

Roving Reporter (cont'd)

EILEEN BOWDEN: Its discouraging to see half-page newspaper spreads given to local highschool sports and Gannon's splash headlines in the paper, and then you have to look to the back of page 15 to find a one-column article about our teams. The Times writes about what the public is interested in. What we need is more students who are interested in and promote our school.

An organization like the Boosters with two hundred members could do an awful lot of good.

DICK BEARDSLEY: I think it's necessary because the school spirit needs to be boosted; especially since it's mainly a commuter school. Kids can't support a team when they don't know enough about it. More people would join if they knew more about it.

To the editor,

It seems that the SGA has recently passed a new ruling regarding club activities on the Behrend Campus. In general it states that any club not sponsoring an activity for the benefit of the student body will have its charter suspended for a period of one year. I hardly feel that this ruling is justified and made in light of all situations.

I am a member of the Circle K club on campus which was set up for the sole purpose of serving the student community. The Circle K sponsors all types of dances, Ness Night, Winter Carnival, Ski Weekend, pool cleanings, car washes, and a host of others; this is our purpose. The P.S. U. sorority also in the past has had dances. Other clubs have also participated in these areas. In contrast to our so-

cial clubs, Behrend also has the Radio club, Engineers club, Computer club and others. The clubs just mentioned were not set up for sponsoring social functions, although they have a perfect right to. They were established for members to get together and elaborate on the subject for which their respective clubs were formed. Why should they be expected to be responsible for a dance if they don't want one?

To back my argument further, it takes time, experience, co-operation, and money to sponsor a social activity. Most of these clubs have never done anything of this sort in the past and as a result, would run into serious difficulty in making all the necessary arrangements and clearances. Co-operation and money go hand in hand. Without student co-operation in attending functions you are going to lose money.

To explain this further; it costs in the area of sixty dollars for a good band, fifteen dollars for refreshments, three dollars for tickets, twenty to thirty dollars for decorations, and so on. The cost is in the area of one hundred dollars for a good dance. How many clubs are in a position to afford a dance like this? Not many.

If the student community should choose not to attend this dance, the club could stand to lose its shirt. This has happened to Circle K in the past when only six people showed up for a street dance which had been widely publicized. Some of the losses suffered by Circle K were absorbed out of the members' own pockets so that the club wouldn't go under.

There is much more which could be said to back my argument, but are not necessary. If the SGA wants to make sure that the student community has plenty of activities to attend, why don't they find out what the student

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