

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors,
Is anything being done to improve the advising program at Behrend? Everyone is always complaining about poor advisors.

who care about their future have nothing better to do. I've gone to Division Heads before who really aren't sure about questions. If they don't know, Who does?
During these encounters that I have had, I've run into a lot of students with the same sort of problems.

These problems can be dealt with, but the problem that I have been faced with recently is what really bothers me. I am a fourth semester sophomore faced with a problem that a lot of students have faced in the past transferring to main campus.

I think that advising students is just as important as teaching them. I know that a teacher has a lot of responsibilities, but if he can't advise as well, then advisors should be hired.

Sincerely, A Concerned Student

To the concerned student,

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your thoughts on this matter. While our personal experiences with advisors have been more positive than your own, your story is nevertheless all too common.

SPC Coming Attractions

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Love Rob

by Rob Prindle
Collegian Staff Writer

I like to park. I park a lot. I know all the dark alleys—the nooks no one much cares about—the parking spaces with enough trees to block the annoying moonlight.

I know how to park—everywhere except the Behrend campus. How many commuters have had that Twilight Zone feeling? You know the one where you find yourself almost late for a class but the only parking space is the place where it says, "park here and we rape your wife and burn your kids."

When someone grabs my favorite parking place I'm a little upset...but hey, it's fair game, right? I'm annoyed but I realize that in this case it will always be first come first serve—so I see a movie instead.

At school, however that doesn't seem like a reasonable reaction. I expect a goddam parking space for my goddam \$15. I don't want to play Russian roulette with a ticket or an upset professor everytime I need a parking hole.

Do you pay a parking meter if you do not park next to it? Does a parking garage charge you if you do not find a space? Do you pay to have your car and your Nikes sucked into that GOOO that pretends to be the parking lot behind Nick. NO NO NO NO NO...WHY THEN ARE WE CHARGED FOR SPACES THAT DO NOT EXIST???

From now on deduct my fines from my spring parking permit money.



Love
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Editorial

Welcome back to Behrend and the 1988 academic year. I would like to take this opportunity both to introduce myself and address some questions you might have about the Behrend Collegian.

My name is James Martin, and I along with Lisa Hahn have been chosen to serve as a Co-Editor of this newspaper. Together with a dedicated group of editors and staff members, we will attempt to produce a newspaper that both informs and entertains the Behrend community.

With regard to this newspaper, it should not be forgotten that this is a student newspaper. As such it is your newspaper. This does not mean that we can or will print absolutely anything that is submitted, but we do encourage contributions of all types.

Letters to the editor are not the only means by which individuals can make a contribution to this newspaper. Is there a campus event that you feel is worthy of coverage? If so, let us know about it, we're always open to suggestions.

Everything that I've said boils down to this: with this newspaper as with any campus organization, feel free to get involved. Frankly I'm sick of hearing how apathetic Behrend students are. Lets dispell the notion. In the timeless words of Bartles and Jaymes, let me say in advance, thank you for your support.

by James Martin
Collegian Editor

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Reflections

By Sister Marie O'Connell

On Contemporary Society

Once upon a time, in the last quarter of the twentieth century, people had what they called "casual sex." It was part of something the media of the day always named the "sexual revolution."

chaste and that husbands and wives ought to be faithful, but everybody said that they were hung up on sex, and why didn't they catch up with the times?

Hollywood still had censors for movies, but it got harder to rate them because G meant nobody went, and in the PG ones it sort of depended on whether the lady took off her clothes bare—front or bare—back. Parental consent seemed to hinge on things like that.

Then came AIDS. At first people said drugs could handle it. Then, a little research. Then some money, a lot of money.

And people died. A homosexual in California tried to get bathhouses closed to halt the sex trade there.

People said he was a bigot and why blame anybody for a virus. Everybody knows viruses don't care where they go.

But AIDS kept coming. And with it, death. Even movie stars died. And children.

To some it seemed frightening, like a twentieth century plague. They thought behavior should change. Ann Landers, who used to counsel most of the country every twenty-four hours, started to

sound stricter than the Gospel of Matthew: husbands and wives must be absolutely faithful; young people have to change their ways; sleeping around was sexual Russian roulette. Doctors began warning people that when you had sex with one person, you had sex with all the people that person had sex with for six or eight years. College kids took to their computers with a vengeance.

In exasperation, the champions of the "sexual revolution" came up with "safe sex." That would do it! Condom manufacturers suddenly hit it rich. A few small voices said that is a lie, a dangerous lie, like the other lies. And the young, who have the most to lose, will believe it. And sure enough, machines started popping up everywhere. And textbooks to teach about it.

And some remembered that when Eve first reached out and took the apple, it was because she had believed a lie. And so it goes.

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- 1. You can't get pregnant when you're bleeding.
2. You can't get pregnant the first time.
3. You won't get pregnant if you...
4. Condoms are a weak and risky method of birth control.
5. The chances of a girl getting pregnant unintentionally before she's 20 years old is...

- 8. You need your parents' permission to get safe, effective birth control.
9. A teen can get appropriate, low-cost birth control at any...

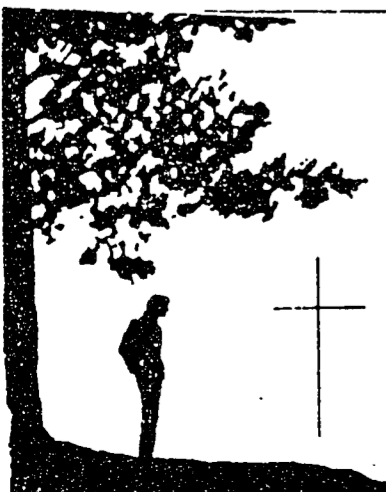
How do you SCORE?

7-9 CORRECT: If more teens knew even this much about birth control, there wouldn't be so many unintended pregnancies. The real question is: why don't they?
4-6 CORRECT: The facts of life are no big secret. If you haven't been given the information you need to make your own personal decisions, ask someone who knows and cares.
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