

Editorial

... I'm thinking

The end of this year brings with it the usual and expected endings.

Some students are graduating and ending their college careers. Some students are transferring to University Park and their stay at Behrend is ending. Some of these endings are anxiously anticipated and others are dreaded.

This Spring also brings with it the rather unusual ending of Behrend's Reserve Officer Training Corps.

It seems strange that in the midst of the apparently endless growth that Behrend is experiencing that such a positive element of the college is leaving.

It was not, however, the choice of the college. Presently, the Army is making tremendous cutbacks and this is a direct result of those cutbacks.

It is sad and unfortunate to see the ROTC program leave Behrend. It has given so much to this college over the years.

Thank you and good luck to the cadre and staff, Major James McCarthy, Jr., Sergeant First Class Bruce Keith, Staff Sergeant Jolene Crofcheck and Christine Luke.

• Also good luck and good-bye to all the graduating seniors and students leaving for University Park or another college. Remember: don't be afraid to get involved wherever you go.

• Wouldn't it be great to see the beginnings of a library when classes resume in the Fall? Keep your fingers crossed, but don't get your hopes up. It's been more than one time that we've expected to see a new library get under way and have been disappointed.

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Letters to the Editor

Future hope

Recently I overheard that a member of the National Association of Scholars (NAS) is scheduled to speak here next year. If this is true, then I applaud the decision. It could not have been made at a more crucial time.

For those of you who do not know what the NAS is, it is an organization dedicated to the preservation of free speech on campus. It opposes what many on the political left refer to as "political correctness", or PC. This PC is a thinly veiled form of thought control. It attempts to stifle genuine discussion on such critical issues as poverty, racial equity and human sexuality.

Its thought police harass students and mercilessly attack anyone who disagrees with their ideas, utilizing such terminology as "homophobic" and "patriarchal." A number of radical notions are fundamental to those who support this PC orthodoxy.

Supporters of PC claim that 1. the merit system is inherently racist, 2. all opponents of abortion are automatically sexist, and 3. anyone who dares to question homosexual marriage on religious ground is homophobic, among other things. I find it difficult to imagine ideas that are more absurd.

I could make more complaints about this new insanity, but I will not. I will not be here next year. However, at least I see a sign of hope for the future after I leave. Hopefully, the people in charge up here will resist the spread of this PC orthodoxy in the end. Issues like poverty,

racial equity and human sexuality must be fully discussed for the sake of an ailing society.

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Good-bye

As this school year comes to a close, an integral part of the personality of The Behrend College for the last 15 years will disappear for at least several years to come.

I feel I speak for all of the ROTC cadre when I say we are sad to leave. Behrend is a beautiful campus, and the administration and faculty are much better "team-players" than found at most colleges. Our experience here has been one of great pleasure and positive memories working with such professional, competent administrators and motivated, intelligent students.

As we depart we would like to thank all of you for making Behrend ROTC so successful over the last few years, and through your participation and support assisting our graduates to be among the very finest ROTC officers commissioned.

Among my personal thoughts, I encourage the faculty to make themselves available to students and to create innovative, challenging, and realistic instructional methods. Despite the pressures of research, publishing, achieving tenure, and time to maintain our family lives and involvement in personal

interests, we should never forget the immense responsibility we have to society, the University, the students, and even to ourselves-and that is the development and nurturing of the mental, physical, and moral character of the students.

The standards we set in the classroom means little however, if we do not live by the same standards outside of it. I challenge every faculty member to devote himself to at least one student club or organization to work toward this most important end.

Most importantly-to the students: I encourage you to never forget your primary mission-to do as well as possible academically. That will comprise the greatest portion of how you measure up as you seek post-college employment or graduate schooling.

Secondly, I recommend you select one or two campus organizations to become involved in-and then aggressively seek leadership opportunities. For those who transfer to University Park, I encourage you to consider at least one semester of ROTC.

To all, I encourage you to always seek excellence in everything you do-but set realistic, obtainable standards. My best wishes and deepest gratitude shall be with you always.

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