

OPINION PAGE

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As I See It

by Kurt Cavano
Executive Editor

This weeks subject, the food at Dobbins, was particularly easy to write about, as I am reminded of it continually with my terminal indigestion.

I have an extremely "tough stomach" but it lately has been doing constant somersaults, due to the horrible food at Dobbins Hall. One example of bad food was about a week ago when the roast beef (a regular part of our diet) I got was entirely fat or more appropriately suet. The woman serving the meat saw that it wasn't edible but still found it

appropriate to serve it.

In an average week I get at least one glass of sour milk. Would it be too tough for the milk to be tested before each meal or when a new carton is put out:

The residents who eat at Dobbins have two choices, eat Dobbins' slop or don't eat at all. It's not fair to us, as this is our "home" for nine months, not to have edible food!

The J.R.C. has a committee which meets with Mrs. Taylor, the director of Food and Housing, to discuss these problems. In the minutes of the last meeting, the

question of cold food, and what to do about it was raised.

Mrs. Taylor said nothing could be done, as this is a large institution and this is typical of large institutional cooking. I personally shouldn't mind cold food, because when the food gets cold the grease solidifies and can be scraped off.

If the food doesn't improve via the food representatives and the J. R.C., what can we do? Food boycotts or food eatathons; whatever is necessary. It should be done.

A Word From The President

by Rich Landy
SGA President

As I see it, the S.G.A. this week has been quite busy. Saturday, Matt Sawyer and myself travelled down to University Park for a meeting of the Council of Commonwealth Campuses. During this meeting we discussed subjects, such as; "The Something for Joey Program",

which is a proposal by the McKeesport Campus to institute a blood drive for leukemia patients across the country. Also discussed was a plan in which the President of each Commonwealth Campus would sign a Petition opposing the attempt by some state legislators to reduce the allocation given to Penn State this summer. Finally, the council voted to look into the recently dropped business co-op program. At one time Penn State had a program which gave students the opportunity to use their field of study in a practical manner. The idea was that the student, would go out and get a job with a firm or organization that involved the student's area of study. Last year, the program was dropped. This is what happens when your university gets a budget cut.

Have you eaten the food at Dobbins lately? Pretty bad isn't

it. The Student Government would like to get students interested in signing a petition that will be sent to Director Kochel, Dean Fox, and Mrs. Taylor, informing them of the complete disgust registered by many students about the (food?) food. I am quite sure that the University appreciates the wonderful things that Food and Housing Department has done to cut costs. But, why does it have to be at the expense of the students?

The following offices are still open in the Student Government: 1-Commuter Rep., 1-Dorm Rep., 6-Reps at large, and 4-Academic Reps, one from each academic division.

I encourage any student interested in filling a needed position to come to the S.U.B. desk and fill out a petition. Thanks Gang.

Letters

varyng viewpoints

Dear Editor,

There is a problem on the Behrend campus that has been developing for the past few terms. That problem is jock-omania. It seems that there are people on this campus that think other students should treat them like they're something special. In plain ordinary terms, the jocks and their leaders (i.e., coaches), have "big heads." You see, there is this "elite circle" of athletes who feel that they are all-pro prospects when in fact they are nothing more than small college athletes who have egos that won't let them admit that they are not playing first string for Ohio State.

The problem is that if you don't go along with their fantasy and you want to use the athletic facilities for the express purpose of having fun and physical fitness, then you are outside this elite circle and you better not step on anyone's toes—especially Coach Stoner.

Coach Stoner recently exercised his "power" as head of intramural sports at Behrend. When we saw that the "Veteran" flag football team would not bow down to the power of the "elite circle," he decided in his great wisdom to throw the "Vets" out of the flag football league. His reasons were that the Vets forfeited too many games. If he would have stopped with that reason, I probably would not have written this letter but he did not. He also accused the vets of "constant argumentation"—(which every team the Vet's team played this year and in the past has also done); "roughness"—(excuse us, but we thought we were playing football); "poor sportsmanship"—

(which even Coach Stoner must admit the Vets are not the only team guilty of this); and "intimidation of officials"—(the officials of intramural sports are all part of the elite circle and they let you know it in their performance during the games.)

I will spend extra time discussing his last accusation, because it was the most absurd of them all.

Coach Stoner said the Vets and the rest of the teams in the intramural sports community have a "conflicting philosophy". Well, Coach, thank God we do. If your philosophy is "kiss ass" in order to be accepted into elite circles, then you should join the Armed Services and become a lifer. With your philosophy, you will fit right in and probably end up a general's aide.

Nick Flagella
4th term
Political Science

Dear Editor,

In the last issue, Kurt Cavano said in his column that several people have been complaining about a certain female professor not showing up for class, coming in late, and letting her classes out early. As being in her 4th period class, she has missed one class due to illness and has on a few occasions come in 3 or 4 minutes late. That doesn't seem enough reason to complain. As for letting her class out early, she the lesson and answers all questions pertaining to that lesson. Why should she keep the class for the remaining time? To work or study? I hardly think that the students at Behrend are so lazy and immature that they

can't do the work on their own. Busy work is for high school students, not college students. Being in college should give us more responsibilities and teach us to organize our time better. It won't be too long before we are an active part of society. In printing that column, I think he insulted the integrity of the students at Behrend. Furthermore, he shouldn't have written what was given to him by word of mouth. Let the people who want to complain take some of the responsibility. He owes that professor an apology. She was rapped very unfairly. In conclusion, the next time somebody wants to complain, kindly rattle your crib and wave your blanket around. Better yet, write to the editor yourself and sign your name so the professors at Behrend know who are stabbing them in the back!

Tim Kenney
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(Editors note K.E.C.)

I doubt students will be as anxious to write a negative letter about faculty as they would be to write a positive one, because many students would be afraid of getting a bad grade. I do admit that a more thorough investigation should have been done in this case as I ignored the other side of the story. I do reserve the right to investigate complaints about faculty, but I vow to do a more thorough investigation in the future before writing my column.

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