

Thomas Milley Letter to Editor, cont.

has recently shown an increased loss in its self-controlling obligation. Every day we more closely approach the end of the fourth scene of the allegory. Two very prominent issues exemplify this loss of obligation: Our lack of desire to learn, and the feminist attitude toward abortion.

Many students attend college today with the attitude that the important thing is getting a rolled piece of paper with a ribbon around it, and not whether they can read the printing on their diploma, much less comprehend its meaning. Often I hear people complaining about how much they hate this or that about college and "I can't wait to graduate and get out of here!" Too few students go to school with the desire to actually learn something. Anything that they do happen to learn is secondary to graduation. So why do we go? The answer is clearly not because we feel obligated to pass on knowledge, but because its part of the process, its just the step in between public education and a cushy job. Where's my evidence? Just look at any of the exam-grade lists posted throughout the campus. Need I say more? ...

Michael Kitchen's letter of October 28, which concerned the advertisement of abortion services in the Collegian was responded to by two letters in the November 11 issue. The letter written by "A Concerned Student" addressed her topic as freedom of the press, but then she succeeded in sidestepping the issue completely. I

must agree with both this writer and other writer, Dr. George, in that rejection of any submitted ad copy would constitute a moral stand and would be censorship by the press. Freedom of the press and its power and limitations in regard to censorship is a topic in itself, and since our concern here is with obligation I will address the topic in my next letter.

I have at length described the importance of obligation to society, and I can find no better example of the loss of obligation than in the existence of and the feminist attitude toward abortion. The very existence of abortion constitutes a lost sense of obligation to future generations. Every year institutions such as the abortion clinics in question deny the right of life to thousands and even millions of "inconveniences" in this country. But I can set aside the anger that wells up in me long enough to take a good look at the cause that made abortion become law. I do not wish to attack Dr. George, but I will address her letter because it speaks for a majority of members in the feminist government.

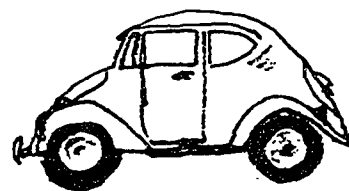
Feminists believe that they must have physical control over their bodies if they are to have functional equality with men. Fine, and when they state that this must equality with men. Fine, and when they state that this must include control over child bearing, this I can also accept. And the problem arises here, because they let emotion get out of hand. They feel (not think) that having an

abortion gives them a way of attaining this equality. This is why they pushed for legalized abortion. I argue that women can't have an abortion in the same way that they have (deliver) a child. That is, an abortion is not something a woman has physical control over. She cannot simply decide to have an abortion, she must decide whether or not to have the abortion process done to her. In their search for physical independence they have sought a method which is necessarily dependant, and have therefore dealt a serious blow to their cause.

In request of further evidence, I would state that the "gut uneasiness" on the top, and the fact that feminists "keep quiet, even to each other, about his inevitable kink," demonstrate the fact that despite its legalization, subconsciously we still feel that abortion is a moral injustice. This fact is very convincingly supported by the locations of the abortion clinics, either they are tucked way up on the penthouse floor of a medical center, where no one else goes, or they are in the basement, such as the mill run in Buffalo's Children Hospital. There they can save the life of a 4 lbs. baby born four months early upstairs, and at the same time abort 10 unborn fetuses per day in the basement. This amazing paradox in philosophy by the feminist movement and it stands a testament to our loss of obligation.

Thoughtfully yours,
Thomas Milley

Commuter Corner



Commuter Council, a club of active commuter students, invites all students who live off campus to come to meetings every MONDAY at 12:00 NOON in the REED SEMINAR ROOM. Some of our up coming events are:

A Square Dance on Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the "Gorge" Cafeteria. All other area colleges have been invited to the

event and a special invitation is extended to all Behrend students. No dancing experience is necessary, but it is suggested that all those attending should dress up. Admission is FREE and there will be FREE REFRESHMENTS.

