

EDITORIAL

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The S.G.A. project to sponsor an athletic scholarship is a good example of the hard work and cooperation of many different groups that is necessary if any action is to be taken.

A scholarship was first proposed by Coach Sweeting for the purpose of recruiting athletes for the Behrend Campus. Funds would come from traffic fines; there is \$9000.00 in the till.

Sweeting met with opposition from those who wanted the scholarship to cover other student activities besides sports.

Meetings were held, informal conferences took place, speeches were made in S.G.A. by Sweeting, Dick Fasenmeyer, and Wayne Sasala. \$400 was tentatively decided upon.

Ron Bachelor as scholarship committee head has been pressured to formalize the terms into a document that the S.G.A. could vote upon. At about the time when it seemed that funds would be available for sports only, the Cub leaked this information to the student body.

The head of the Penn State athletics department chanced upon this Cub article, and dashed off a letter to Sweeting that such a scholarship must come only from an organization that grants non-athletic scholarships as well, and that a person winning a

scholarship cannot lose it for failure to participate in a sport. If this condition is not met, Behrend would be ineligible for certain athletic contests.

The Scholarship, though still not formalized, will now probably be available to all students in extracurricular activities. Bachelor is expected to draw up a sheet with specific qualifications. This will be accepted or rejected by S.G.A. If accepted, the program is in effect, and forms will be distributed to high schools.

The scholarship will be implemented by the Student Aid Committee. This is the same group that handles all scholarships at Behrend.

There is a general form filled out by students desiring economic aid at Behrend. Probably the same form will be used by S.G.A.

It is suggested that the scholarship apply only to those students who will be freshmen next fall or later. This is to keep current Behrend students from legislating money for themselves.

But there is still a basic problem of attitude toward the scholarship: Is its purpose to recruit good students to Behrend or to reward those who, after being at Behrend for a while, contribute something to the campus?