

EDITORIALS**Same Old Style, Plenty Of New Smiles!**

By Claire DeSantis

The end of the year is approaching and for the first time since this abominable winter began, (was it ten or eleven months ago?) I feel that spring is in the air - and in the Collegian office.

I am watching as peoples' moods begin to change with the seasons. Although the pace is twice as fast at this time of the year than it was during, say, February (Boring - with an upper-case "B") the days go much more quickly now.

Suddenly, the Collegian office is not what it used to be. The sunshine brings people out of the woodwork. Most of us have our noses buried in books in an effort to make it all the way to the end of this semester with at least passing grades, but the relief when the tests are done-whether we have done well on them or not - is evident. The radio is on more frequently. Even though we only have AM, the music is enlivening. There are more notes on my door, more absurd pictures, more comments about our newspaper, more of just about everything. And now that Dann Johns has been elected SGA President, Doug Saltzman's eyebrows are less furrowed than they used to be. Even Risa has been in a pretty good mood lately. I think, though, that it has more to do with her upcoming trip to Nationals for bowling, than it does with the end of the year.

Whatever the reasons for the happier faces I've been seeing, it's wonderful. I can't help but wonder, though, why we stay in this climate all year around when we could live in Florida and be in a better mood all the time. It must be great to walk out on your patio nearly every single morning- throughout the whole year - and not acquire frostbite. I guess there has to be a catch, though, right?

For those of you who read this column frequently, you know that every month or so I write one of these columns where I filter out all of the things that have been running through my mind. This is exactly one of those columns. I find that it does me plenty of good every now and then to forget all of the rules about transitions and continuity that I learned in all of those English classes. Sometimes it's better to just put your words on paper and forget the rules. This editorial is a case in point. But there is some business at hand, and it's about time I got to it. (Isn't this sort of like getting a letter from a friend?)

Once again, it is time to choose an editor for the Collegian. There is an article that discusses the process by which this is done on page five of this issue. It is a demanding job, but certainly a worthwhile one.

The Collegian has grown by leaps and bounds this year, I feel. Every step has been tough, but we wanted a newspaper that could grow with this institution and give students an opportunity to publish their opinions. I think that we have had more guest editorials this year than in any of the three years I've worked for this newspaper. This is indicative to me that more students are not only interested in expressing their feelings, but in the various issues at hand around the college, the country and the world.

The editor's job will continue to grow and change next year. It is an opportunity to sharpen your writing and editing skills. It is a chance to meet students with opinions that you would never have experienced had you not been involved with an organization such as this. More importantly, it is an opportunity to see Behrend College through the eyes of productive, dynamic "doer" rather than a student that just attends class and leaves.

I would be willing to talk with anyone that is interested in this position at their convenience. Stop in the Collegian office. We can discuss the finer points of editing a college newspaper. Actually, we can talk about anything you'd like to talk about.

If you are interested in journalism, give all of this some consideration. It really is a unique opportunity.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT**Marvin Gaye - Will Justice Prevail?**

By Paula Penco

In looking at all the cruelly destructive things that go on in this world, sometimes one need not look any further than his own backyard. What is this world coming to when a father maliciously shoots his own son? I am referring of course to the tragic death of soul singer Marvin Gaye.

On April 1, Marvin Gaye Sr. fired two shots at his son and ended his life on the eve of his birthday. And what for? All over a lost letter from an insurance company. Was that letter so important to kill for? Putting an end to another person's life is something that is irreversible. Once it is done there is no turning back. And that loss is even greater when it is a member of your own family.

Marvin Gaye Sr. will not be charged with manslaughter simply because of the state of mind he was in (which was obviously not very stable at the time). And another factor to consider is his age,

Marvin Gaye Sr. is 70 years old. So what is a jury to think when they take all of this into consideration?

Will they have sympathy for the elder Gaye? Or will justice prevail through the hard-core facts.

Marvin Gaye Sr. was yelling at his wife to find the missing letter. Marvin Jr. went to his mother's defense. He pointed out to his father that he shouldn't be yelling. One thing led to another until shots were fired. All of this occurred over a letter which contents were immaterial.

When something as immoral as this happens it really makes you stop and think. Sometimes people really can be selfish and totally irrational. This is not to say that you should be afraid to step foot in your household for fear of other family members. Or that you should refute such sayings as: "There's no place like home," and "Home sweet home."

But it is simply to say that there is no set stereotype for a murderer. Anyone is capable of it. And when it does occur justice should prevail.

