

# Love Rob

## Life's Pleasures

by Rob Prindle  
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Everyone has a few guilty pleasures. For some it is reading Harlequin Romances, for others more sophisticated, it is drinking Jack Daniels from the bottle while watching Oprah -- or Donahue for the more conservative.

For me it is reading and collecting newspaper articles. I know, I'm a wild man, but I have collected a large selection of very weird news stories. I'm not talking about flashy articles from supermarket tabloids, with headlines like: "Man Stops Eating Himself To Search For New Jar of Miracle Whip." I mean real news stories from real newspapers.

The headlines I am about to show you are not pretty. They depict warped ideas and strange meanings which we may never fully understand. Since you, the reader, have already made it past "Love Rob" you should be able to handle these:

"Blue Slime Disease Isn't Anything To Worry About." Hey, if you can't worry about blue slime disease, what can you worry about? I personally think that I would walk blocks out of my way to avoid something called blue slime disease, or even blue slime simplex.

Now, the same newspaper that gave us the reassuring advice about blue slime, printed this piece of metaphysical meandering just a few weeks later. "Adults Believe Kids Are Unruly." "Wow, now that's news. Glad I spent that quarter."

It is possible that some of this unruliness came as a result of a scandal that an Erie paper uncovered. The headline read: "Playing Tag On The Telephone." Damn hooligans, I can only imagine what may have happened if I had lived my life without ever knowing about telephone tag.

On second thought, you can hardly blame unruly kids for not wanting to leave their homes to play tag after you consider this next headline: "Nova Scotia Villagers Awake To Find Refugees Wandering Streets." Sure, first Nova Scotia then Erie, then the world.

We had all better pray, but who could go to church after reading this in the morning newspaper: "Minister Loses Teeth In Sermon Gimmick." Well, better to lose teeth to a gimmick than to blue slime I guess.

The headlines I just presented were all true and fortunately they were also of very little importance to anyone except the guy who lost his teeth.

Some stories attached to headlines, however, are way too important. One day last November my day got off to a great start when I read "6 Arrested For Dealing Drugs At Nuclear Plant." Yea, that's just what America needs; mellow nuclear plant employees. I can imagine the conversation now. "Wow, nuclear meltdown. What a concept. Better put in some Pink Floyd."

And here is one final bit of headline heaven. "Archbishop Whealon Orders Gay Group To Stop Using Church." I don't know about you, my loyal readers, but I sure do sleep better now that I know that gay people can't pray. It's good that Whealon stopped them now, or next they may have wanted to vote.

I wonder if His Honor the Archbishop thinks kids are unruly. Watch out.



by Pastor Ray Sines  
Contributing Writer

Jim, my hat is off to your excellent editorial - "The Death of Activism." I must also ask, WHY did many college students of the sixties become activists? I graduated from high school in 1964 and I know that the foremost thoughts on my mind (at age 18) were either

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going to college (or technical trade school), getting married or becoming a victim of the draft. I cringed at the thought of shooting another human and I was not ready for marriage so I chose the first of my three choices.

Apparently many other students chose this same choice because this turned out to be the largest college boom in our history. Now that a significantly larger percentage of high school graduates, all of a sudden, desired more education, but many students saw it as a way of avoiding Viet Nam. Entering college in the sixties changed one's mandatory draft status from 1-A (have your bags packed) to 1-S (delayed until graduation or until your GPA drops below a "B"). Since I had to work 45 hours a week to afford to go to school, it took only one year for my GPA to drop to a "C". Needless to say Uncle Sam sat by students during this time like a vulture waiting to

clean up, and my draft notice was mailed air mail special delivery. Sixty days later I was South East Asia bound; expenses paid. But speaking from one sixties' student's point of view, I envisioned the 'wrong' in Viet Nam as ME being forced to shoot at another human being.

This was certainly a reason a reason to become an active student, although it was very self-serving. Jim, I too would like to believe that there were activists purely for the reason of good, but I'm not quite sure that many were totally innocent of self motives.

