

Editorial Opinion

# SGA Needs Response

There is quite a foreseeable future for the Student Government at Behrend, and all that is required to fulfill a prosperous and successful future such as this is that the Student Government Body be comprised of sincerely concerned and responsible members. Members that are aware of the significance of a student government, and apply their positions to meet material objectives. Members that are not disheartened by defeat, but are ambitious, enough to pursue these goals till they be attained in accordance with the will and good of the student body. This is the SGA's purpose, and this is why these people are elected to these positions.

Last term SGA attempted to obtain a program of faculty evaluation, and were confronted with negative results. Since then all work in that direction came to a halt because of one defeat. This reflects an attitude of being too willing to accept "no" for an answer. Granted a satisfying response will not always be readily attained, but this is not a justifiable ground for giving up.

There is always room for improvement, and Behrend's Student Government can be made to function as a very meaningful representation of the student body. This the students should be aware of, and should be able to depend on the facilities at their disposal.

## Bulletin Board Faculty Appointed

Following is a listing of newly appointed staff positions for September, 1971, and persons who have been employed to fill those positions:

- HISTORY - Dr. Richard Winslow, Assistant Professor
- SPEECH - Dr. Ernest P. Weckesser, Jr., Associate Prof.
- PL. SC. - Dr. Kenneth L. Deutsch, Assistant Professor
- ENGLISH - Judith Moffett, Assistant Professor
- ECONOMICS - Dr. Barry Weller, Assistant Professor
- CMP. SC. - Terry Counterline, Assistant Professor (PhD expected in September, 1971)

Appointed

Congratulations to Mr. Kochel who has been appointed to the Executive Committee for a two year term of the Junior College Council of the Middle Atlantic States.

Fall 1971 Admission  
Status at Behrend

To date, over 1,000 baccalaureate applications for admission to Behrend Campus have been processed by the Admissions' Office, and of this number, 931 were offered admission; 566 have accepted admission to Behrend. The target goal is 645 freshmen.

In the two year programs, 171 applications were processed with 144 offers being made. Total acceptances into these programs - 110.

Commencement Speaker

Mr. William K. Ulerich, a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University will be the Commencement Speaker at Behrend's first graduation exercises.

Circle K

Last week the Circle K cleaned out the pool which is supposed to open whenever the weather clears.

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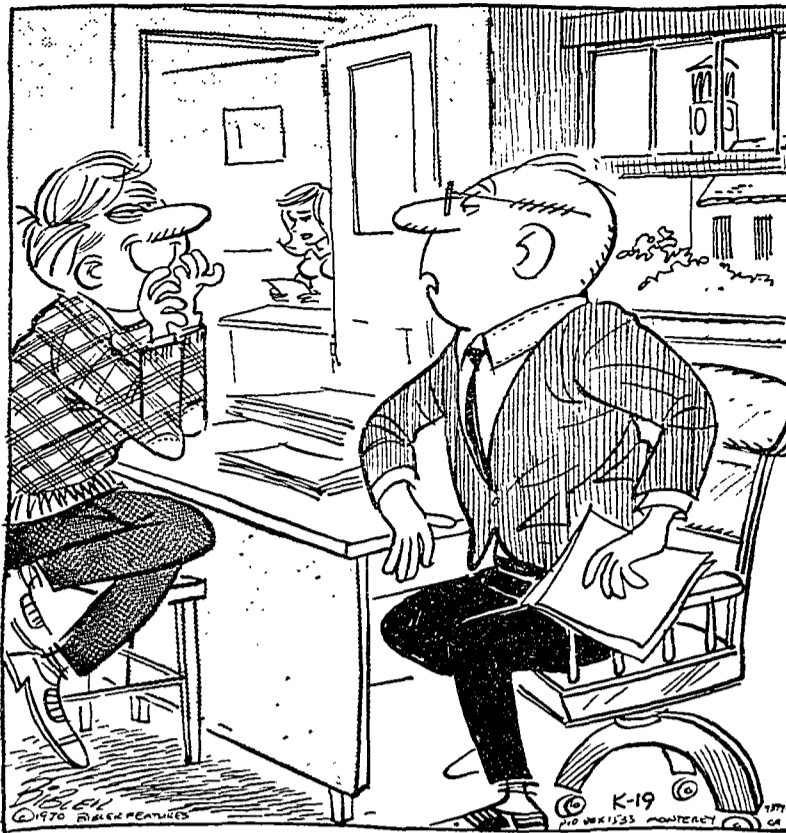
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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"AFTER CAREFULLY ANALYZING YOUR APTITUDE TESTS WEVE COME UP WITH TWO VOCATIONS WHERE YOU COULD POSSIBLY SUCCEED NEITHER OF WHICH IS WORTH A DAMN."

## Doctoral Work Not Completed

The following was received from Roger L. Sweeting in connection with a story printed in the Nittany Cub (4-8-71) which refers to him as "Dr."

