

## SHED THE SHELL

When arguments are presented for attending a small college, or as it is at Behrend, a branch campus, one can hear the administration preaching to the unwary candidate--"Better student-faculty relationships." at a small college.

This small college student-faculty relationship at the Behrend Campus was fully demonstrated by the single (1) faculty member present at the Coffee House after the last basketball game. One faculty member represented both the entire faculty and administration. There seems to be a consensus among faculty members that student functions are generally conducted with poor taste, and are unworthy of faculty participation. This is not true as was clearly demonstrated by a previous Nittany Cub function, the Christmas Dance, said by our peers and the faculty present, "to have been one of the nicest dances to be held at Behrend in a long time." The Cub would like to apologize for not having invitations printed and mailed to inform all faculty of our plans for the coffee house, but more than adequate publicity was given this event to welcome faculty participation.

Does the work of the faculty member end in the classroom: If the answer to this question is no, then that is where the education of the Penn State student ends, and this is most unlikely. The learning process does not stop outside of the classroom, and valuable knowledge can be gained from general conversations. This conversation, to be of value, does not always have to pertain to the instructors' major fields. The value of the faculty's experience and education, however, can not be fully utilized by the student unless more interaction between students and faculty occurs.

The coffee house party was a success, and it was an example of the typical Behrendite out of the classroom situation. It is a damn shame that the students must lose in the end due to the faculty's generally un-cooperative attitude.

The whole point of the matter is the fact that the faculty refuse to meet the students on a mutual ground of understanding. The solution lies within the attitudes of the faculty members, i.e. it is time for them to shed their academic shells (keep the academic--shed the shell). If this molting process occurs, then a meeting of minds of the two factions can occur on a common mental ground.

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## HIGH WIND OVER THE RUB ?

Many students probably wonder why the windows in the RUB lounge are always closed. Mr. Finley has very good reasons for maintaining this policy. Being a very civic-minded person, Mr. Finley has a great concern for his fellow Erieites, i.e. he understands that sanitation can be quite a burden to a growing metropolis. Now, the question is what has sanitation got to do with keeping the windows closed in the RUB lounge?

Please do not trouble your inquiring minds for the answer. It is really quite obvious. If the windows were opened, there is always the chance that a strong wind would sweep all the garbage that adorns our lovely cafeteria about the surrounding suburbs. True, that would solve the problem of keeping the cafeteria clean; but Erie has enough problems without the addition of more rubbish around the City Hall. So, the windows remain closed, and the City of Erie remains clean.

However, Mr. Kochel, our campus director is also concerned about sanitation. His special interest lies with our campus and in particular with the RUB cafeteria and/or lounge. It seems that all the trash on campus has been limited to one central point...RUB cafeteria between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 3:00p.m., the RUB can be compared to New York City during the Sanitation Workers strike. Mr. Kochel is not so much concerned with how to keep the lounge clean as he is with why the place is so filthy in the first place. (There has not been a sanitation problem at Behrend since the sewage plant backed-up.) He does not understand that the average college student is not capable of cleaning up his own mess. There is a good chance, also, that he would not believe that most mature, responsible college students like to eat their lunches in senic places; such as rubbish heaps. (After all, home is where you hang your trash.)

As one can see, the director of this campus and the head of food and housing are in quite a dilemma. If anyone can suggest a solution to this problem, please do so. Two possible resolutions have already been turned in: 1. Supply each student with a personal maid, or 2. Turn Erie Hall into a huge play pen--that way only one person would have to attend to the students while they are eating.

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