

Syndicated columnist Donald Kaul comes to the pages of the Collegian

The Collegian is proud to present, syndicated columnist, Donald Kaul. Spring semester issues of the Collegian will feature Kaul on the opinion page.

Donald Kaul has written over three thousand columns in more than 18 years of coping with the daily rigors of newspapering. He is certainly not a "Johnny-come-lately" but also is less than a household name or a national institution.

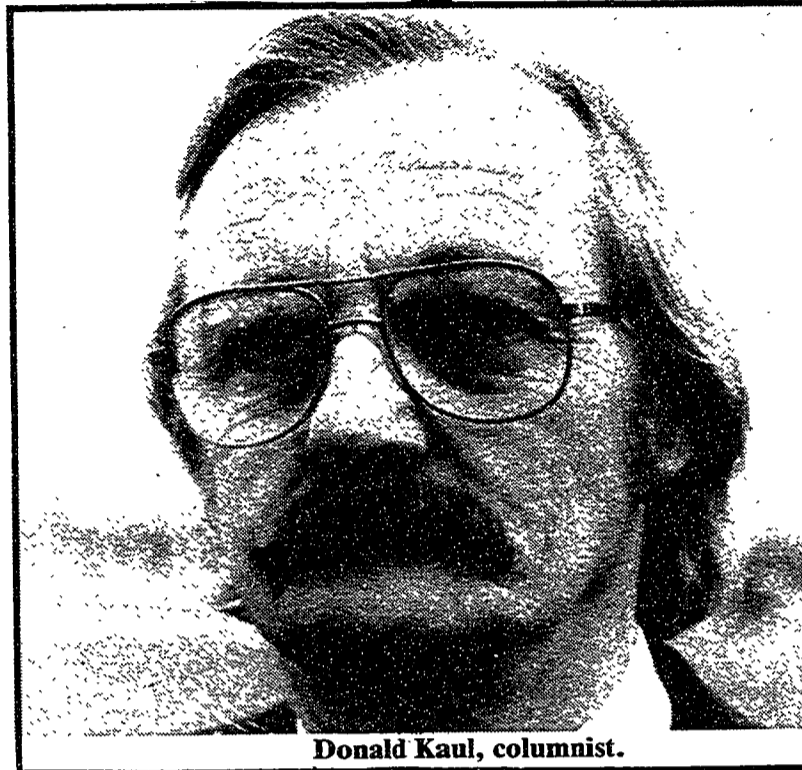
Kaul has been looking at the issues and events that shape our lives through the singular eyes of an experienced journalist living in Washington, D.C., close to the people who shape events and policies of our times. "Pessimism is correct 90 percent of the time," he says and means it.

Kaul was born on Christmas Day in 1934, an only child and destined to remain one. He was born in a house in a Polish-American neighborhood on the near-westside of Detroit. It was a bilingual household and he grew up speaking Ukrainian, a language which he has virtually forgotten. He attended public schools in Detroit and Wayne State University for two years before transferring to the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor's degree in English in 1958. He also earned a master's degree in journalism at Michigan in 1960. While at Michigan he won the Avery Hopwood Award for playwriting.

After graduation he worked for two summers at the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press before landing his first full-time newspaper job at the Des Moines (Iowa) Tribune. After two-and-a-half years of covering everything from the courthouse to the barnyard, he transferred to the Des Moines Register where he began writing a column, entitled "Over the Coffee." He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1972 and wrote the column from there until he left the Register in 1983.

Kaul is, at present, a regular commentator for National Public Radio on the weekend edition of "All Things Considered." He also is working on a comic novel, set in the newspaper business. He has written two other books, both collections of his columns: "How to Light a Water Heater and Other War Stories" (Iowa State Press) and "The End of the World As We Know It" (Images and Ideas, Iowa City). He also has been anthologized in "Pardon Us, Mr. President!," a collection of political satire.

Kaul met his wife, Suzanne, while they were students at the University of Michigan. They have three children, Leslie, 25; Chris, 24; and Rachel, 17. The Kauls live in Kensington, MD., a suburb of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Kaul owns and operates a framing shop in the district.



Donald Kaul, columnist.

