

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

I just read a statement that there is no college atmosphere on campus. This is definitely true. I think there is a way to rectify this problem, though.

The first step is to recognize the problem. Behrend, being mainly a commuter campus, lacks the opportunity for students to really get to know a lot of other students because no extra time is spend on campus. If you're through with a class, you leave; and you don't get here till ten minutes before your first class begins. Free periods are used for study. There is no binding agent -- the person attends classes, leaves, and isn't concerned about anyone he doesn't meet in the course of the day. Why should he?

Half of campus life is dorm living, which we don't have. The dorm girls, for example, are more or less a united group. They even get recognition in the yearbook as a group.

We need a binding agent like this. What? Fraternities and sororities! Why can't Behrend have frats? The easiest way to accomplish this is to go to the main campus frats and ask for local branches to be established. Some of the frats on the main campus would be glad to have additional members. It would also be an asset to belong to a branch frat because when you transferred you'd have a friendly group to move right in with.

One major problem would be building frat houses. The frat on the main campus could help out, the guys on our campus could raise some funds, and the frat could float a loan for the rest. Many kids from out of town would rather live in a frat house among friends than board out with strangers.

And we need more than one frat. Even just two battling frats would create spirit on campus. That spirit would act as the binding agent to make Behrend a college campus instead of a high school.

Dennis McKay

Now that a letter dealing with the S.G.A. "farce" has been submitted to the Cub, I'd like to comment on this "farce" if I may.

I must whole-heartedly agree that the S.G.A. is a farce. It has no choice but to assume such an image. No organization can operate efficiently to represent a body of students who just don't give a damn about our campus.

The majority of students at Behrend act like a tribe of childish brats who are too lazy to exert themselves. They seem to want entertainment and campus improvements handed to them on a silver platter. Let's face it, gang -- Behrend is not much more than a continuation of high school, and the students have made it that way.

I would like to point out that, not everyone is responsible for this condition. The Cub, Circle K, and Boosters' Club have all sponsored unsuccessful jammies. The culture series has been a flop. Psi Sigma Upsilon has sponsored several fine, but unattended programs. Even the athletic events haven't merited attention from the students.

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