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### For What It's Worth

By Gary Thornbloom Managing Editor

As I read "Behrend 1980" (CUB last issue) a number of thoughts found their way into my head. The first there was a strong urge to cross out the O in 1980 replacing it with a 4. Why this urge was so strong I couldn't possibly say.

..Another area I happened to reflect upon was the question of just how much the students welfare is considered as a part of expansion plans. Are any students given a real voice in decisions surrounding these matters? Does the University exist for the students or is it the students who exist for the University? Are we chattel of the directors controlling PSU, subject to their dictates and thus assuming the role of no more than "pawns in the game?" Should administrative decisions, as well as the faculty, be subject to review by the students? These are questions which you should provide yourself with answers to and formulate an opinion on.

..My feelings are that students should be served by University facilities and resources, and that the day of students falling prey to political whims, poor guidance, channeling into "society" approved occupations, and in general being exploited by the University, should be brought to an end.

1. In this issue of expansion I can honestly say that I do not think it advantageous to the welfare of the students, or the quality of education for the cement, and buildings to augment the callousness of individuals governing this campus. The wanton destruction of nature's beauty to add to the ego of persons seeking prestige is made manifest in their desires to quantify the system of education. The number of buildings, staffed by hastily gathered masses of educators (sic) for the purpose of spewing forth facts to the myriads of expectant students is not the learning process as set forth in the light of quality, but is rather the doctrine of quantity.

. With our society based on mass-production, mass-consumption, mass-everything; the degree of success as seen through these eyes can hardly be expected to be anything but the same. Therefore a person seeking to gain recognition in the conventional means with the conventional methods must be drawn to a course paralleling the above ideas. This by no means makes methods correct, but only makes the persons employing these perverse means consistent with society's demands and standards.

..What it comes down to is the fulfillment of ego at the expense of knowledge and the exploitation of students.

.. Your education is not what it could be. With the expected increase of Behrend enrollment from 1264 now, to 5000 ten years from now, the loss is clearly the students.

...Just exactly what does University expansion mean and who will benefit? Do you as students? I don't think so. The best liberal arts colleges have limited small student bodies with a low faculty-student ratio. A qualified faculty, I might add, not some lame person who mounts a pedestal to recite irrelevant facts to a bored, half-sleeping class.

.. More buildings means more mediocre professors to aid in the training of more students to fill more slots, or awaiting jobs. These processes produce dull persons void of compassion. Success is all that matters.

Back to expansion; rather than taking a course of expanding in numbers and size, wouldn't it be far more beneficial to pursue higher standards of quality. Couldn't the dollars proposed for the many additional buildings be better spend by obtaining better educational aids to existing classrooms and in financing new approaches to learning.

The last issue had a picture of the "Proposed Development Plan" for Behrend Campus on the front page and that picture made me sick. For those plans not be carried out would be a dream come true. The nightmare of the pictured complex is a disaster to the beauty of the surrounding woodland. I can only hope for the sick persons pushing for a land of artificial rocks and steel to come to their senses before they've paved the earth.

..Stop the madmen now! Save Behrend Campus from all attempts to rape her of her beauty. Stop things while they are in the planning stage. Act now, to retain the green!

### Letters To The Editor

I am running for president of the Womens' Residence Council and the CUB seemed like the best place to get to all of you.

I addressed this letter as a "plea" because of the importance of this election not only to myself but to you, the Niagara Hall residents. I guess the one qualification I have to offer you is my sincerity and enthusiasm. Behrend is our "home" and we should strive to make it as comfortable as possible. That is my goal for the coming terms.

There are many things that need to be changed at Behrend but we need people who can get it together. We are all approaching adulthood and should be treated with that respect. One way of showing our maturity is by proving to the administration that we can handle a more liberal visitation program. Now all we have to do is work for that chance.

Some other things that can be done are the installations of cigarette machines in the dorms, an oven in the kitchen of Niagara Hall and dorm sponsored activities. These are just a few of my many aims for the year. To list them all would take more space than the CUB could offer.

