

THE NITTANY CUB

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Editorial!

It has been noted by certain members of the administration of the Behrend Campus that Behrend has more student activities than nearly any other commonwealth campus, and almost as many as the main campus of Penn State.

Most of those who have heard this statement seem to be content with its conclusiveness and many even feel somewhat proud of such an accomplishment for their school. What conclusiveness does

Dear Editor...

Why isn't there more collegiate enthusiasm at Behrend?

One glaring defect in the college life at Behrend is the absence of student enthusiasm in extra-curricular activities. In an earlier "Letter to the Editor," it was stated that the adjustment to college life takes time. I would like to know how much time is needed. At the date this issue is released, thirteen weeks of college life will have already elapsed but still there is no more student enthusiasm than was shown at the beginning of school. Examples of this can be seen at various social functions and athletic contests held throughout the year.

At a record hop held prior to the end of the first term, a sparse turn out of students were in attendance, even though there were such features as free refreshments and a twist contest. Also at basketball games, the absence of enthusiasm can be seen much easier with approximately thirty to thirty-five students present to see the Cubs in action.

This defect must be corrected immediately. The students must first show their support for those activities already in existence, if they want more extra-curricular activities added to the few which they already have.

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this statement carry? None whatsoever. These people have failed to bring to mind one important question: What percentage of the student body of the Behrend Campus is actively participating in these activities? The answer, unfortunately, would have to be: A very small percentage.

Need proof? Consider a number of clubs on the campus. Mr. Baker reports that the Astronomy Club boasts a roster of "8 or 10 members." Mr. Bedford's Engineer's Club has very few more. The Music Appreciation Club's weekly attendance sometimes drops to as low as two or three students. The Literary Club, after two meetings, consists of approximately ten students. This newspaper, **THE NITTANY CUB**, is definitely understaffed, with a total of only eight loyal contributors. And so it is with nearly every other student organization on the campus. Activities such as these were instituted, for the most part, to exchange and discuss ideas on various subjects. With minute memberships such as these, how many really original and constructive ideas can be found?

Consider student attendance at sports events. There are approximately 300 students presently enrolled at Behrend. At the last home basketball game, Behrend vs. Jamestown, there were roughly 80 students present from Behrend. This is less than 30% of the enrollment. Where was the other 70%?

Naturally, there are reasonable and justifiable excuses for not

Is It or Is It Not?!

Webster's New International Dictionary defines a newspaper as "a paper printed and distributed, at stated intervals" to convey news, advocate opinions, etc., now usually containing also advertisements and other matters of public interest." It has been further said that a newspaper has the following three functions:

1. To record current events.
2. To both mold and offer a sounding board for public opinion.
3. To strive to please by offering something to everybody.

Certainly, from the above definition, the **Nittany Cub** can be considered a newspaper. The **Cub** staff attempts, to the best of its ability, to make Behrend's student newspaper perform each of these duties by trying to accurately record news, striving to give an accurate picture of student opinion, and seeking to please everyone. Often, it is in attempting to fulfill this last duty that we are criticized. A newspaper which to one person is a model may be to someone else a dull and uninteresting publication; while what the second person may regard as embodying the best qualities of modern journalism may be considered by the first as embodying the very worst. Thus each publication such as the **Nittany Cub** must constantly seek to travel along the middle of the road, so to speak. But this is almost an impossibility and therefore people are dissatisfied.

The **Nittany Cub** staff certainly welcomes any and all constructive criticism. Anyone who wishes to express an opinion can do so merely by writing a letter to the editor. All properly signed letters which are written sincerely and in a constructive manner will be published. And, as we mentioned at the beginning of the fall term, anyone who wishes to write articles or help this newspaper in any way, is welcome to join the **Cub** staff. Seeking to please everyone is a big job, but you are welcome to help us try.

participating in activities. There are also many unreasonable alibis. Probably the most outstanding of these is the "too busy with studies" pretext. It can be reasonably concluded, however, that if any student's intelligence were such that it was essential to study at every spare moment, he or she would probably not have been admitted to Penn State.

College life and college education cannot come to an end with the closing of a book at the conclusion of the sixth period each day. It must be carried over into every act which the student performs. Besides developing a knowledge of a variety of subjects, a college student must also develop a well-rounded personality and a

depth of character to adequately handle this knowledge. This can be done only by actively participating in college affairs, by being with people—all types of people, not only those whom we choose to be with—by exchanging and comparing ideas, and simply by attending numerous and diverse college functions. It cannot be done by running home to see your friend down the street with whom you grew up. Your friend will not be with you all of your life.

The Behrend Center Campus has the people, the activities, and the ideas. You, as a student at Behrend, are paying for these activities. Why not make use of them?.

Is This A Typical SGA Meeting?

The meeting of the S.G.A. was held this week in the Teachers' Lounge as their regular meeting room, the Memorial Room, was locked up. The Treasurer, Jerry McMahon, reported the S.G.A.'s balance had remained unchanged at \$652.22. Bob Williams, Activities Chairman, reported that plans for the winter dance,

"Wonderland By Night", are well underway. The S.G.A. is planning on having a pep rally for the Penn State Frosh—Behrend basketball game on January the twentieth. Helen Rovegno motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Sally Woolworth immediately seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.