

Editorial

# Most Behrend students just don't care

Last week Behrend students were given the opportunity to elect their Student Government leaders for next year.

Finally all students had a chance to make a difference and get involved by taking a few seconds to vote. How simple could it be?

Obviously, it wasn't simple enough. Of the 2031 students eligible to vote, only 401 took the time to do so. That's only 20 percent. Only one in every five students on this campus cares who will be representing them next year in SGA.

That is incurably sad.

No wonder nothing ever changes on this campus. No one really wants things to change. Students here just want to complain about how terrible everything is at Behrend.

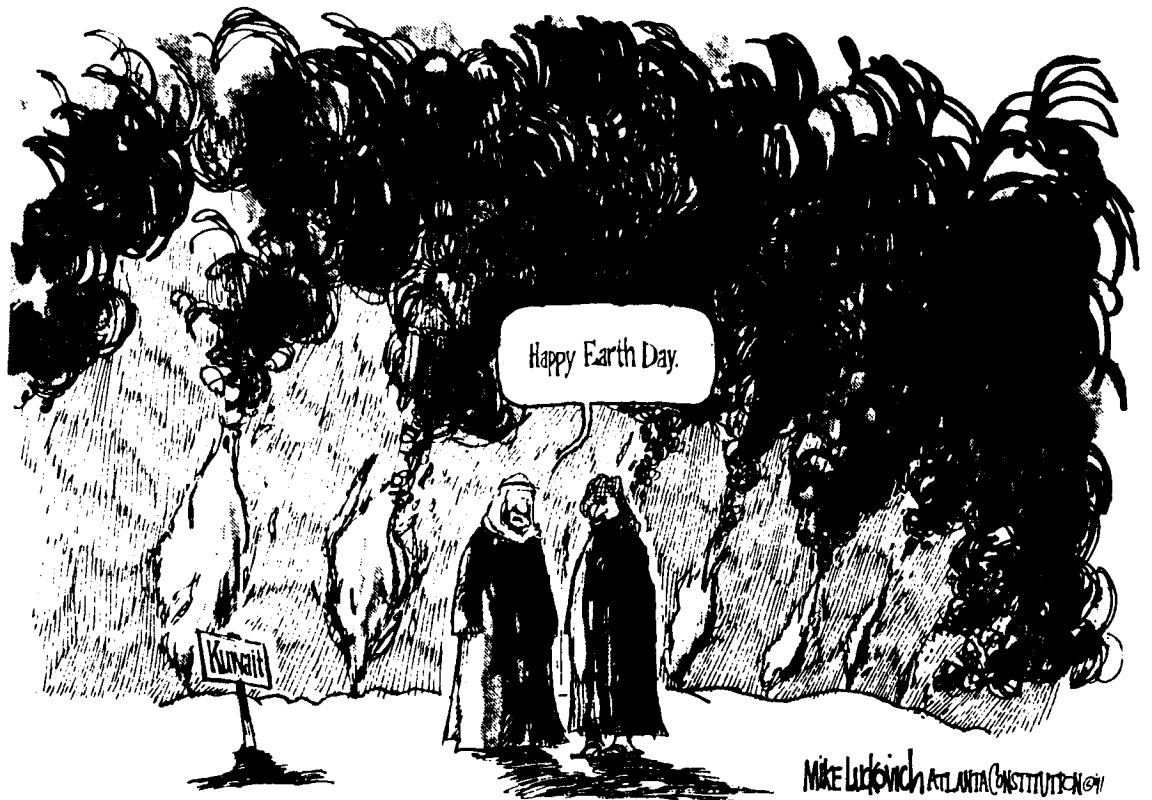
It is bad enough that SGA can barely find enough people interested in running for elected positions. What is even worse is that four of five students on this campus can't even be bothered with something as important as electing their student representatives for next year.

Sure, it takes work to get involved and make a difference, but not much more than it takes to complain and be miserable all the time.

Maybe if students thought that they were getting something out of these elections, they would vote. Perhaps SGA needs to really be shaken up and try to make a bigger difference for all the students it represents. Maybe they should make some radical decisions and take a hardline against the administration. Maybe that's what the nonvoting masses want. Or maybe it isn't.

You see, nobody is sure what those four out of five nonvoting students want, because, well, they didn't stand up to be counted when they had the chance.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Unfair ticket

I went to hear the choir sing on Sunday, April 21, 1991. They did a beautiful job, just outstanding.

However, upon leaving, I discovered I had gotten a ticket for parking in the circle behind Reed Hall. Being a visitor to your school I feel a written warning could have been sufficient. I feel this ticket was given in very bad taste because of the parking lot being full and because there was an event going on which was open to the public.

I was very excited about the concert and disappointed in the lack of judgement shown by this individual campus police officer.

Larry E. Bowers  
Erie

"Kill Uncle" is also in step with his past work. The lyrics as usual are superb and Morrissey is simply a most innovative performer.

I feel you were too critical of this modern day Superman, who dares to be different, challenges, imagines the unimaginable, and writes it.

Thanks, Morrissey. Hand me Morrissey's latest tape, would you please!

Paul Benim  
Sixth semester  
Business and Behavioral  
Science

I was not elected because I truly feel that I would have been an asset to the students. However, I am determined to find alternative ways in which I can benefit them.

To David Mahoney, President-elect of SGA, I offer congratulations and wish you the best of luck. I hope that you are sensitive to the needs of the students and that you can serve them to the best of your ability.

Christopher J. Hilden  
Sixth semester  
MIS

### Good luck SGA

On April 17 and 18 Behrend students had the opportunity to vote for their future leaders.

There are 2031 students at Behrend of which 833 are residents and 1198 are commuters. After the ballots had been totaled, it was recorded that only 19.7% of all students voted. More specifically, 31.6% (263) and 11.5% (138) of resident and commuter students respectively, had voted.

This fact is very disappointing to me and I sincerely hope that these percentages will improve in future elections.

I would like to congratulate all students who ran and won all senate seats and council offices. I also extend my congratulations to Jason Bates for being elected as Vice President of the Student Government Association.

I would like to thank the many students who did come out to vote and would like to offer very special thanks for everyone who supported me in my campaign for Student Government President.

I am very disappointed that

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### Critical review

This letter is in response to your paper's article on Thursday, April 11, 1991, Morrissey's Latest boring and uninspired."

The Smiths are solid and very enjoyable, however, Morrissey's solo career has produced marvelous albums, including his new one "Kill Uncle."

His second solo album "Bona Drag" is upbeat and strong even without the services of Johnny Marr. The Smiths put together some good stuff but that occurred mainly because of Morrissey. In one of the best, "Death of a Disco Dancer," Morrissey played an excellent piece on the piano.

Morrissey is one of alternative music's best and creates wonderful material;