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Letters

varying viewpoints

A Hellova Place To Work

Spring once again breathes its mild sigh upon the gentle slope and many trees of Behrend campus, where the Professors are as disposable as paper tissues and as interchangeable as cogs in a gearbox. It's the time of year when Dean Fox holds his annual blood bath.

For those uninitiated in this remarkable occurrence (I have seen three), the gala event involves ushering veteran teachers to the door.

The employment of these Professors is terminated in different ways, according to the terms of their contracts. They may be refused renewal, given one year's notice, asked for resignation, or fired.

Academis in general is noted for a high turnover rate, but here at Behrend this rate is appalling. Almost half of the teachers who were here four years ago are no longer around, and this includes tenured people.

Hiring new Professors, preferably right out of graduate school and firing them soon thereafter is college policy. It's cheaper to run the school this way, and they don't have to tenure anyone.

At a "Town meeting", the administration cited the ready availability of PhDs as the factor that makes this policy possible. What the college administration chooses to ignore are the detrimental side effects of such a "policy".

One product of this hire em fire em mentality can be termed, to quote a noted social scientist, "the lame duck syndrome." When a Professor is given notice he immediately loses all commitment to the college.

By Dean Fox's own admission, the key to success on the Behrend

campus is the faculty. Professors who don't publish are fired more quickly than those who do.

There is a lot of research pressure at Behrend. Pressure on teachers to add to the realms of unread, redundant and useless material cranked out yearly by universities, under the guise of needed research.

There is something basically wrong with the inordinate amount of importance placed on publishing here. Behrend is a teaching college, not a research center. For instance, we don't even have a library.

We are not supposed to be under-writing journal articles that freshmen and sophomores will never read. The emphasis should be placed on talented instruction, and it should be pointed out here that, to a person, those professors who are being fired this year and those in the previous three years, have been teachers of better quality than most kept here at Behrend.

Publishing pressure shifts the focus away from the students and can lead to poor course organization, lack of personal attention to student problems by faculty, and professors renewed or tenured who are unresponsive to students, poor teachers, or unable to speak English.

I have a suggestion. Why don't we change bureaucrats once in awhile. We might find some who are less concerned with prestige and petty politics. There must be plenty of quality people around.

We might even be able to find administrators who are willing to publish, thereby freeing professors to work more with the students and keeping the teaching talent at Behrend. Let's start with Dean Fox.

By James Rabbitt, 9th term

Road-map Roast?

Eating at Dobbin's Dining Hall has at last become the ultimate challenge facing Behrend College residents. The local food connoisseurs have managed to tease our plates with exceedingly unusual foods, many of them imported! Consumer response to these delicacies has been overwhelming, as witnessed by the long lines students have been forming in order to partake of the main attraction.

A gander at the menu that occasionally corresponds to the present date, reveals rarities that Northwestern Pennsylvania has never seen before. Such as "Pear Half on Lettuce, Harlequin Dressing," and of course, "French Fried Shrimplets." Personally, I prefer the "Road-map Roast" we have all come to cherish.

I hear-tell that these unusual taste-sensations are imported from a distant fairy land known as University Park. I recently visited this crazy place and sampled their interpretation of these very foods. I am afraid to say that they were unbearably drab! A pizza slice, bestowed upon me, tasted entirely too much like the ordinary, everyday pizza, one can acquire in any reputable pizza joint. The roast beef had a dull brown color that was agonizingly uniform, and get this: rather than the excitingly

unpredictable petite salads that Dobbin's serves, this University Park place sticks you with big, clunky salads, comprised mainly of green, crispy lettuce, loaded with awkward, unwieldy cereal bowls.

It is a very sorry situation indeed. Imagine, University Park in all its splendor, sees fit to serve food that tastes as plain as it looks, while we at Behrend have the incredible good fortune to have Mrs. Marjorie Taylor's wonderfully talented crew serving our meals. I shall never forget them after receiving such delights as thoroughly dried; thick and pasty pizza; and quaint little salads loaded with all sorts of delicacies like purple cabbage, green peppers, endive, thick and juicy slices of carrots, huge chunks of celery, and, happily, only the very minimum of lettuce. Hopefully; the price of lettuce will remain above 29 cents per head, otherwise, we too might get stuck with a (yech) cereal bowl full of green crispy lettuce.