All I am asking is that when you vote on Thursday, I hope you are responsible in your decision. Vote for what you want and who you think will get things moving around here. I sincerely feel I can do the job for you and a damned good one at that. Thank you---

Holly Jean Bogossian

Dear CUB Staff,

Don't you think the Behrend Soccer Team should have first preference over the Cleveland Cavaliers, or Bruce Gossets failure to win a game?

Why should anything that can be read in any local paper oversee our own campus news? Sincerely yours, Stanton Spoon

# Get Involved In Organizations

By Kathlene Sparks CUB Staff Writer

As the activities of Orientation Week are (thankfully?) over and the difficulties of scheduling are merely memories, you can settle into your own little rut now and grin as life passes you by. Or -- you be so adventurous -- you can find your own niche at Behrend and join us.

Before leaving for college, you inevitably hear the lecture on "being well-rounded." Don't scoff; it's true! Only a small part of college life is spent in the classroom. That leaves a lot of time to be either idle or involved. The choice is yours to make - no one can force you to feign enthusiasm - but think the matter over carefully. (A note aside to those here solely in quest of a "marketable skill": extracurricular activities listed on a resume are considered by many personnel managers as a sign of compatibility and responsibility.)

Once you have made the decision to "get involved," you'll find that there is no lack of opportunities on campus. (For a list of over 25 organizations, consult pages 15 through 19 of The Student Handbook.) The important matter is not so much what you join as it is that you join. And even more, don't join just in name - play an active role.

Whether your interest be in writing, debating, skiing or whatever, you need only make that interest known. So take some time now - right this minute! - and decide what significance your time in college, and especially at Behrend, will have on your life. Then ACT!

## Commuters: Want Your Own Club?

By Marsha Hamm

I'm writing this article because of the seeming lack of activities for commuters has been a real hang-up with me for quite a while. Last year, as a freshman and a commuter, I got the impression that most of the programs here were geared to the dorm student. Little things like sign-up sheets for intramural sports being in the girls dorm seemed to suggest that these activities were just for the dormies which wasn't really true.

SGA elections, for another example, where you voted for a commuter representative would know the commuter's problems, gripes and interests yet there still seemed to be a division. Now when discussing this problem we must remember that the dormie is up here most of the time and simply because it is difficult for them to get off campus there must be activities here on campus whereas most of us have a car or access to one and the knowledge of where to go seeing as how this is our hometown.

But for me it seemed like all I did was come out here for classes, sit around for a period or two. I didn't real', feel like a part of the campus, it was almost the same routine I went through while I was in high school. There were some activities but SGA just

isn't my thing and I'm probably the world's worst actress.

If you're anything like me there might have been something else you were interested in but you didn't know who to see about it or anyone else who belonged you just sort of forgot about it. Maybe we're wrong in thinking that there are commuters who would like a club "of their own". It has been suggested that if the commuter is interested he'll get involved on his own, but that's what we want to find out.

We'd like to know if there would be any interest in what we'll call, for right now, a Commuters Club. Don't get the idea we're choosing up sides. We're looking for something that most if not all commuters can identify with as a member of the Behrend Campus, to make him feel more a part of the campus rather that just coming back and forth to classes.

Right now it's just a rough idea which is why we have included the questionnaire in this week's issue of the CUB. It will be the kind of club you want it to be, doing the things you want it to do. If you would be interested please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the RUB desk. If you didn't get one in your issue please pick one up at the RUB desk. Please consider and note any suggestions you might have.

## **BULLetin Bored**

ATTENTION SKIERS

There will be an organizational meeting of the Ski Club on Tuesday, October 20th at 12:15. It will be held in the Quiet Lounge of the RUB. Plans for the coming season will also be discussed. All interested students please attend.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Attention Sophomores! Housing and food applications for those students transferring to main campus in winter term are available in the administration office.

SNOW ON CAMPUS

Dr. Snow will be on campus October 22 from 5 to 6 p.m. and October 29 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please adjust your schedule to fit the above hours if medical attention is needed.

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