

EDITORIALS

Creative Arson

Chuck Beckman

The Behrend College Administration has gone too far. We all know that the only time Behrend gets any attention in the local media is when: a. Someone gets raped, or, b. Something burns down. We at the Collegian think that Perry Hall was a bad choice for the Administration to have chosen in their attempt to beat out Gannon and the Hurst in media attention. Other buildings would have caused a greater conflagration, and hence, elicited a three-minute color spot on the 11:00 news. Examples follow.

North Cottage. Formerly a dog pound. Imagine someone going to college for eight years to get an office in a dog pound. Not only that, but the maintenance crew must think dogs still live there, as no one ever shovels a path to the building. What the inhabitants of the North Cottage should do is to leave the door open so that when you start to slide on the incline, outside you'll skate right into the restroom.

Studio Theater. Despite the fact that Behrend doesn't even have a four-year Theater major, Paul Iddings and crew continually stage the best plays in the Erie area. I'm still reeling from "The Boys in the Band", produced last spring.

However, if someone would burn down the Studio Theater, we could replace it with an enormous art center, given by an Erie philanthropist or wealthy Behrend graduate (that is, if the set of either group is not the empty set). This way we could find homes for the art scattered

around campus, like the ship in the TV room in Reed, and the rusted metal statue just outside the Student Union Offices in Reed. Incidentally, if anyone knows what the hell that thing actually is, please drop off your interpretation to the Collegian Office, and we'll be happy to print it.

3. That building just behind the Behrend Building. I'm not sure if this edifice has a name or not. It's probably "Son of Faculty Office Building", or something. All I know is that before they built that house, you could at least gaze distractedly out the windows up onto the ski slope. In the spring there were always two or three woodchucks that were often more entertaining than the lecture I was sitting through. I'd watch the groundhogs gamboling through the grass, then get called back to reality, the prof calling, "Chuck? Chuck?"

4. Turnbull Hall. Both structurally and metaphorically, the most incendiary place on campus. You can go down in the office area of Turnbull on any given day and see professors packed into their parcels like the overbooked freshmen at Main Campus. If someone torched Turnbull, not only would it create a spectacle nearly rivaling the Burning of Rome but it would also get rid of the bees nest in the newspaper advisor's office.

5. The Administration Building. No one burns Administration Buildings anymore. Call me nostalgic.

first time in several weeks. I also had the chance to go cross-country skiing for the first time this year, so I decided to go skiing. When I went to pick up my skis after supper (6:00) on Friday, I was disappointed to find the Back Room in the process of closing down.

The attendant, who missed supper due to the way in which he was scheduled, had already given the money to security and therefore was unable to rent any skis. Because I could not rent any skis, which I had planned on for so long, my weekend went pretty much wasted.

Why, if a business posts hours in which they will be open, don't they stick to them?

Sincerely,
Tim Richards

I.A.B.C. Looks For New Members

Ron Leonardi

The Behrend student chapter of the I.A.B.C. is currently in a formative stage and looking for new members, according to Dr. Robert Francesconi, advisor of the chapter.

The group consists of 15 to 20 members, of which most are communication majors. Behrend's student chapter is not a club but constitutes a branch of an international organization.

The I.A.B.C. is not restricted to communication students alone. It is open to business students who are interested in business communications, but Dr. Francesconi admits business students tend to drift toward the management club.

In addition to advising the student chapter, Dr. Francesconi is a member of the local I.A.B.C. board, I.A.B.C. Erie, which is the professional organization in town.

According to Dr. Francesconi, the I.A.B.C. can be beneficial to communication majors in many ways. Since I.A.B.C. has a great commitment to professional development, students can benefit from this in terms of education concerning the types of skills that are needed in the jobs they are looking for.

Second, students have access to a job placement service and this puts them into contact with many professionals in the area.

"It's easier for students to relate to the kinds of skills they are going to need when they get a job toward which they are preparing," said Francesconi.

"That's a big advantage of having a student chapter of a professional organization rather than an interest club because of the hook-up to professionals in the field," he added.

Another advantage lies in the cost of joining. The cost of membership is \$15 a year and this brings students the benefits of a local and international membership which cost professional members \$100 a year.

The I.A.B.C., in its second year of operation, has had to struggle to get itself established and become a recognized on-campus group.

"A lot of effort so far has been directed toward organizing the chapter and getting it settled in the student government," Dr. Francesconi noted. "We hope to do more professionally related things in the future."

As far as goals are concerned, Dr. Francesconi would like to see every communication major as a member of the I.A.B.C. "I think in the kind of program we have,

Test Speed Control Device Working Well

Jeff Lewis

Most drivers have at some time had their run-in with speed bumps, the mounds in the road that give you the sunroof you always wanted when you go over them at 40 m.p.h. Behrend College, not to be outdone, with the aid of PennDOT, has come up with a new method of speed control.

It was originally devised by a road repair crew on I-90. One of the three guys that were sitting in the truck watching the cars go by, noticed that when the road got real rough the cars slowed down. He figured there would not have to be any police needed to watch for speeders.

After consulting the Behrend Engineering faculty, they came up with the speed strip.

The speed strip consists of a strip of road that has at least 5

potholes per square foot with a minimum depth of 6 inches. It has been placed strategically between the first and second parking lot.

It is working well, nobody speeds through there any more. It has also become very popular throughout the city as well as the county.

Now that there is no longer a speeding problem, security can divert their attention to more important things like the special of the day at Perkins or whether the Coke machine has been filled. They might now have time to take a course in turning off the fire alarm when there isn't any fire.



they ought to be members," he said.

"I would like to see some business people come over because I think it's something that can be beneficial to them."

If anyone is interested in joining the student chapter, one can do so by contacting either Dr. Francesconi, Mary Rizzo, the secretary in charge of memberships, or Ann Karmazon, president of the student chapter.

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