

OPINION

Reader Opinion

Barrett's Bait Deceiving

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

In the past two issues of the *Behrend Collegian* there appeared an ad from Barrett's Restaurant and Pub. This ad invited us to celebrate "Behrend Week at Barrett's!" After the ad appeared the first time, a copy of the ad was sent to Barrett's as per the advertising-billing procedure.

The ad extended an invitation to the faculty and administration to a party on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. for complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The student night was designated as Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. for cocktails, wings and tacos, compliments of Barrett's.

We cannot speak for the faculty and administration, but we heard that their cocktails were not complimentary and the hors d'oeuvres consisted of stale nachos (after quite a wait).

On Thursday, several students

joined each other at Barrett's for the advertised "Student Night." We were told that we weren't expected. They did have tacos, however, after considerable confusion between the owner and the manager, they finally informed us that there were no wings. The drinks were not complimentary but we could get two for the price of one, if you ordered the right

drink. The three drinks that we ordered were, of course, not of that variety.

It is unfortunate that we were made to feel as badly as we did. At this point we can only say that if you are ever considering someplace to go for a happy hour, a dinner or even a banquet, consider first what happened to us.

Portion of ad that appeared in the September 28 and Oct. 12 issues of the *Behrend Collegian*

FACULTY NIGHT Wednesday, October 17

Party 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
All faculty and administration invited (ID required)

STUDENT NIGHT Thursday, October 18

Party 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cocktails, wings and tacos compliments of Barrett's
All students invited (ID required)

Steve Galich - Third Semester, Psychology
Marge Tomczak - Third Semester, Communication
Harry Whipple - First Semester, Bioscience

Commentary

MTV Exercises Futility

by Michael Wimmis
Collegian Staff Writer

Rock, Hard Rock, Rock 'n' Roll, Punk Funk, New Wave, and Funky Punky Rocky Hard Loud Music. These are the wild sounds that emanate from the TV lounge in the Reed Building. For the better part of the day and most of the night the MTV lounge is filled with these assorted and oftentimes meaningless sounds.

Please, don't get me wrong. I too, enjoy listening to one or two of the MTV videos. There's nothing wrong with that. My only complaint is when the television is constantly monopolized by this one station. Many feel as I do, we are not passing judgment, but we feel that MTV is on far too regularly. It is beyond me how someone can sit in front of that set for hours at a time listening to the same videos day in and day out. On very rare occasions do I ever see anything but MTV on in the lounge. I won't deny the fact that I cannot stand rock 'n' roll, but I don't mind tolerating it for an hour or two; after that I believe that MTV should be shut off so that some other entertaining show can be seen.

I'm not passing judgment on MTV fans. I think if they like the videos they should be able to see them, but not on a constant basis. I don't believe that the voice of the majority should ring over the squeal of the minority.

Point in fact. Suppose there was an all news channel available on the Reed TV or on all movies, sports, soap operas, sex and violence shows, too. Would those

who would like to see something else have the right to complain? Or should we just go along with the norm?

One solution has already been formed. There is a sign in the Reed next to the television that says soap operas 12:30-4 p.m. This is a sort of monopoly but it seems to be the only available consensus to the problem.

Last year, this was not a problem because we didn't have cable hook-ups, and a consensus was easier to find. This year, it seems that the only way to watch the show you want to see in the Reed lounge is to write up a sign and bring together those who want to see what you want. Another suggestion might be to cut MTV to certain hours of the day and night like Rockworld.

Either way I don't think that too many people will like any consensus. These are the selfish type of self-centered people who only care about themselves and hang the rest of us. How many times a day can they see ZZ-Top or whoever sing the same songs again and again? Are these people so dense and thick-headed that MTV is the only form of entertainment they understand? I'm not trying to suggest that the soaps are prime entertainment, but they are better than 24 hours of rotten music.

I think it would be better if we thought of the other guy sometime. Let's open our eyes and see that there are many ideas in the world besides our own. These are mine and I welcome yours.

Commentary

Honor Code Promotes Honesty

by Gregory Goldsmith

Recently this semester, the Student Government Association of Behrend College addressed the issue of possibly implementing an honor code. This implementation would incredibly increase the integrity of the academic standards of Behrend College and its students. Moreover, with the installation of an honor code, the recognition of Behrend College as an outstanding institution of higher education would be overwhelming.

The Honor Code at Behrend College would be designed to promote individual responsibility and integrity in academic affairs, and to develop an atmosphere conducive to serious independent scholarship. The honor code would be based on the dictum: I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do. A student would be expected to adhere to this at all times.

As a fundamental rule, a student placing his name on an examination, research paper, or other writing requirement would be considered a certification that the work is that of the student's alone.

In addition to signing his name on any work done to be graded, a student would also be responsible for informing the respective faculty member of any student that violated the Honor Code. A student that is or becomes aware of an act of dishonesty and does not report it would be equally culpable as the student or individual(s) committing the violation.

Under the Honor Code, students would be prohibited from providing either the general contents of exams or specific test questions to other students who take an exam at a later date. Plagiarism, defined by the use of words without crediting the source and as defined by faculty members, would also be prohibited. The Honor Code would apply to all work submitted for academic credit or to meet non-credit requirements for graduation at Behrend Col-

lege.

All students that have enrolled in the college after the implementation of the Honor Code would work under it. In regard to incoming freshmen and transferring students, they would be required to acknowledge the Honor Code by signing a statement that reads: I hereby recognize, and pledge to fulfill my responsibilities, as defined in the Honor Code, and to maintain the integrity of both myself and the college community as a whole.

While considering the idea of an honor code, the Student Government Association has taken into account the effects that an honor code would have at Behrend and its advantages. The Honor Code would hopefully produce a more self-conscious student body. An improvement in grades would most likely be sure to follow because of the need to study and to be independent of other students' academic abilities.

The quality of students' work would improve, again because of the need to be independent as stressed in the Honor Code. This would cause the student to be more obligated to comply with the Honor Code.

The advantages of the Honor Code are very clear. There would be no questions asked on how to discipline a violator. All of the rules would be explained at the outset of implementing the Honor Code. For graduating students, the mention of an honor code on a transcript or resume could be invaluable. The Honor Code is also likely to attract the more competitive student, who otherwise is more apt to go elsewhere, and the reputation of Behrend College would be undoubtedly recognized among the top colleges in the country.

As advocates of academic excellence at Behrend College, the students and faculty would be required by the Honor Code to continually display and maintain the highest degree of integrity and morality.

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