

Editorial Opinions

Faculty Seeks To Educate

The current trend of academic planning in higher education is the creation of general liberal arts and science programs. In both undergraduate and graduate education, the stress is now upon comprehensive, inter-disciplinary studies. Graduate and professional schools, as well as industry, are recruiting students with more general educational backgrounds. Institutions now realize that with specialization comes isolation, and isolation is the fundamental weakness of the specialized student. While attaining educational depth, the specialized student has isolated himself in an Ivory Tower (perhaps Ivory Cellar would be more appropriate).

But the fundamental question has yet to be resolved. Is it better to vocate or educate? It was one of the major points of debate at the SGA meeting which rejects the faculty proposals.

It is somewhat refreshing to see a reversal of the traditional roles. The students have become ardent supporters of the traditional approach of vocational training, while the faculty and the administration have become the radicals. The faculty and administration have attempted new programs, in order to achieve the educational objectives of the university. The Behrend students seem to want vocational training. The Faculty and the Administration want to education.

Campus Security Proves Valuable

Hot words, conjecture, and perhaps a bit of mud has flown fast and furious since the rapid growth of the Security Department during Winter Term. Everything connected with the Security Office has drawn controversy from almost every faction on Behrend it appears the war has only started.

The student marshalls are among the first members of the security office that come to mind. To put it bluntly, many doubt if they earn the money that they are paid. Although an eight per cent budget cut has gone into effect, there is more doubt if they are doing anything worthwhile.

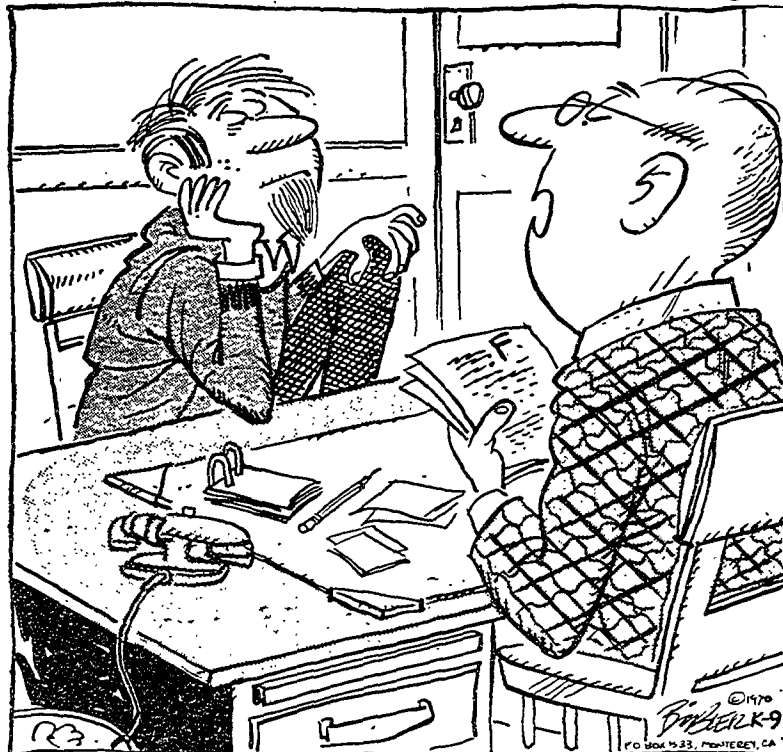
The basic function of the student marshalls is to man the security office telephone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Perhaps this does not seem a significant contribution to the campus, but it is. This service provides a clearing house for information, a switch board after 5 p.m. and a number to call in

case of emergency. There were several instances this year, when the security office and the Pinkertons have taken students to the hospital and brought them back without charge. The Pinkertons are there in case of emergency and can be contacted.

The matter of traffic violations is of concern to everyone who drives a car. The money collected from the violations is allotted to the SGA and then to a contingency fund. Here it is available to campus organizations that might need funds for financial dilemma. Without the Security Office, the parking situation would be worse than it is now. If this money were not collected, the student body would not benefit from the funds.

What is obviously necessary is an investigating committee to study the Security Office and see exactly what its duties encompass. Perhaps this will clear the air about what the Security Office actually is.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"I'VE DELIBERATED ALL DAY AND MOST OF THE NIGHT ABOUT YOUR FINAL GRADE AND I REALIZE AN 'F' ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT MAY FOUL YOUR TRANSFER. DELAY YOUR EDUCATION HAVE TH' DRAFT BOARD ON YOUR NECK, IMBITTER YOU AGAINST ME AND OTHER FACULTY, FURTHER WIDEN THE GENERATION GAP, TURN YOU AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT, GOD, COUNTRY AND SOCIETY — BUT, I'VE DECIDED TO RISK IT."

Specialization Needed

Job Hunting Too Tough

By Doug Leichliter
CUB Managing Editor

It's a cold hard world outside Behrend. This has been a fact of life for quite some time. The time has arrived when the average student should quit deluding himself. If anyone is going to make it in this world, he must have something to offer a prospective employer.

The facts are evident. Holding a liberal arts or general science degree is a common thing and the number of degree holders far outweigh the number of positions open. It is necessary for the job hunter to have something more to offer than just a general liberal arts degree. It is a world of specialization and if you have no specialty, a very good possibility exists that you might spend the

first years of your adult life scrounging around for a good paying job, or struggling for survival.

Bill's Toes Revisited

by Shylock

S.G.A. is very noisy about the "security problem" but is there any action really being taken?

Food and Housing seems to be the best administrated department on campus.

A special thanks to Mosteller and Company for their beer can clean-up.

Many students are glad to hear that Behrend graduates will not be forced to wear caps and gowns. Like the 1970 U.P. graduates, some have elected to donate the gown fee to charity. Very commendable.

Also commendable was the J.R.C. All Night Party - Rick Jones deserves everyones thanks.

The library IS open until midnight Monday through Thursdays.

Weekends are pretty quiet without the East Side Keggers—all of their leaders have left school for a variety of reasons.

Is the action really in 265?

Bleep!

It is necessary for the student to realize this in the first or second year of his college education, and develop a specialized skill to offer an employer upon graduation. The major problem is that many colleges do not offer any structured program within general liberal arts or general science programs. Perhaps this is the difficulty with Behrend today.

The Student Government Association recently turned down an outlined proposal of the Academic Planning Committee for these exact reasons. SGA asserted that the program was too general and didn't really offer the student a specialized education. For this it is necessary to go to University Park.

This does not mean the nature of education at Behrend would always be general. The subcommittee proposed that within 15 years Behrend would develop sufficiently to offer specialized programs for the liberal arts student. In the 10 years that would precede this development, the main concentration would remain with the general science and the general arts and science majors. Therefore the average student would be forced to transfer to University Park to receive the degree of educational specialization that he wants.

Since this would leave fewer students at Commonwealth Campuses, the quality and variety of courses will be limited.

Many believe that it is of more importance to Behrend that emphasis be placed upon specialized courses within a general degree.

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