Speaking further on student activism, I wonder what it takes today for students to put forth the sacrificial effort and time from their busy schedule to even write a letter to the school newspaper? In just two years I have seen efforts from soliciting articles, stop apathy buttons, controversial articles and

even enlarged bold print which begged for other persons' comments. Much of the world looks to colleges for solutions and answers. Come on, let someone know you are alive- GET INVOLVED.

Part of a college education is learning how to express yourself, voice your opinions, and to express what YOU value. God willing, you are tomorrow in the making. Don't let your college career pass you by while kidding yourself, saying, "I'm going to write my comment about..."

I read an article last week which stated: "It's easy to procrastinate and leave good deeds undone, but such a course will bring regrets when life's short race is done."-Anonymous. Even the devil doesn't care how much good a person does, as long as they don't do it today.

Boastfully, I must say, this paper has gotten much better every semester, but not without sacrifices in grades, time and criticism. Please remember also, the Collegian staff takes the same courses and has the same workload that other students have; yet because a few are willing to become active we are privileged to read on.

# McGraduates ?

by Kevin Trenney  
Collegian Staff Writer

When I hear all of these great people drone on and on about how bad Behrend is, I am overpowered by an urge to "Chuck upwardly," all over them. It also toasts my posterior, (burns my butt) when I am forced to listen to my fellow students go on for countless hours, singing the praises of University Park.

Why is Behrend so terrible? In what ways is U.P. so much better? After posing these questions countless times to these whining "U.P. wanna bes", I get some truly wonderful responses. Certain common themes are expressed in these answers i.e. "This place is so boring...there's nothing to do here." For some reason, I was under the impression that the purpose for going to college is learning. How naive of me to think this! I feel so stupid now. It is plain to see that the reason one attends college today is to be a social animal.

Sure there are more social activities at University Park. The "Upper echelon" at U.P. is probably more "upper crusty" than the one at Behrend. Come on people! Wise up! College is not merely a medium for socialization and sporting events. College is a place for learning.

Please understand that my primary goal is not to slander U.P. I have a great deal of respect for Dr. Jordan, the faculty members and students who are there. Without University Park there would be no Penn State Behrend. My aim is very simple. I wish to point out some advantages of attending Behrend, as I perceive them.

- Being just a faceless number in an audience of over 400 students - What a nice thought! A friend of mine who is presently at U.P. initially bragged about the fact that he is there. Now he whines about it, complaining about the class size. The small class environment at Behrend would seem more conducive to learning. I like the

fact that most of my professors know my name. The education one gets here is personalized, like the services one gets in a small family operated restaurant.

At Behrend you are more than a number. The education which one receives at U.P. would seem much less personalized. -Like the service you get at McDonalds. If you have problems with classes at Behrend, you can speak directly to your professor. At U.P. you may have to deal with tutors, graduate assistants, or fellow students with the same major.

There is something at Behrend

which neither U.P. nor the rest of the World has. This something is someone named Ben Lane (Professor Emirtus), who has done much for Behrend over the years.

There is also a great sense of community here.

U.P. has advantages over Behrend as far as such things as facilities and course offerings go. But Behrend has advantages of its own.

A personalized Penn State education in a smaller environment!

# STRANGE DAZE

## Behrend Fair

by Ed Miseta  
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"I'm bored. There's never anything to do." How many times have you heard that before? It seems to be a pretty popular saying around here, but hopefully that will soon be a thing of the past. Introducing "Behrend Fair". Behrend Fair is the biggest craze to hit this campus in quite some time. This college version of the olympic games will be a week long event to be held every spring.

"It will be a chance for students to show off the skills they have been able to master while here at Behrend," said Behrend Fair organizer Guiseppe Makaratz. "We're hoping for a good turnout from the student body. All of the events were designed with them in mind."

Some of the events to be held during this week long extravaganza are as follows:

**The Parking Lot Dodge**  
For this exciting event, 2000 students will take off from Wesleyville, race up Station Road onto campus, and then try to park in 1200 parking places. Those that get spots will be judged on poise, aggressiveness and skill. An overall winner will be allowed to park in front of the Administration building for an entire semester. Those that cannot find spots will have to park along the road or on the grass. Their cars will then be ticketed and towed.

