

EDITORIALS:

The Great Society?

Before the lecture given last week by political fringe movement expert Gordon Hall, I overheard a conversation between two freshmen. One wondered aloud what had happened to the political activism she'd heard ran rampant on college campuses.

Alas, I thought, she'd fallen victim to too many reruns of the Woodstock documentaries. Politics on many college campuses in the early 80's remain cold and gloomy, like Erie weather. Conservatives are complacent, and justly so: their status quo is being safely preserved by the current Administration. Testimony to this fact follows:

The All Saver's Certificate, a tax-free way of saving money, will benefit only those lucky people who make over \$35,000 a year.

Regarding the new "tax cut," columnist David Broder wrote recently that "the Tax Bill ... goes a long way toward eliminating the Corporate tax as a significant source of federal revenue."

In the Defense Department, we have under serious consideration now the B-1 Bomber, the cost of which is expected to exceed two-hundred million dollars per plane. Not to mention a new nuke which, Thank God, at least is not going to be shuttled under the Nevada desert in a nuclear shell game with the Soviet Union.

Now for the stuff that hits home. If your family back home makes over \$30,000 this year, you're not going to receive a Guaranteed Student Loan next year, unless you can show cause. Meanwhile, Behrend students may safely expect a tuition increase of at least 15 per cent next year.

In short, these budget cuts will affect all of us, ranging from whether we'll have salmon in Lake Erie, to whether some of us will be able to continue school.

Who knows? Maybe the days when college "kids" dressed in freaky clothes and wore their hair long will return. So much we take for granted today is the direct result of the sixties' protest marches, demonstrations, and other methods of what Thoreau called "Civil Disobedience."

It seems so that the leftist protestors of the sixties listened to their consciences. But they were fighting something tangible, the Vietnam War. So far, regarding the budget cuts, the cause has remained abstract.

But not much longer. So to the freshman at the Hall lecture, you can see now why they no longer distribute picket signs and placards at Registration. However, the time may come, and soon, when the rallying cry will rise again, and the Reagans will have to eat off the Carter's old china after all.

Stick Around...

By John F. Skrzypczak

I'm sick of hearing people always talking about going down to Main. Everyone says that they can't wait to go to U.P. Why? I know some of you have to because you can't finish your studies here, so why didn't you go to U.P. in the first place? Well, sometimes I get the impression that people aren't going to State College for a better education. No, from what I can tell it's because of the need for partying.

They say that your college years are supposed to be the best years of your life. If the reason you are going to Main Campus is because you're bored at Behrend, then you're probably so dull that you'd be bored no matter where you were.

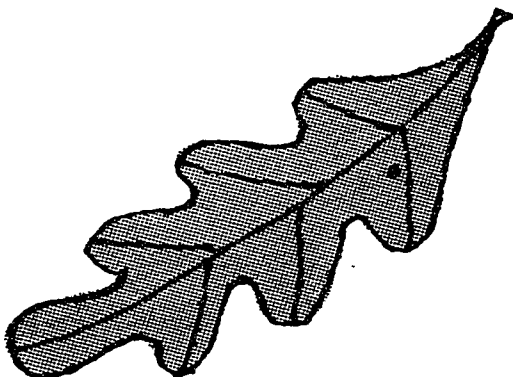
So, you want to have a good time and that's the only reason you want to go to U.P.? Instead, go down for a weekend. Or to see a Lions' home game. (Excellent team).

A friend and I went down to Penn State a couple of weeks ago, and it was fine. We spent two days there, we were intoxicated, talked to some girls, you know, a real good time. But, if that's what you want every weekend, BIG DEAL! I can do that in Erie any time I want to.

You say you're going down to Penn State for a better education. Wrong? Of course, U.P. is a full-fledged university, but a diploma from Behrend is only slightly different from a University Park diploma. In small print under the title P.S.U. are the words "Behrend College." The difference is slight.

If you're thinking of going to U.P., take a second look at what Behrend offers. Stick around for more than two years and give Behrend a fair chance. You've probably heard that, "you only get out of something what you put into it," or something like that. Well, try it. I mean, Behrend even has its own pizza shop.

John Skrzypczak



Behrend Briefs

Attention Commuters!

Interested in forming a car pool? The Commuter Council is organizing a system to set up car pools. Commuters able to provide transportation and those needing a ride should sign-up now.

Sign-up sheets are displayed on the board outside the Records Office. More information is available at the Commuter Council meetings (Mondays at noon, Reed Seminar Room).

The Blood Bank Mobile Van will be on campus Wednesday, October 14, and Thursday, October 15, 1981. They will be parked in the Reed Parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Division News

By Scott Sexauer

Enrollment numbers this year are almost identical to those of last year. As of last Thursday, 1793 students were officially enrolled compared to 1796 last Fall.

Mr. Robert Schenker, Director of the Student Records Office, noted that Behrend lost 29 students due to the cancellation of the two-year nursing program.

"What it all boils down to then," he said, "is a slight growth in the number of baccalaureate degree students. Enrollment hasn't actually changed much in our associate degree programs."

What are new students majoring in?

The most popular major among freshmen is engineering, but, the largest numbers of students in the college major in accounting and business management, respectively. It is in these majors that the biggest changes and expansions are happening.

Some of these changes are taking place in the Department of Natural Sciences and Engineering. Along with the development of new four-year engineering majors, many existing majors have also been redesigned.

Last year, for instance, the Applied Science major was replaced by the Physical Science major.

The cultural event of the season, Student Faculty Talent Night, is happening Sunday evening, October 18, at 7:00 in the Gorge. Admission is half a dollar or free with your student activities card. This evening promises to be filled with music and song, along with the sadistic humor in the college tradition.

Nothing to do on a Friday or Saturday night?

How about an evening at Peek 'n Peak or the Abbey via the Behrend Campus? A bus leaves the RUB parking lot every Friday at 7:00 p.m. and returns at 10:45 p.m. On Saturday the bus leaves Behrend at 7:00 p.m. and returns at 11:15 p.m.

Letters to the Editors

The first meeting of the newly constituted Behrend College Bridge Club, Monday, September 21, attracted few students. Where are all those who have nothing to do?

There were, however, sufficient players to have a practice match. The student team of Gail Kingswell, Steve Lewan, Jim Olson, and S. Lodhi, D. Harshbarger and M. Eggers by a score of 4 to 1.

Let's see more students next Monday evening at 7 p.m. You will be taught how to play - no previous experience required.

Sincerely,
Dr. Bernard Scott

Photography is fast becoming one of the country's most popular hobbies. At Behrend, there is currently no organization dedicated solely to photography.

If you are interested in helping to form a photography organization, please write your name, residence hall or home address, phone number and specific area of interest, and turn it into the S.U.B. desk in Reed. Address inquiries to the Behrend Collegian.

Sincerely,
The Collegian Photographers.

Commuter Corner

By Sharyn Phillips

The Behrend College Commuter Council meets every Monday in the Reed seminar room at 12:10 p.m. President Joe D'Abbe, elected by the student body last spring, presides over each session. The attending members are all commuter students who are interested in working and planning to improve the commuter's time here on campus. The innovative attitude of the council is leading members to investigate and possibly implement several projects. Some of these projects are day care, a commuter mail system, car pools, off campus housing, and social events designed with commuters in mind, including athletic events between the residents and commuters.

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