

# EDITORIALS

## Ice Skates, Anyone?

Chuck Beckman

I've just come into the Collegian office after watching a professor hit the ground on an ice patch between the Reed Building and the Administration Building. I don't know what the problem is with Behrend Maintenance. Part of it may have to do with the Administration not wanting to

pay overtime. However, after having fallen myself this morning outside North Cottage, I've decided maintenance needs a round chastizing by the Collegian, if no one else.

Meanwhile, I'm going to go soak my leg.

## More Isn't Always Better

By John Skrzypczak

I'm tired of hearing about Behrend activities! Or the lack of them! Or should I say, "the lack of attendance at them."

No one can be blamed for the lack of attendance at the activities except the students. Chris Reber, Activities Coordinator, plans many events each week and weekend. One of these events can touch anyone's area of interest.

One problem I see is the presence of too many activities. Yes, too many. I hate to use old cliches, but this activity problem can best be described as a "quantity vs. quality syndrome."

For example, the time span of January 8th-13th showed many events. January 8th included the Dance Marathon; January 9th the Dance Marathon plus the movie "The Exorcist"; January 10th, "The Exorcist" again; January 12th, a women's basketball game and Almost Anything Goes contest; January 13th, the Dating Game, basketball game, and so on.

January 9th recorded two major events taking place on the same day. The few students who may have wanted to attend the Dance Marathon or "The Exorcist" couldn't do both, so they had to make a decision. (Ohhh, noooo! not a decision).

Due to the conflicting events,

one of these probably had attendance problems. This dilemma can be seen with many of the events that occurred during that time span.

Each of these events had some entertainment value, and I'm sure if they had taken place on separate nights the attendance would have been better. But what would have been even better would have been a big event — I mean really big.

What students consider as big events are any that have alcoholic beverages, food, good music, drugs, and sex.

Unfortunately, most of these events couldn't be sponsored by Behrend College due to legal or moral problems.

However, good food and good music would definitely draw the crowds.

So let's make some emphasis on a big event now and then.

Maybe a good band from Erie, (there are some even in Erie).

Or a couple more picnics down at the picnic grove or in Dobbins.

A dance with A.T.V. or Edge (two fine Erie groups), would be appropriate.

I know these kinds of events cost money but it seems if you eliminate two or three, fifty to a hundred dollar events and save up those funds to run a few major events, things would break even.

## Letters To The Editor

To the students and faculty at Behrend:

If you have an open mind, read on, this story could revolutionize your life. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like all other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. FOR EVERYONE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBL-ED, AND HE WHO HUMBL-ES HIMSELF WILL BE EX-ALTED." (Luke 18:9-14).

Jesus Christ told this story centuries ago. Its lesson is the key to one who desires an eternal relationship with God. The Bible teaches that no one can EARN the right to enter heaven. "No one is righteous, not even one." (Romans 3:10). The Bible says heaven is a gift that we don't deserve, but God gives the gift of heaven to the humble. Our good works aren't good enough. The Pharisee went to church, prayed, fasted and gave money to the poor, yet Jesus said he wasn't justified when he went home. The only way to gain favor from God is to realize that we never will

gain favor from God, and confess that fact to God. We need to confess our sinfulness and ask God to have mercy on us. Then God will give us the gift of heaven and righteousness and we can enter into the joy of living for Him. Please don't set this paper aside and forget it. Do what God requires of you, for the benefits are immeasurably more than you can ever imagine.

Sincerely,  
Joe Fornear

Wednesday, February 3rd at 12:05, in the studio theatre, is the time and place of a unique opportunity. Any student who feels that his ideas, opinions or educational desires are worthy of consideration or at least exposure, please attend. Things of value rarely occur by chance; unless chance is in the form of opportunity. These are our chances:

A chance to grow as individuals.

A chance to experience a dynamic involvement with others.

A chance to make a real difference.

A chance to apply your creativity and intelligence.

A chance to make new friends.

A chance to be counted.

A chance to be a valuable part of a worthwhile organization.

You are needed. Find out why. Faculty attendance is encouraged.

Thank you,  
Mark Christenson

We at the Collegian treat with due dignity the mail we receive. Since our box hasn't been particularly laden with letters lately, we thought that this unfilled space was as good as any to illuminate you with the fact that the Collegian is an open forum and we eagerly await all contributions by non-staff members.

Also, we know we're not perfect and we'd appreciate all criticisms that you may have, particularly of our new "Bullsheet" section (Of course, some still hold that we're all bullsheet).

Thank you,  
Chuck and John

## Commuter Corner

Sharyn Phillips

The Commuter Council announces a new program during lunch in the Gorge cafeteria starting January 29. The "Commuter Council Noonday Concert Series" will be held the last Friday of each month in the Gorge. The programs are designed to exhibit the talents of the students of Behrend as well as provide entertainment during lunchtime. Anyone interested in participating in the series can contact the Commuter Council through its mailbox in the Reed building.

Intramural basketball and volleyball team signups will be in the Reed Seminar Room Monday at noon.

## Grant Proposals Still Available

In the fall, the SGA requested clubs to submit mini grant proposals. The Mini Grant Proposal Committee at U.P. has given the results and only half of the money was allocated. There is still an additional \$10,000 available for applicants.

We are urging all clubs to re-submit proposals with new and creative ideas.

The forms can be picked up in

the SGA Office. We'll also answer questions about how to prepare a proposal to be effective.

Don't Delay! The proposal you submit could be money in your club's pocket.

(Note: We recommend that you do not submit ideas for bands or parties).

Thank you,  
Sue Richardson  
SGA President

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## Hendrix And Headbands

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The students of the '80s are increasingly interested in the students of the '60s, according to Clayborne Carson, a Stanford University history professor.

Dr. Carson claims that the growing curiosity about the days of marches, mayhem, and acid rock stems partly from a sense of nostalgia. But he also believes that students today are seeing the need for progressive change.

Carson was one of three members of a panel entitled "The Sixties: Retrospect on Revolution" held during a "Sixties Week" at Stanford. Attendance at the events that week, according to organizers, was "excellent."

Carson noted that the lengthy Vietnam War provided a continuity to the sixties' protest movement that many of today's issues don't have. He also cited the legacy of the Civil Rights movement as crucial to later protest efforts. Fellow panel member Barton Bernstein, another history prof., agreed, saying the civil rights movement fostered "a great belief in the efficacy of protest."

Bernstein also noted that today's economic conditions are hampering social movements. "The anti-war movement began in the sixties amid prosperity," he said. "People got involved with the notion that they could always return to the mainstream when they were through. Now many people think that America may only be a one-chance society."

**THE AMAZING  
JOHNATHON!**  
**Fri., Jan. 29**



This photo, taken at last year's Winterfest, shows Bob Joyce, ex-Gannon student, enjoying a ride back up the hill before plunging down again on a dangerous toboggan.