

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to plead the cause of our SGA, repudiate a few items mentioned by Mr. Barney in the recent issue of the "Cub" and score a little against you.

If Mr. Barney wishes to file a complaint about something as earthshaking as the lack of table tennis nets, that is entirely his prerogative. But, he should aim his anger at the one SGA member responsible, not the entire organization. Surely, Mr. Barney cannot believe the entire SGA is focusing its joint talents and efforts on four one dollar and ninety-eight cent nets plus braces.

The association operates for the benefit of the entire campus and student body—but, the members are not psychic or omniscient. They can not perceive every existing situation.

They must be told of student needs and wants. They must be made aware of things which you, or any one group wishes to be noticed.

In crude language—'ya gotta open your traps!

And if the students were aware of the large portion of work done and the many programs underwritten by the SGA, people like ole Barney would not be thinking of abolishing the most active organization on campus.

But, the fine "Cub" manages with great alacrity to produce some of the sloppiest coverage possible to the things most worthwhile at Behrend.

Student apathy cannot be shaken off when the only news media on campus operates as if it were editing the dining hall menu in one and two syllable slurs.

The newspaper is mushy and mealy-mouthed—not that it has to be revolutionary, but upon occasion, it should find a topic on which to express some opinion.

But, alas, when that brave soul on the staff finally manages to pen an article which is controversial, good ole Carol Baier will most naturally place it in the "Trash and Treasure" column.

The Spectator and Tatler, Inc.

Answer to a Reply

Although it is against the "Cub's" policy to print unsigned letters, I feel that the opinions expressed in this letter deserve to be viewed by all students and I, Carol Baier, as editor should clarify and defend the "Cubs" position.

It is realized by the Cub's staff that the SGA is a vital organization that operates for the benefit of the entire student body and very efficiently I might add. My comments are not aimed at the SGA as a unit but at "The Spectator and Tatler Inc." who are members.

As the individuals who wrote this letter stated, the SGA "must be told of the student needs and wants. They must be made aware of things which you, or any one group wishes to be noticed." This is precisely what the "Cub" did when it printed Bill Barney's letter. However, when a little complaint arouses such a strong feeling among so few, I can't help but think that it must have applied directly to them.

"The Spectator and Tatler Inc." should have read Bill Barney's letter a second time before making their incorrect statement that "ole Barney would not be thinking of abolishing the most active organization on campus." If they had they would of seen clearly stated that "this is not to say that the SGA should be abolished."

As for the claim that the "Cub manages with great alacrity to produce some of the sloppiest coverage possible", may I bring to mind that he entire "Cub" staff is composed of freshmen who haven't had the necessary previous experience to do a professional job. Yet not one of us overlooks or takes lightly our responsibilities. If "The Spectator and Tatler Inc." feel as their letter indicates, the "Cub" would sincerely welcome their help on the next issue.

As for me—I feel that this letter most certainly belongs in the "Trash and Treasure" column, not because it criticizes for constructive criticism is welcomed, but because the people who wrote it didn't have the courage to stand by their convictions by signing their names.

"Know Thyself and Know Thy Church"

By Rev. C. J. Schweikert,
Chaplain

May I ask what may be an embarrassing question? How many of you find time to worship regularly now that you are at college? It sounds like a preacher's question and it is. Indeed, it could come from the pastor of any of you for we are all concerned about your spiritual welfare at this time of transition in your lives.

Admittedly the Church is not perfect and sometimes has a difficult time getting through to its youth: we often react too slowly to dynamic changes in college students and feed you childish theology. The Church may appear to be staid and complacent when you may want reform and social justice. Yet in spite of some failures, your church can help you. How? Read on—

1. The Church can help you to know yourself. It just might be wiser for us to spend less time and energy in trying to understand outer space and more time in finding ourselves. Unless we know ourselves as beings created in the image of God, we lose the whole purpose of life. Socrates' famous dictum "Know thyself" is too often ignored. In the quietness of worship and study, give the still, small voice of God a chance to get through to you.

2. Your Church will provide contact with the basics of faith and this we all need. It is truth that the one unchangeable in life is God and we would be less than prudent to build our lives on something that may fail us.

3. Your pastor and enlightened laymen within the church can help you to find answers to problems that perplex. Talk to them:

you will find them more human than you might imagine and full of knowledge of life garnered through many types of parish contacts. (It is still possible for us to have a discussion group on campus—if interester contact Dean Lane.)

If what you have just read has made any kind of affirmative impression, then find a church in which you may worship. Listed below are just a few of the area churches; others are listed in the telephone book.

Messiah Lutheran, Eastern and Gray, Wesleyville: Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Wesleyville Baptist, South and Center, Wesleyville: Worship, 8:30 and 11:00.

Wesley Methodist, Station Rd. and South St., Wesleyville: Worship, 11:00.

St. Mary's Episcopal, 622 Silliman Ave., Wesleyville: Worship, 9-10.

St. James' Roman Catholic, Bird Drive and Buffalo Rd.: Masses on the hour in the morning and at 5:00 p.m.

the problem beforehand. Thus, he would be able to make more of a contribution to the conference, and the conference would be able to make more of a contribution to all Commonwealth Campus students.

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