During Winterfest Week C.C. will be sponsoring a Variety and Talent Show on Monday, February 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Interested students can sign up at the R.U.B. desk.

Another activity will be downhill ski races on the hill behind the Behrend building.

Look for further information on the following events in the near future: Hoagie Sale and Pizza Party.

Behrend Briefs

by Edward McCloskey

--The S.G.A. is starting plans for a formal to be held at Peek n' Peak in mid-April. Students interested in helping should stop by the S.G.A. Office.

--Winter Festival is just around the corner. The activities will include the ever-popular R.A.T. Games, snow sculpturing, sled racing, and a variety of indoor events. The dates for Winter Festival are February 20 to 26.

--February 8, 1984 marks the next classic film. *La Dolce Vita* featuring Marcello Mastroianni will begin at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

--The annual Lambda Sigma Super Dance is slated for February 17 and 18 in the Gorge Cafeteria. Prizes will be awarded to dancers according to duration and money collected. Contact a Lambda Sigma member if interested.

--Have a complaint or a compliment? Share it with the Dean on February 8 at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Enjoy fresh coffee, juice and doughnuts at the same time.

--Students wanting to sled ride on any of the campus' slopes can secure sleds from the Duty Offices in any of the Residence Halls with their ID cards. The tow rope operates most evenings for the more lethargic crowds.

--The Behrend Introvert Society will hold an organizational meeting in the Broom Closet of Nick 8. New members should stay home. (sign seen on R.U.B. bulletin board)

--Financial Aid Forms for next year are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Deadlines are fast-approaching, so act now for grants, loans, and scholarships.

Veteran's News

by Michael J. Coursey

Are you a veteran? Are you entitled to Veteran's Administration benefits? If you have any questions in this area, contact the Veteran's Office, in room 125, Office of Student Affairs.

Assisting Behrend's veterans are three advisors: Maudie Ford, Keene Maines and Mike Globosky. The Veteran's Office priority is assisting in application for the student's G.I. Bill funding and other academic assistance. The advisors there also can assist disabled veterans apply for academic programs that they might not know exist.

In addition, Penn State can authorize four credit hours of Health and Physical Education to be granted to eligible veterans. College credits can be awarded for service schools attended, job related training in the military and other applicable skills related to your major.

Among most veterans, the first months after being separated from the service to civilian life are

the toughest, adjusting to a less rigid lifestyle after years of "humping the hills" can be very depressing. Intensified by the lack of comradeship in today's ultra-competitive society, one could have second thoughts attempting the challenge of higher education. Fortunately there is a solution! Become a member of the Veteran's Club at Penn-State Behrend. The Vet's Club is an organization that meets to socially and culturally enrich its members.

The president of the Vet's Club is a Mr. Kenneth Daniels. Mr. Daniels is a Coast Guard veteran, with many a "sea story" to tell. The club has a friendly, "down to earth" membership, so all vets are welcome. Some of its members include Maudie Ford, Keene Maines, Dave Dahlstrand and the illustrious former "Devil Dog," Mr. Grant Winston.

Finally, I hope the veterans and the rest of Penn-State Behrend will have a successful and prosperous 1984!



Snow, and more snow.

Volunteers Needed For Erie Hotline

Erie Hotline needs volunteers for its February training classes, beginning February 21.

Erie Hotline, a division of United Way of Erie County, is a 24-hour telephone answering service which serves all those who seek help, whether it be emergency assistance or information on a particular service or agency, or the need to talk to someone.

Because of government cutbacks and the high rate of unemployment, more people than ever are calling Erie Hotline requesting information about needed services.

A constant cycle of training must be maintained to insure the number of workers needed to

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keep Erie Hotline operating efficiently.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old and willing to commit themselves to working 10 or more hours per month.

Training will include crisis intervention, information and referral work, and listening skills.

Interviews with potential volunteers will begin the week of February 6. If interested, please call 453-5656. A trained volunteer will answer your questions and take your application. Work hours are flexible.

Courtesy of Peg Martin
United Way of Erie County