

Student proposes new traffic law

Dear Editor,
I favor a law prohibiting vehicular traffic on the walkways during class changes.

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Dear Jeffry,
My sentiments exactly!
I realize deliveries must be made. And other traffic of the sort is excusable, but I truly believe there is no need for traffic on the walkways, especially during change of classes.
That's just the way I feel.
On the lighter side, I'd like to wish everyone the happiest of holiday's. We earned it, we deserve it, enjoy it!
Sorry there is no editor's question--my brain hurts too much to think.

Paula

Coping with "Comparable Worth"

As the president of Women Today and a Human Resource Management major, I have viewed the comparable worth issue with great interest.

To say that it is a delicate, sensitive issue is an understatement. While the nature of this idea is very appealing at first glance, I think realistically enforcing comparable worth would be an economic nightmare.

I have been a bank teller and a secretary and often felt underpaid and burdened with responsibilities not in line with my so-called "value" to my employer. Yet I did not choose to trade places with the truck drivers or maintenance workers whose much larger paychecks I cashed.

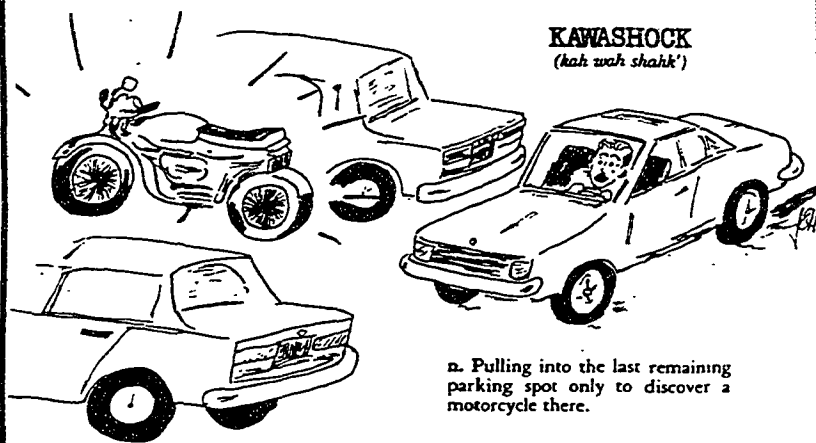
It's an economic world--jobs are "valued" based on many things; one being supply and demand. There are still too many women willing to work in low wage occupations. If a demand is created for a certain occupation, those wages will naturally in-

crease. If more women stand back and say--"I won't be undervalued (underpaid)" and choose alternative, higher-paying occupations; the scales will start to balance.

I don't look to our legislators to solve this problem for us. The most realistic solution I see to the problem of pay inequality is to continue encouraging women to move away from low-paying occupations and to step up enforcement of equal opportunity regulations so that this transition is made possible. As much as I'd like to be assured I'll always be paid a "fair" wage--I shudder to think what kind of society we'd be creating by entrusting government to determine what's fair and comparable. I'd rather make my own way.

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Sniglet...



n. Pulling into the last remaining parking spot only to discover a motorcycle there.

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Student commends career placement

I would like to thank Mary Beth Peterson, Behrend's Career and Placement and Financial Aid Officer, for helping coordinate the recent Job Fair at Mercyhurst.

Approximately 27 firms from western Pennsylvania participated in the program to offer job interviews to graduating seniors. I think those who participated made good contacts and gained valuable experience.

Through the cooperation of the placement offices at Behrend, Villa Maria, Gannon, Edinboro and Mercyhurst, Behrend

students have benefited from two other very successful programs. Last spring this co-op held a Career Fair where representatives from 83 professions were available to answer our questions. This year's Career Fair will be held here at Behrend.

Another useful event was this fall's Graduate School Fair held at Villa Maria. For those of us planning to go to graduate school, we had the chance to talk to representatives of 53 graduate schools.

Mary Beth has taken the lead in

organizing the co-op. Without such combined efforts, Behrend students could not have had these important contacts.

I hope these events continue to happen and become bigger and better. I would encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities and the administration to support such efforts.

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