." and I was at a loss for words. I told this student that I couldn't answer that question, but not to despair, as I would figure it out and write an answer in the next issue.

After a period of pensive meditation and thought, I decided the Collegian represented the voice of the students. It is a way of publicly voicing your grievances so that others (not just friends) will hear them. It is also a method of informing students of what is happening on campus.

Now, the question arises, how do I take advantage of this Collegian service? It's really simple: write a letter to the editor and speak your piece. Now if you don't want to do that, you can speak to me and I'll include your grievance in my column. If you don't want to do that, well, I guess you'll just have to live with your problem!!

As far as finding out what's happening on campus, all you have to do is read the Collegian. That shouldn't be too hard as none of the Collegian writers write on an incomprehensibly high level.

Some grievances that were brought to my attention are: 1) The lack of student participation in the Student Government Association. You must realize that the student government works for your benefit, but it can't do that if you don't provide input. The S.G.A. is the "legal" representative of the student body. They work for changes in policy when the students feel that the policies are in error. So if you want to initiate change in Behrend policy, come to the next meeting, Tuesday, October 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

The second and final grievance that was brought to my attention is the absenteeism on the part of certain members of the faculty. I can understand an occasional missed class as we all have

personal matters of great urgency that interfere with our everyday routine. But, a great number of students have told me about a newly hired female professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences who, remaining unnamed, has been repeatedly late, dismissed early, and not shown up for entire classes. With the cost of education being high, especially at Penn State, the students are being virtually robbed by repetitious absenteeism.

Lewis W. Balmer, Associate Professor of Chemistry, stated in a letter to the editor on February 17, 1977, that a class costs a student approximately \$3.00. If an average class has approximately 30 students, that comes to about \$90.00, which is nearly grand larceny. If you feel you're getting ripped off by a member of the faculty, whether it's the one previously mentioned or someone else, write us a letter; we'd love it.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!!!

## A Word From The President

by Rich Landy  
SGA President

Since I last wrote you, many new and exciting things have happened in the Student Government. Last week we held an election for class officers. The results are as follows: Kurt Cavano, Senior President; Gerry Hansen, Junior President; James MacLachlan, Sophomore President; Scott Hurly, Sophomore Vice-President; Dan Flemming, Sophomore Treasurer; Carol Levison, Freshman President, Matt Sawyer, Freshman Vice-

President; and Chuck Dodd, Freshman Treasurer.

We are planning what we consider to be an outstanding Autumn Weekend. The responsibility of SGA in this weekend is to arrange activities that will be enjoyable to the Alumni. The Alumni will be coming to Behrend College in hopes of having a bit of nostalgia introduced into their day.

We plan to give it to them with such activities as a slide show of

Behrend, a showing of the highlights of the 1976 football season, and a small reception to be held before dinner.

Anyone interested in joining the SGA Bulletin Committee should contact Leslie Schuller before the end of next week. The Bulletin will be put out bi-monthly to keep students up to date on the happenings of the SGA. Thanks for your support and let's continue to have one helluva a year.

## Editorial Policy

The editorials appearing in this newspaper will be opinionated and therefore subject to criticism. All letters that are typewritten of 200 words or less and submitted to the newspaper staff will be printed with the exception of those that are repetitious or in poor taste. The staff reserves the right to correct

or delete portions of all letters for publication purposes.

All letters must be signed, but names will be withheld upon request. Term standing, major, and hometown must be included.

Signed columns represent the view of the author only and do not necessarily reflect the Editorial policy of the Behrend Collegian.

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