**The Dr. Feel Goods Relay**  
Students, along with their designated drivers, will leave the campus at nine o'clock on a Wednesday night. They will arrive at the Doctor's and quaff brews till closing time. They will then get a breathalyzer test, head back to campus, and be in bed by three. Those motivated participants will then get up at six and start studying twenty pages of notes. At eight they will be given a test on the notes. Those registering at least a 2 on the breathalyzer and scoring an 80% or better on the exam will be awarded a bottle of liquor stores finest cheap Chianti. Contestants must be of legal age.

**The Slippery Hill Slalom**  
For this event, the walkway behind the Reed building will be hosed down with water and allowed to freeze overnight. The next morning several sorority girls wearing short dresses and pumps will attempt to walk from Lawrence Hall down to the Reed Building without slipping and falling on their duffs. They will be judged on style and poise, with the winner to receive a large bag of Doritos and a two liter bottle of Pepsi, along with a free tanning session from Ernie's Sunshine Emporium.

**The Couch Potato Pasta Parlay**  
Those students particularly adept at camping out in front of the television will also get the chance to show off their talents. The Couch Potato Pasta Parlay will set all contestants in front of a television that is showing The New Hollywood Squares. The contestants will try to down as much spaghetti as they can, while trying to answer questions before John Davidson gives the answers. The top finishers will then move on to the exciting Wheel of Fortune round, where they will try to guess the puzzle before the contestants. The winner will receive a used television set, courtesy of the Salvation Army, a cold Dominos pizza and a warm six-pack of Iron City Light.

Along with these and many other exciting events, there will also be a host of celebrities on hand. Television and film stars such as Sean Penn, Jim J Bullock and Kirk Cameron will sign autographs while great musicians such as Sonny Bono, Tammy Faye Bakker and Zamfir, (master of the pan flute) entertain the crowds. The festivities will end with the very popular Barry Weller/Robert Conrad look-alike contest. The entire celebration is free to Behrend students and faculty members. Let the games begin!

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

**"But you can't get pregnant doing it standing up!"**

There's a lot of dangerous information about sex. Dangerous because it's just plain wrong. If you don't know the facts, you can get into extremely serious trouble. How many of these mistakes have you heard others make?

**"YOU CAN'T GET PREGNANT DOING IT STANDING UP!"**

Gravity has nothing to do with getting pregnant. The millions of sperm in each ejaculation can live for two or three days inside of you. Jumping up and down won't stop them. Doing it standing up won't faze them. It takes just one sperm to get you pregnant.

**"YOU CAN'T GET PREGNANT WHEN YOU'RE BLEEDING!"**

Oh, yes you can. Some girls can have bleeding when they ovulate—the most fertile time—and think it's their period. Think of bleeding as the start of a cycle, not the end of one. Because few girls have periods like clockwork, calculating the actual low points in your fertility cycle is the most difficult birth control method there is. Even when you do it right, it's the one that's most likely to go wrong.

**"DOUCHING WITH SODA POP REALLY WORKS!"**

If it did, you can bet the companies who make the stuff would be selling it for a lot more than they do! The fact is, douching

with any kind of soda pop is not only useless, it's extremely dangerous. Douching with anything is no substitute for the simple, effective birth control methods you can buy at any drugstore without a prescription. We wish there was an easy way to prevent pregnancy "after the fact," but there isn't.

**"YOU CAN'T GET PREGNANT THE FIRST TIME!"**

It's all the same to eggs and sperm. They're ready the first time, every time, even if you're not. It's not a matter of "luck." It's just a fact of life. If you have sex and don't use an effective method of birth control, you are going to get pregnant. If you don't want it to happen, you have to do something to stop it from happening.

This year, a million teenage girls will get pregnant because they didn't know how not to. Or because they "thought" they knew, but really didn't.

Getting pregnant is easy. You don't have to be smart. You don't have to be popular. You don't have to be anything except mistaken. Just once, about one thing.

Nobody's born knowing the facts of life. Everybody has to learn them. And the best way to learn is by asking people you're absolutely sure know the answer. Like your parents. Or your teacher. Or the people at Planned Parenthood. We're listed in the phone book. We can help. That's what we're here for.

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