

# OPINION

## Editorial Opinion

### A Year In Review

The past year has indeed been a year of definite growth for Penn State-Behrend College. Many accomplishments and developments have occurred, giving Behrend a positive image both locally and nationally.

Most importantly, apartment buildings and a science, engineering and technology building have been constructed to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment, which reached an all-time high of 1,989 students as of fall semester. Plans are also being made to build a multi-million dollar life-fitness complex on campus.

Behrend's academic reputation continues to progress at full speed. Numerous books and articles have been published by Behrend faculty. Most recently was the publishing of Roland Larson's and Robert Hostetler's four-book series of mathematics textbooks, and Dennis Galletta's computer science text.

Other academic improvements include the M.B.A. program to begin in the fall of 1985, and the proposed Communication graduate degree, and plastics technology degree. Behrend faculty and administration are contributing hours of planning to implement these programs, thus making curriculum their top priority. Contributions by both faculty and students have been valuable to the college. After 32 years of contributing to and seeing Behrend change, Ben Lane has decided to retire. Lane has been an outstanding contributor to this college and he will truly be missed.

Women's Volleyball Team Captain Kathy Ott, who led this year's team to the District 18 Championships, was one of thirty women selected nationwide as an Academic All-American. This is an important distinction for Behrend.

History has played a significant role this year at Behrend. Doug Gerow was recently elected to the University Faculty Senate while twin sisters Mindy and Missy Stasenko were the first women basketball players to shoot for more than 1,000 points during their stay at Behrend.

John Anderson spoke to us about contemporary problems in national politics while Tom Ridge talked about his political experiences as a congressman.

Developments have consistently occurred involving Greek life societies. The disbanding of Theta Phi Alpha was immediately counteracted by the formation of Omega Phi Alpha. Sigma Kappa Nu acquired a house on Cooper and Shannon Roads while Kappa Delta Rho built a 40-member fraternity in only one semester.

The culmination of achievement, contribution, dedication, and service to Penn State-Behrend College has fostered the foundation of excellence in many areas. Change will continue to occur, promoting excellence in other areas as well.

It is through this continual, positive change that Behrend College is recognized as an excellent institution for a student to obtain higher education.

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Collegian Editors

## Reader Opinion

### Bowser Pledges Support for Library

The rapid growth of Behrend College in Harborcreek Township has accentuated the educational institution's many needs.

The growth has led to suggestions for development to provide facilities and services to the college center.

I have long thought that Behrend College is in need of a library and I am continuing my efforts to fund such a project either through private donations, state monies or a combination of both.

With its growing student population and the expanding ma-

jors being offered at this four-year institution it is imperative that students have access to an adequate library. The advantages of a college library carry far beyond student usage.

Recent efforts appear to center on expansion and development in other areas for Behrend and its students. However, a new and expanded library would appear to be one of the most pressing needs. Just how this should be accomplished remains to be decided.

Faculty, students, administration and others have begun a con-

centrated effort to assure that such a facility will be built in the near future.

It's a pressing need for one of our greatest assets. Behrend College is an integral part of our community. A library would only serve to enhance this growing educational facility and provide students with an adequate research and learning source.

The establishment of a library at Behrend College will remain one of my top priorities.

Harry Bowser, 4th Legislative District Pennsylvania

### Student clarifies "Gripes"

There are a few gripes at Behrend College, but the background information dealing with these complaints is not known. This letter will hopefully clarify some misunderstandings. The answer is not to complain, but to act. Student activists are a rare breed on this campus.

There is a loud objection to paying 50 cents for a class schedule. The Instructional Communications Center (ICC) at Behrend, prints the class schedules every semester. There is an involved history of loyalty and patriotism which everyone needs to know and appreciate to better understand the position of the Behrend Administration towards class schedules.

The Behrends were involved in the Hammermill Company, a papermill in downtown Erie. Hammermill has made numerous, "generous" donations to the Behrend College. Equipment was purchased with these donations. A building is being named after the company.

Behrend College maintains a loyalty toward Hammermill. The ICC purchases and prints on only the best 24-pound Hammermill bond paper. The difference in the feel of the paper is noticeable in comparison to leaflets put out by the other divisions and their copiers. Loyalty is a good thing. It would be crass to ignore the involved history behind all this.

The ICC quoted a price of \$1,005 (48 cents per copy) to a candid inquiry about making 2,500 copies of an eight-page report. The class schedule involved more copies than that, making the price per copy drop a full cent.

The bookstore therefore makes no profit when selling the schedules. They simply have to add three cents sales tax, by law.

The Records Office has given out, free of charge until now, an average of three schedules per stu-

dent. Including the faculty, staff, and advisor copies, this amounts to about 7,000 schedules, costing 47 cents each.

The Records Office has struggled for several years as their budget has not kept up with printing cost increases. Now that they use the AIS computer system, day-to-day costs have soared. The print-outs students receive use four half-sheets of paper each. Other costs, such as salaries, putting together the class schedules, and final exam schedules (which are still free), cannot be fit into the budget without something being removed.

There will not be a change in the Records Office budget after this semester. The money coming in from schedule sales will help to offset other costs. There is no extra money to hire extra help dur-

ing drop-add or early-registration weeks.

Students at University Park pay a similar price for their schedule booklet.

There has been a complaint about the cost of soda pop at Behrend. Manufacturing and overhead costs for the Pepsi-Cola Company to produce a can of soda pop is 32 cents per can. Pepsi products are sold around town at 40 cents, or 45 cents in machines. No one has ever given any resistance to being charged 55 cents on this campus.

Hopefully this letter has cleared up some misunderstandings about some issues at Behrend. Complaining doesn't change anything.

George Michael Cochran, 4th semester, Arts and Humanistic Studies

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