

OPINION PAGE



As I See It

by Kurt Cavano
Executive Editor

Well it has finally arrived, that warm blanket of "forgetful snow" which has again covered the earth of Erieland. Winter is my favorite season, not because I enjoy the bleak cold, but rather because the snow covers and hides the dead plants that have finished their lifespans and allows their rebirth in the spring, although deep down inside we all fear rebirth. Nonetheless, it is ingenious the way in which mother nature covers her dead and dying at the end of the summer and fall.

Winter is a time to reflect on

your actions of the previous year, to pass judgment, and to set a course for the upcoming. It's a time to sit in front of the fire (if you don't fear getting burned) and play chess with your favorite person. It's a time to go sled riding, if you still find it fun, now that you're old, or at least time is old.

In the winter I find solitude in the masses, dodging their bodies in muffled silence. I am alone, maneuvering my skis skillfully, carefully, avoiding contact with other bodies or minds if there are any present. Allowing the steam

on my sunglasses and the snow in the air to block their presence, and the snow on the ground to absorb their empty conversation.

Abilities developed extensively, out of necessity by one who was forced to deal with mediocrity, on a continual basis.

Winter, how appropriate I must spent it here, with snow muffling Behrend's empty voices. 'Tis a shame though there are no fireplaces, and but a few chess players for that matter. Such self-inflicted grief, what a waste. Be thankful for the snow but I loathe the coming of the spring.

Letters

varying viewpoints

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the members of the Lambda Sigma organization on the outstanding job they did with their 30-hour Muscular Dystrophy Danceathon last weekend. It was very obvious that an enormous amount of planning and preparation went into the Danceathon, and all those who participated - the dancers, and those members of Lambda Sigma and the local MD chapter who were involved - should be commended for a fantastic job well done. You showed just how united and successful a group of people can be when they really believe in what they're doing. I'm very proud of all of you.

Again, congratulations.
Lynn Maurer
Area Coordinator
Niagara Hall

initiative—it's been ten years since I've seen so much enthusiasm at a Behrend sporting event. It's gratifying to know that the efforts of a few people who really care can make life more pleasant for all. Thanks to the residents of Perry, Lawrence, and Niagara, perhaps "this is the start of something big!" May your Holidays be as happy as you have made mine!

Roger Sweeting
Athletic Director

Dear Editor,

Our problems with Housing must stop now. The typically unappetizing Dobbins meals and run-down dorm conditions cannot be tolerated. We will not get changes, however, unless we change our battle plans. Mrs. T. is being attacked and told to clear up all of the problems by herself. We need organization and good ideas. Support the JRC. Tell them your complaints and let it work for and with us. Let's decide which problems are the most important, come up with some reasonable solutions, and talk them over with someone who will listen.

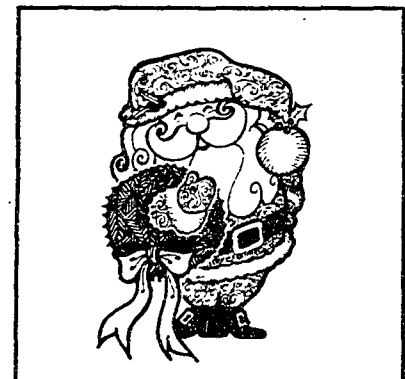
Gary Pellett
2nd term

Dear Editor,

Those who braved the snow and came to last night's basketball game in Erie Hall witnessed the best of what intercollegiate athletics has to offer. If you weren't there, you missed something special.

An exciting, explosive Behrend College basketball team defeated a good Allegheny team, 81-75. The game might well have been lost except for the vociferous support given by a highly partisan student cheering section. The pepband led by Davis Giersch, and the cheerleaders were also positive contributors. The fact that WQLN was there to televise the proceedings for the entire Erie area made it all the more enjoyable.

Congratulations to Bob Pacella and officers of JRC for taking the



From The Desk Of The Editor

By Dave Jordan
Editor-In-Chief

As the new term rolls along, I find myself stuck in a rut. Therefore, my article will not be its usual free flowing prose, but instead, bits and pieces of whatever.

Last weekend while the snow was coming down very hard and while the sun set, rose, and set once more, something quite extraordinary was taking place. This, as you might already know, was the Muscular Dystrophy Association dance marathon planned by the Lambda Sigma Society. It was one of the best planned, best organized, and best supported events I've seen on campus. It was good to see an activity of this caliber sponsored by an organization other than the

usual activity maker.

In my last editorial, I said that the tuition had gone up for this term. That was a mistake on my part, but I feel certain saying that you can expect to have to start digging deeper into your pockets awfully soon.

Many will agree with me when I say that the snow is a pretty sight, however not when your car is completely buried in it. Thanks maintenance for plowing the parking lots; at last.

I'm sure all the dorm students are familiar with the new exercise program where we are responsible for taking the garbage out to the dumpster instead of the usual maid service.

What's next? Perhaps washing our own dishes at Dobbins?

The SUB has three positions open for any interested students. The positions are chairpersons of the following committees: Publicity, Coffeehouse, and Hospitality. Anyone interested in applying can pick up an application at the RUB desk.

On behalf of the Hockey team, I would like to thank Major Harry Small for becoming the coach of the team.

See Santa Saturday night at the dance being held in the commuter cafeteria. There will be a live band, a good time for all, and of course, Santa.

To quote one of my favorite pigs, "That's all folks."

Happy Holidays From The



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Is it stuffed seashell spice or is it cockroach carcass???

Only Mrs. T. Knows For Sure!!!

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