SURVEY**Behrend Christian Association Comments**

During the past two weeks, the Behrend College Christian Association surveyed the religious beliefs of over 400 students. Here is the survey and the results.

1. Are you completely happy with your life? 52 percent-yes, 39 percent-no and 9 percent weren't sure.

2. Do you believe there is a God? 85 percent-yes, 10 percent-no and 6 percent weren't sure.

3. Do you believe the Bible is God's way to communicate to us? 62 percent-yes, 26 percent-no and 12 percent weren't sure.

4. Do you believe in life after death? 62 percent-yes, 26 percent-no and 7 percent weren't sure.

5. Do you believe in heaven and hell? 70 percent-yes, 22 percent-no and 8 percent weren't sure.

6. If you were to die today would you go to heaven? 43 percent-yes, 17 percent-no and 39 percent didn't know.

7. If you could know for sure if you were going to heaven would you want to know? 47 percent-

yes, 41 percent-no and 12 percent weren't sure.

Since a great majority of those surveyed believe that the Bible is one of God's ways to communicate to us, we would like to present God's answers to some of these questions as found in the Bible. In response to question number one, Jesus states that the reason he came was to give us a full and happy life: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). However, we can't experience the life that God intends for us because: "Your sins have separated you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2). Please understand that this means all people: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

God has taken the first step to bridge the separation we have created by our sin: "But God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us to bring us to God" (Romans 5:8). Even though we try to reach God through our

own ways, God's way is clear. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me" (John 14:6). Simply knowing that Christ is the only way to God is not enough. In John 1:12 God says that we must receive Christ: "Yet to all who received Him, to all who believed in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God... children born of God." To receive Christ we must turn from sin to God and trust Christ to forgive our sins and come into our lives.

For those who would like to know how to get to heaven, the criteria is found in I John 5:12,13: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the son of God so that you know that you have eternal life." Do you have the Son? If you have questions about the survey, results or God's answers to the questions on the survey, call 899-3843 and ask for Joe.

Penn State - Tours For Everyone

By Risa Glick

Penn State scenic tours has specially designed tours for prospective Behrend technical degree students. Liberal Arts students may think about choosing another school because not many benefits are given to them here at Behrend.

Penn State has been providing tour services for future technical degree students for over ten years. They have prepared a few tours that will enable you to experience Behrend College and the surrounding area. All tours are limited to space available so mail your reservation today to avoid disappointment.

Tour 1

You will depart Niagara Hall in the morning for a leisurely walk around the campus. You will stop first in the Reed Building where you will be able to shop in the campus bookstore and browse in the enormous library. Then it's off to the Gorge Restaurant. Here you will have lunch on us and enjoy a splendid view of the Behrend College campus.

Tour 2

Don't fight the crowd and mass confusion as 1,000 students eat lunch between classes. Deluxe campus motorcoaches will be just outside the Administration Building to whisk you away for a relaxing hour tour around the large campus and surrounding area. You will see the Soccer House and the well know Swamp along with the famous Gorge. You will receive a delicious box lunch aboard the bus. Make your lunch break a relaxing one, not a hassle.

Tour 3

Don't miss this opportunity! When in New York City, it's the Statue of Liberty, in San Francisco, it's the Golden Gate, in Behrend College, it's dinner in

Dobbins Dining Hall. You will depart from the Administration Building for a tour of the Behrend Campus. Then it's up to the top of the beautiful Dobbins Dining Hall for either Veal Cordon Blue or Chicken Kiev. After dinner you will be whisked away for an illumination tour of the beautiful Behrend College before returning to the Administration Building.

If these tours don't attract technical students to Behrend, I don't know what will. Behrend College has many things to offer students majoring in programs other than Liberal Arts.

The soon to be built Hammermill Building will have classrooms, offices, and labs for science, engineering and technology students, faculty and equipment. Those of us who are Liberal Arts students may need a pass to gain access into the building!

There is an emphasis put on technological majors at Behrend. It seems as though all funding is given to provide better facilities and benefits for technological students. Liberal Arts programs are somewhat ignored at this college.

I realize that technology is the future, however, we cannot put aside the ability to read and write.

I would like to made a prediction for what Behrend College will be like in ten or 15 years. Behrend College in the future will be renamed to Behrend Institute of Technology and all students will be taught by robots. It is at this time that the administration of Penn State University will be content for there will be no Liberal Arts students attending Behrend.

Behrend College, if this is your wish, may Hero, his fellow robots and the force be with you.