It is only too bad that my counterpart, the commuter, cannot partake of these delicious varieties of food regularly, if at all. But the more I think about it, the more I wonder if it is he indeed, that has the right idea when it comes to eating Dobbin's food — abstinely.

John Monsted

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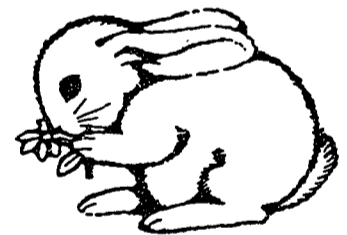
Uniform: Silk screen logos and paint will be provided for printing your own T-shirt.

Why should you volunteer? Because Spring Week '79 will be a success with your help.

Where do you sign up? The Office of Student Affairs, soon!

More T-Shirts Available

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Summer Term

ADVANCED AND UNDERGRADUATE
CREDIT COURSES
THE BEHREND COLLEGE
Summer 1979

Eight Week Term

Pre-registration Date: To be announced

Final Registration: June 6, 1979 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Term begins: Monday, June 18

Term ends: Thursday, August 9

Classes meet Monday through Thursday, 75 minute classes four times per week. Note the meeting times of courses with lab requirements.

FIRST PERIOD 8:00-9:15 a.m.

Art H. 110—Survey of Western Art
Econ. 4—Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis & Policy
Engl. 119—Business Writing
Sp. Com. 200 B—Effective Speech - Section I
Math. 71—Intermediate Calculus with Applications
RCLED 5—College Reading Skill Improvement (2 credits)

SECOND PERIOD 9:25-10:40 a.m.

Biol. 220—Plants, Places and People
Cmp. Sc. 101—Introduction to Algorithmic Processes
Cmp. Sc. 402—Introduction to Computer Science
Engl. 4*—Basic Writing Skills
Engl. 20—Composition and Rhetoric II
IFS 129—Introduction to Individual and Family Development
Mgmt. 110—Business Management
Mgmt. 200—Introduction to Organizational Behavior
Math. 35—General View of Mathematics
Sp. Com. 200 A—Effective Speech - Section II

THIRD PERIOD 10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

B. Log. 102—Physical Distribution
Cmp. Sc. 201—Computer Programming for Engineers
Geo. Sc. 20—Our Earth (4 credits) (Note: lab)
Hist. 20—History of the United States to 1865
Math. 10*—Basic Skill Mathematics
Psy. 331—Psychology of Consumer Behavior
Sp. Com. 352—Business and Professional Speech and Conference-Section I
Soc. Sc. 1—The Urbanization of Man
Note: Geo. Sc. 20 lab will meet Thursday to 1:05 p.m.

FOURTH PERIOD 1:05-2:20 p.m.

Acctg. 206—Federal Taxation
Bios. 310—Field Botany (4 credits) (Note - lab)
Human. 21—Ideas and Art
Ph. Ed. 5—Physical Education (1 credit)
Phil. 12—Elements of Symbolic Logic
Phys. 201—General Physics (4 credits) (Note: lab)
Pl. Sc. 22—Politics of the Developing Areas
Psy. 2—Psychology
QBA 401—Elementary Business Statistics
Note: Bios. 310 lab will meet Tuesday and Thursday to 4:30 p.m.
Phys. 201 will also meet 5th period on Tuesdays

FIFTH PERIOD 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Thea. 189—Theatre Production Practicum (1-3 credits)
Thea. 400—Advanced Theatre Projects (1-3 credits)

SIXTH PERIOD 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon FRIDAY ONLY

Chem. 14—Experimental Chemistry (1 credit)
Chem. 15—Experimental Chemistry (1 credit)

EVENING

SEVENTH PERIOD 5:30-6:45 p.m.

A&H. 198B—Studio Drawing
A.&H. 296.1—Still Photography (2 credits) (see note)
Engl. 4*—Basic Writing Skills
Fin. 108—Personal Finance
Human. 1—Values of the Western Cultural Heritage
Mktg. 121—Contemporary American Marketing
Psy. 2—Psychology
Psy. 13—Introduction to Developmental Psychology
Soc. 1—Introductory Sociology
Sp. Com. 352—Business and Professional Speech and Conference (Section II)
Thea. 100—The Art of the Theatre
Note: A.&H. 296.1-student must have a 35mm. camera.
Expenses for developing materials may approach \$65.
Thea. 100—Students may have additional expenses for special activities

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