

## Editorial

### Faculty not to blame for poor advising

It's that time of semester again.

More feared than any finals week or midterm, it's time to advance register. That means meeting with your advisor. And that probably means trouble.

Almost all of Behrend's academic advisors are nothing but teachers who have been tasked this extra job by the University. Many students complain that their advisor doesn't know what's going on, or exactly which classes students should be taking.

The students have a fair complaint. One semester of taking the wrong classes can throw someone's entire college career off. That could lead to graduating a year or a semester later than anticipated. In turn that may lead to financial trouble.

The students do have a fair complaint, but we must keep in mind who we are blaming.

These teachers who are acting as advisors are already concerned with the teaching and research aspects of their job, and probably did not ask for the extra work.

The University has given them this additional duty to not only the teachers' dissatisfaction, but to the students' as well.

Another problem with the advising system here is the lack of course requirement sheets for majors at University Park. If students can not find out what courses they should be taking during their first two years at Behrend, they may once again find themselves behind schedule if they transfer to State College.

Maybe the student body would be better served if each of the colleges in had a full time advising staff based on the system used by the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

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