



Viewpoint On Life

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(and all around good guys)

As another school year draws to a close, excitement fills the campus. Summer vacation is only a few days away. But this year, final exams are the FINAL exams for our favorite columnists. They have completed their 4-year tour of duty and are about to take that fateful leap from college to reality.

We now take you to Graduation day. Everyone is dressed up beneath their robes...except Jim and Terry, who are decked out in gym shorts and high tops. They thought "Commencement Exercises in Eric Hall" meant there was an aerobics workout for all seniors.

As the procession entered Eric Hall, thousands of parents were smiling and crying. A camera flashed in Terry's face, and Jim had to restrain him from flashing the person back. The pep band finished their "unique" rendition of the procession music and Dean Lilley stood at the podium to welcome the group, then started into the same speech we all heard at our high school graduation. As he droned on, our heroes let their mind drift back over the past four years. They were good years, and there were many things they would miss...things they had taken for granted until now. Penn State football and Behrend Basketball came to mind, along with Dollar Import Night at the Plymouth, Happy Hour at Park Place, and the Annual Spring Fling and Fall Foliage parties. Money from Mom and Dad, and Cookies and Condoms, sleeping in, golfing in the gorge, Spike, wings at the Warsaw Cafe, Life as the Behrend Lion (Terry would probably never hug another girl), Generic food, their friend, "Senioritis", and you, their fans, all would be sorely missed.

Of course, there were things that wouldn't be missed at all, like Mcister Brau, and Milwaukee's Best. They would also do without Eric weather (snow in July?), Rbase, daily hangovers, data structures, buying and selling books, those goofs who play hacky-sack on the Reed patio, midterm and final exams, Behrend's "10%", R.A.'s, Dobbins Food, drunk freshmen, sober freshmen, morally sound co-eds, Art history, Computer Center visits that last until 2a.m., and the "Gorge Patrol" with their own personal code of justice.

Our heroes snapped back to life when they heard their names called. Each skipped to the podium expecting to accept their diplomas, only to be presented with certificates of attendance and 42 unpaid parking tickets. That Dr. Lilley is such a kiddier. After a brief exchange of funds, they finally

returned to their seats, diplomas in hand (much to the amazement of their parents).

Once again seated, they were struck with the realization that college was over and reality waited outside the gymnasium doors. In their hands was more than a fancy piece of paper--it was the key to the American Dream--a mortgage, a station wagon with paneling on the side, a dog, a wife, and 2.3 kids. Soon they would have a positive net income, and expense account, and live in a city with REAL pro sports teams (Pittsburgh doesn't count).

But hark, was it all rosey out there? What lie hidden behind the glitz and glamour? What if people actually expected them to act like mature adults? Does this mean Bullwinkle and Rocky could no longer be their role models? Would they be expected to dress like their parents now that they were "grown-ups"? How would they defend themselves from the women who just wanted them for their wallets? Worse yet, how would they distinguish them from the hordes of chicks who just lusted after their bods? Could they cope with wearing a white shirt and power tie every day? Will they have to wear socks, too? And what about the most disturbing question of all, that fear to end all fears...what to do if the Democrats win the 1988 Presidential Election? (Terry comforted Jim with the thought that as the economy tumbled, he would still be able to sell his wife and kids for beer money.)

They snapped out of their daze just as Spike, the Killer Gerbil, was concluding his Valedictorian address.

The ceremony ended, and the Class of 1988 marched out the door and into the future, with their minds full of knowledge, their hearts full of pride, and their bellies full of beer.

Now if you'll forgive us for this tidbit of seriousness, we'd like to leave our fellow graduates with these words from Wadsworth, "The things you do that you don't have to do will determine who you are long after it is too late to change it". And a quote from Ronald Reagan, "You can accomplish anything if you don't care who gets the credit".

Goodbye, Behrend. Thanks for the memories.

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Finals Relief

by Tammy Furiesz
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Are the demands of finals and research papers running you ragged? What can you possibly do to slow down such a hectic pace? All you have to do is take some time out for yourself, relax and maybe do something a little different. Here are a few suggestions to get you started. Use your imagination and try something creative.

1. Visit the zoo. Not only is this the prime baby animal season, but the indoor-outdoor setting is a perfect way to enjoy an almost spring day.

2. If your habitual mode of exercise is as high-energy as your study schedule, sample a gentler activity. Try a stretching class or yoga; take a visit to the YMCA and swim in the slow lane.

3. Treat yourself to **Laughing Matters**, a new collection of American humor, edited by Gene

Shalit. This laugh-out-loud compilation of essays, cartoons and poems from such favorites as Dorothy Parker, Woody Allen, James Thurber, Fran Lebowitz and Garrison Keillor, is an on-demand mood brightener. Doubleday, \$24.95.

4. Steal a quiet moment during a walk through the gorge. The cool, fresh spring air is bracing and energizing. And, with the flowers and plants starting to bloom, you can take a peaceful look at new life beginning.

5. Add life to your workspace. Make a corner of your bulletin board a rotating private exhibit of snapshots, postcards, cartoons.

6. Buy yourself flowers that will bring fragrance--as well as color--to your home or dorm. Some of the most delicious smelling choices: lilies of the valley, freesia, tuberose, gardenias, hyacinths, narcissi. A bouquet is a heady promise of spring.

