

## Editorial



As if Behrend doesn't already have enough problems with its current parking situation, another one has arisen.

Last week new reserved parking signs appeared in the large parking lot between the student apartments and Lawrence Hall on campus. However these signs don't reserve spaces for school staff or faculty, they reserve spaces for certain students.

Below the word "RESERVED," the sign reads, "AUTHORIZED FIRE DEPT PERSONNEL."

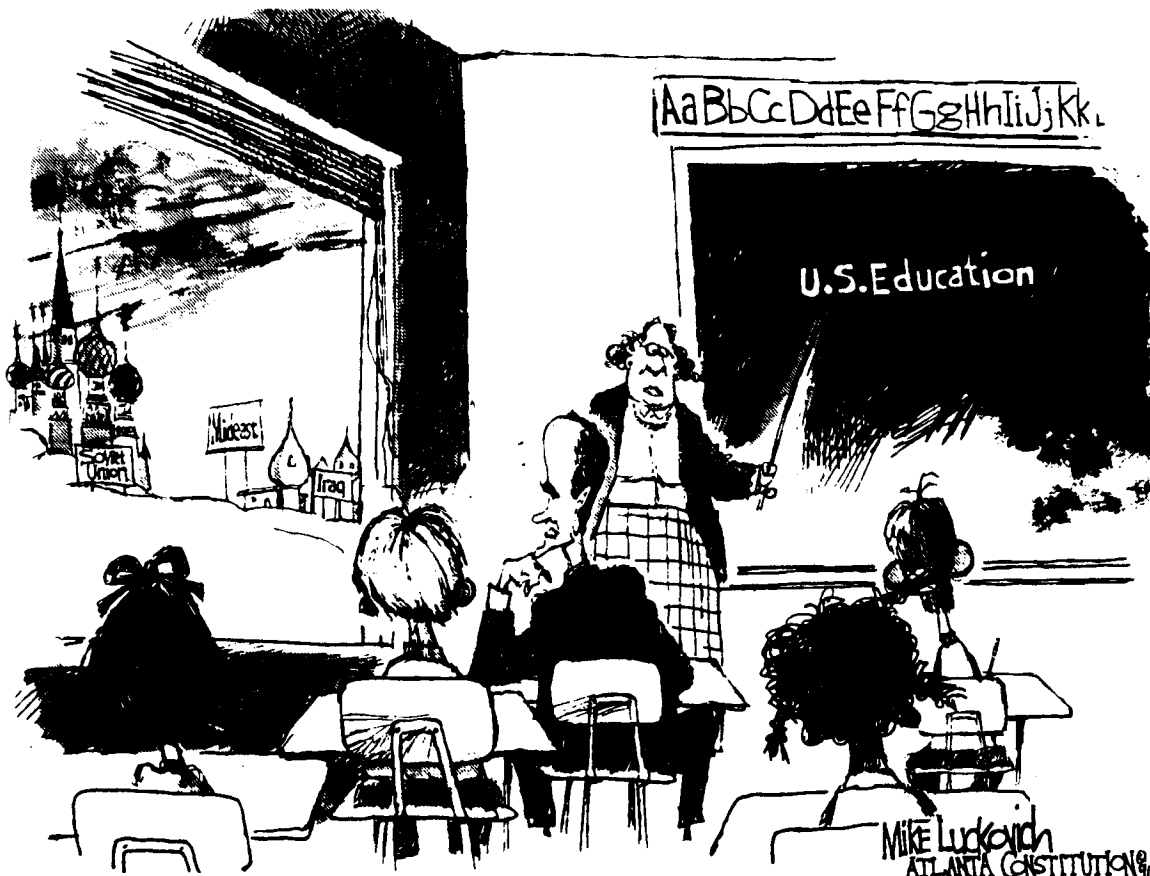
These spaces have been reserved for Behrend students who serve as volunteers at the Brookside Fire Department.

This is unfair. An organization outside the school has gained preferred status for its members who are students here at Behrend.

These students have not paid any more money for their parking permits than other students, but they now have a reserved parking space waiting for them in the lot.

There are other students who work as volunteers in other capacities off campus. Should we give all of these volunteers reserved parking spaces? Of course not. These students should not receive this preferred treatment, either.

They should have to be forced to take their chances at finding a good parking spot just like every other student.



## From the hip

### We could all learn from children

Have you ever been around a little kid who says something out of the clear blue sky that tends to shock you out of your seat? I had a six-year-old ask me the other day if I was in high school (high school age seems very old to a first grader).

When I informed him I was in college, he proceeded to let me know what the next step in life is: Marriage. To him that seemed like the only logical thing to do after you finish with college. His dad just chuckled and asked his little boy if he was trying to propose to me.

Life to young children is pretty cut and dry. There's no complications and everything seems pretty logical. They're content with just being themselves and being honest about everything.

I love kids and sometimes I catch myself just staring at them in amazement when they're doing the simplest things. They're so sweet and innocent and haven't yet had their perfect little worlds tainted.

We can stand to learn a lot from young children. They have no preconceived notions about anyone. They don't yet understand the "adult" world of prejudice and hatred. They just go on their ways accepting everyone for who they are and not what they are or what they can do.

Yes, all of us can learn from these young people whose supposed childish views aren't practical or real. Maybe if we could all act more like these children than the mature adults we are, the world would be a better place to live in. The playground of life could be full of laughter and innocence instead of stereotyping and backstabbing.

Maybe, just maybe...Well, probably not. We're not childish enough for that sort of thing.



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