Student finds life at Behrend to be lacking in atmosphere

Upon coming to Behrend College in the fall of 1982, I saw great opportunity for myself to grow and learn in a collegiate atmosphere. I feel that I have grown and learned in the four years that I have been here at Behrend, but I have yet to find that collegiate atmosphere.

I would like to comment on the "Behrend Atmosphere" as I have experienced it the last four years. When I came to this campus I thought I would find young maturing adults like myself with the desires of success, expression and good times. I found very little of these characteristics in the students I first met. They cared only for themselves and their own individualistic goals. They mainly cared about not sticking out in the crowd and conformity was their law of life.

Behrend College - The Suitcase College where every weekend fifty percent of the campus evacuates. They run home, they run to University Park, anywhere to get away from 'here'. The two most commonly repeated statements I hear are, "There's never anything to do here" and "I can't wait to get to State". If you aren't happy here deal with it people, this is called growing up and being mature.

It is true that I was not completely overjoyed at the prospect of staying at Behrend for five years, but I decided to better my chosen

fate and my surroundings. I started a fraternity, a local organization to pull together the people on this campus. Well, three years later, we have incorporated the fraternity, moved it into a house, and established the strong bond of brotherhood between its members. We have succeeded in managing and expressing ourselves in the operation of the fraternity as well as having some great times together.

I have found a collegiate atmosphere within my fraternity and have tried to transcend it onto the campus. However, this campus just does not seem to acknowledge the fact that this is something good, something to benefit everyone, to make this college a college.

Security accuses our fraternity of stealing their license plates, of causing trouble. Why? Because we are a fraternity and fraternities do those kinds of things. We had an open house for the entire faculty and administration of Behrend and only six people showed up. May I ask why? We spent a great deal of time, effort and money to show these people what we have done and what we are planning to do and only a handful show up!

Kappa Delta Rho and the rest of the campus attempted to steal our flag during our Bi-Annual Flag Presentation Day—Why? We simply have pride in our fraternity and want to show the rest of the

college or colors, our colors which make us proud. Why did Joel Ortley and six R.A.'s have to keep over 150 Behrend students from attacking us and trying to steal our flag?

So is it possible for Behrend College to ever lose its stigmatism of Behrend High School? Will this college ever grow up or will it continually be full of "me" people who want to serve their two years and move down to main campus. Can these people open their minds and deal with being here and make the best out of it rather than complain? Can these people ever create that "Collegiate Atmosphere", the true collegiate atmosphere that I thought I would find here?

Sincerely,
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A reminder from Police & Safety: Failure to pay any fines (parking or other) will result in an inability to complete registration.

Crossword Companion

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ACROSS

1. Alternate (abbr.)
2. Instance
8. Sleeveless garment of goat's hair
11. _____ Horne
12. First man
13. Recreational vehicle
14. Atop
15. Fish with snout
17. Alter
19. Tree
21. Also
23. Pave
24. Act; deed
26. Route
28. Absolute monarch
31. Earth (Gr. comb. form)
33. Beverage
35. Self
36. Elevated railroad
38. Stomp
41. Hypothetical force
42. Soak flax
44. Before (Poetic)
45. Emmet
47. Shower
49. Knock
51. College official
54. Rest
56. Drag
58. Two
59. Abase
62. Tin
64. Take action
65. Time period
66. Not any
68. Chief Norse God
70. Pale
71. Jug
72. Rodent

DOWN

1. Feel
2. Coalition of nations (abbr.)
3. Sack
4. Ricochet
5. Public notice
6. Unhappy
7. Give off
8. Loath
9. Ban
10. Small bug
11. Idle
16. Near
18. Tub
20. Crone
22. Breakfast cereal
25. Vietnamese offensive
27. Energy
29. Gone by
30. Staff
32. Metal
34. _____ Mode
36. Mistake
37. Meadow
39. Craft
40. Goal
43. Oz character
46. Mow grass
48. No (Scot.)
50. Lead car
52. Scan
53. Midday
55. Window
57. Southern state (abbr.)
59. Morning moisture
60. Age
61. At once
63. Neither
67. Direction (abbr.)
69. Prosecuting lawyer (abbr.)

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