7. Schedule a mid-week outing. Restaurants, movie theaters and stores are less crowded.

8. Set specific goals for yourself and go through with the



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Pool Tournament Winners (L-R)

Lynn Strohecker-3 rd place (women's)	Paul Wodecki-1 st place (men's)
Chris Cadonic-2 nd place (women's)	Greg Rupp-2 nd place (men's)
Donna Kuczynski-1 st place (women's)	Mat Rodgers-3 rd place (men's)

rewards only after you accomplish the task at hand. For example, study for a test for two hours then allow yourself to watch a favorite television show.

9. Take a short afternoon nap. Even if you don't sleep, it is relaxing to lie down for a while.

10. Call a friend from home and

make plans to see each other over the summer.

11. Get a group of friends together and have a gripe session. Talking to other people helps to get things in perspective.

12. Study in a different environment. Go to a restaurant or park by yourself.

Ed McCloskey Takes His Final Bow At Behrend

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to student life and his ability to make each day a little more fun, the Resident Life Staff and other friends are delighted to pronounce today, April 28, Ed McCloskey Appreciation Day. This is Ed's last semester on Behrend Campus and all will miss him dearly. If you see Ed today, wish him well, give him a hug or a handshake, and don't forget to say, "Thanks Ed, We luv ya!"

To Ed McCloskey - a star in the east! It's with mixed feelings that I wish you luck and farewell as you move on to new things. You've added so much to our staff and our campus community - hope you take with you half as much as you've shared with us! I'll miss you a bunch. Maybe we can name a building after you! See you in the movies! PJ

Eddie - The "children" still want to assemble in your apartment. Good Luck - Keep in touch! - Harald

Oh Eddy Eddy! Oh Eddy Eddy! From, The Monday Nighters

Edward - I was 450 miles away from family and friends, and you made me feel at home. I'll always remember your warmth, humor, and friendship. Best of luck in all you do and I hope you find what you're looking for.... John P. Downey P.S. - Does this mean that import night at the Plymouth is out of the question?

Ed - Working with you is really great. To meetings we are never late. For this we know you would hate. We'll miss you here at dear old State! -Your "super" group

Ed - Good Luck! from the Collegian Staff

Ed - In your immortal words, "Life is too short!" So go for it dude, and HAVE FUN! - Bill W.

I'm sorry to see Ed leave Behrend. He was a lot of fun to be with, both on and off the job. His energy and spunk never died the entire time I knew him as a student and as a coordinator. He will be missed at the Christmas parties for his jitterbug, fox trot, and waltz lessons. Good luck, Ed, at your next job and don't forget to visit. If you ever get to New York City, give me a call. Heidi

I was saddened to hear that Ed was resigning his position as coordinator here at Penn State-Behrend. I have known Ed for many years now as a student and as a fellow staff member. I can say without hesitation that Ed was one of the finest and most dedicated students and members of the staff I have ever known. It was a pleasure to see his always smiling face in the Housing Office. I came to trust his judgement in matters that impacted the quality of life for the students. He always had their best interests in mind. I know that we will not be able to replace Ed because he is one-of-a-kind. Good luck, Ed. I am going to miss you. Phil

Ed "you ain't heavy, you're my co-worker" McCloskey: I can't believe it's almost time for the final performance of the "Kim and Ed Show". Thank you for a great two year season. You're the best! Kim

P.S. I'm looking forward to seeing your name in "bright lights" - watch out Bernardo Bertolucci!

Ed - we're going to miss you, your cows and your cornflake boxes! We wish you the best! The Perry and Niagara RA Staff

Ed - Is your telephone out of order? Good luck to you! Giselle

Ed - What, no more hair aches? Marge

Ed - Best wishes to the most talented art show organizer I've ever known! You have made a real difference here and we'll miss you very much. Chris Reber

Ed - Happiness is getting invited to dinner at Connie's house. Good luck, we'll miss you very much! Connie

Ed - How many cows do you have now? Good luck in the future. Linda

Ed - Good luck! You deserve all the best! We'll miss your smiling face! Keep wearing those sharp looking argyle socks! Mike, Cara, and Tami

Ed - When's our date for wings and beer at the Anchor Bar? Davina

To my buddy, Ed - Hey guy, you've been great! Thanks for making sure I got some chow and that I got outta that _____ pen when the ol' lady's gone. We've had some great walks together out scopin' the females. You're a cool guy! Rufus (Alias "Spot" and "Spuds")

Ed - Happy Day. You are the hottest tomato we know! You're such a From, Q Squad

To Ed - From the fields of Hemp you came to Lake Erie's golden shores. At Penn State-Behrend you made your name and drank your share of Coors.

Your future looms before you decisions you'll need to make. Good luck in all you do. We'll miss you here at the "lake". Good luck! Mary Ellen and Pat

Ed - Remember when you went antiquing with "Charles Nelson Reilly"? Good luck to you! You deserve the very best! Mary Jane Hamilton

Ed - Your enthusiasm, sensitivity and dedication are contagious. Wish you all the best! Patty Pasky

Ed - I hope you're not leaving because you were never honored with a celebrity croissant! Clay

Ed - I have just a couple of sentences to say - what a fun person you are, what a wonderful asset you've been to Penn State-Behrend, and how much we'll all miss you...but I see I'm out of space. Ed, you're too cool for school! Jamie