"It is true that I am pursuing a doctoral degree, but I'm sure you recognize the considerable difference between earning and pursuing any degree, especially the PhD. In all fairness to my teaching colleagues at Behrend who have earned the degree and the title, as well as those who are closer to that objective than I am but are not using the title, please let it be known that it was not my intention to suggest to you as your readers that my work is completed or my title earned."

I would like to apologize to Mr. Sweeting for any inconvenience caused by this error, and hope the above will clear any misunderstanding among the Cub readers.

Mike McGinley  
Cub Sports Editor

## Letters To The Editor

### Personal Decision

Dear Editor:

Mr. Leichter's article in the Cub (April 22, 1971) contains some statements which are partially true, but very misleading.

First of all, it is not necessarily true that, "...the job hunter has to have something more to offer than just a general liberal arts degree." To try to illustrate this, I refer to the job, or further education plans of 1969 graduates of The Pennsylvania State University who majored in General Arts and Sciences, a major often regarded as, "just a general liberal arts degree." Three graduates entered dental school, five entered medical school, five entered law school. One became a teacher, one a salesman, another became a public relations representative for a city in Michigan.

The list of a typical outcomes following completion of an undergraduate major is almost endless, quite varied, and really exciting.

To give another example. What do theological students major in as undergraduates? In 1969, again at Penn State they majored in science, speech, sociology, psychology, finance, theatre arts, wood science. A few even majored in religious studies!

Engineering is another fascinating example, when the records show that graduating engineers go on in medicine, law, banking, and real estate management, to name a few so-called non-engineering fields.

My second major point is that experts in the field of vocational development know that it is not necessary for many students to choose, within their first two years of college, "...a specialized skill to offer an employer on graduation." In fact, this kind of emphasis is often self-defeating and invites the student to ignore his or her real capacities and potential.

It is far better for the undergraduate to apply himself to what he does best, and has the greatest interest in. It is vitally important, too, to keep the options open. Authorities tell us that 20 to 40 percent of today's college

graduated will occupy jobs (within 5 to 10 years) that do not even exist today, and which we do not even have titles for. This being the case, it may well be that the person who still is not sure what type of career he wants at the time of graduation may actually be on the right track...

Now to some final considerations. The need for many specialists is clear, but business and industry are looking most for generalists to occupy management level jobs. Nowadays, the urgent need is for people with creative and innovative problem-solving ability; less for factual knowledge in a person's head. Educational obsolescence threatens the Ph.D. as well as the B.S. or B.A. degree holder. In the future, many of us will be faced with starting a new career every 10 years or so.

I personally feel that to be able to admit one's uncertainty and indecision about ultimate career direction (during one's early college years) is a mark of maturity, openness to growth and positive change. Such an admission can preclude too early commitment to a major, with all its negative consequences.

Warren G. Hohwald

can honestly say you've contributed anything worthwhile to that student organization or to the student body as a whole.

Linda Juliano

### Article Reviewed

Dear Editor,

In the April 15th issue of the Nittany Cub, the column "Bill's Toes Revisited" brought out that Captain Skidmore of our Pinkerton force "appeared from noon to 1 p.m. with:

1. gun
2. nightstick
3. handcuffs
4. whistle
5. walkie-talkie

Is it possible that a paper that has always been fair about issues in the past would suddenly print an article that said, in so many words, that Captain Skidmore is anything but docile and benign as far as the Pinkerton's associations with the students? Is it also possible there is a student among us that is trying to "rake a little muck", or take this incident straight from context without trying to find a reason for Captain Skidmore to be carrying these items.

Attention should be given by the paper where a situation warrants that it be given, but please, limit the content of the paper to worthwhile issues. With the padded list (complete with walkie-talkie, whistle, and handcuffs), and the lewd comparison that was supposed to appeal to someone's emotions, all that was necessary to make this article as dramatic as Superman comic books would have been exclamation points at the end of each sentence.

As a point of interest to all the Shylock-type readers, the security guards have a job to do, and they do it as safely as possible. Whenever Captain Skidmore or Deacon (who are the only two Guards authorized to carry sidearms) are transporting money or other valuable materials, Pinkerton Company Policy prescribes that they be armed, primarily for their own safety, not for the safety of their cargo.

(Name Withheld)

## SGA Is Blamed

Dear Editor:

Right now I'm about as pissed off as I've ever been. I just returned from an SGA meeting which thoroughly disgusted me. There were complaints that very few students were running for SGA spring term for next year. Personally, I don't blame the student body at all. After the meeting, I had my doubts about running too. But then I saw myself acting like everybody else, (to use the over-worked word) APATHETIC, which includes every SGA member. I decided that it's about time something gets done and I'm going to try to do it. No wonder the students don't come to the SGA with their problems and complaints: The SGA just sits there and acts like nothing has been said!! SGA members, take a look at yourselves and see if you

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