

Editorial

WPSE format should target students

WPSE: Penn State-Behrend's college radio station.

Well, sort of.

The station is on campus, and Behrend students run the board, but you wouldn't know WPSE is a college station if you heard it.

As opposed to what you might expect from a college radio station -- rock and roll, reggae, rap, everything and anything goes -- WPSE operates under a business news network.

How many students, even business majors, listen to business news on the radio? Perhaps a few at best.

The point is that a college radio station should serve the students of that college. There may be a need for a business news format radio station in the Erie area. However, the responsibility for providing that service should not belong to the college.

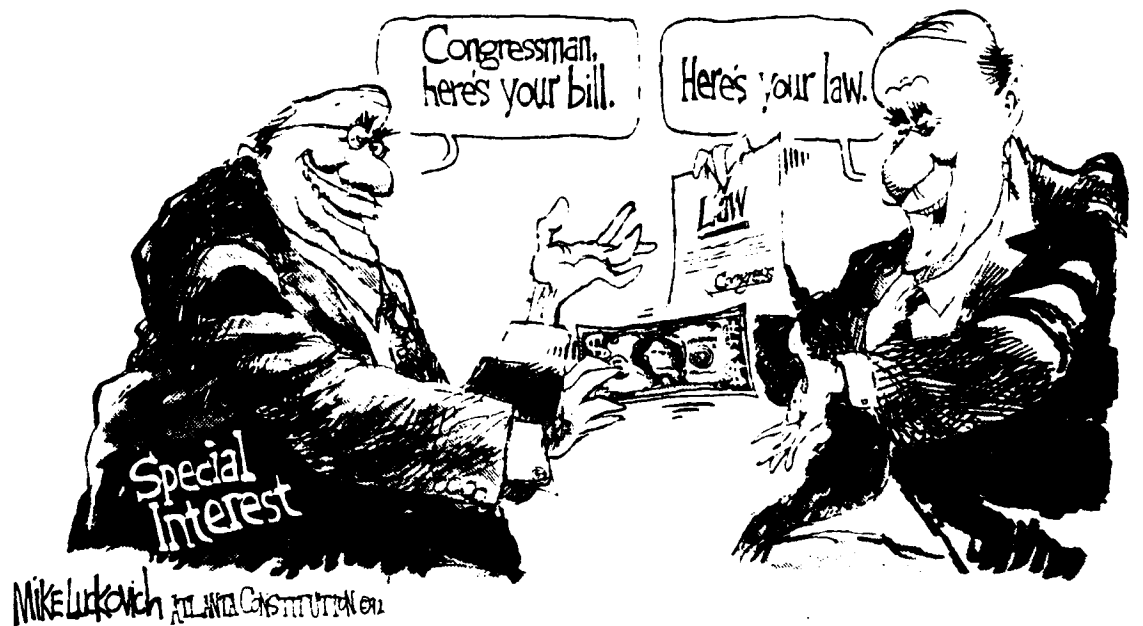
This is not to say that responsibility should be tossed out the window. Students could still gain the invaluable experience of running a radio board while aiming for the college audience.

Behrend does owe something to the surrounding community. Community service by the college gives Behrend a positive image to potential students. It also allows the vast pool of student energy to be put to good use for the good of many.

However, Behrend owes more to its own tuition-paying students than it does to the community. Students deserve a college radio station that caters to their diverse needs. Interest in WPSE would soar if student DJs were given a free hand in programming.

WPSE's focus should be responsible programming that appeals to college students.

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Letters to the Editor

Poor sport

This past week my friends and I were participating in the volleyball intramurals. We were there to win, have a good time, and lose gracefully.

Unfortunately, some people can not handle this kind of pressure easily. The scene was a play-off game, Erie Hall. The play was decent, the referee could have been better, but one player, a Behrend Men's Basketball Team member, had the potential to ruin everyone's night.

This one particular player appeared to have a very bad temper. It wasn't just a "scream and shout" temper, but an immature "let's see how hard we can kick and throw the volleyball" temper as well. One such kicked ball almost hit me in the head! This was not the Intramurals I had in mind.

To everyone out there, don't play intramurals if you are going to act like this. Someone can get hurt, and you might ruin everyone else's night around you too. Get off the court and go beat on a tree or something.

In conclusion, I'd like to say sorry to our referee and apologize for the rough time that both teams gave you. To the basketball player, I'd like to dedicate this letter to you, and hope you get the point!

Jennifer Mook
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Two cents

In their letter (4/16/92), Joe Mycka and Greg Farrell thank the majority of students for looking beyond the superficialities of the SGA presidential/vice-presidential campaigns to the positive future that they have proposed for next year. They further state that they welcome questions, concerns and ideas.

Well, gentlemen, here is my two cents worth. First, under thirty percent of the eligible student population voted, which means that the majority of students either didn't care or didn't

have a clue.

Second, regarding superficialities, you never took a widely publicized stand on any substantive issues, instead preferring a low-key campaign and, when challenged to debate the issue, you counter-challenged your opponents to an ice-carving contest.

Third, a new binder and a clean SGA office is not much of a plan for the future (but it will certainly give you enough time to paint the blue bus red as you stated on your campaign posters).

I simply hope that you will be able to develop an agenda composed of important issues during the course of next year so that SGA will be able to serve the student body to which it should be accountable. All I have to say is good luck, and may God help us all.

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Sad day

It was a sad day for democracy when I read the election results taped to the door of the SGA office. This year's SGA accomplishments were minimal and, based on the election results, next year's outlook is gloomy.

Although I am not pleased about losing the commuter senator race, the SGA president and SOC president results were the straws that broke this camel's back.

In the race for SGA president and vice-president, John Mack and Jake Sherosky had a well developed platform and felt confident enough in their abilities to challenge opponents Joe Mycka and Greg Farrell to a debate. Mycka and Farrell apparently weren't so confident and declined the offer. Remarkably, Mycka and Farrell won the race.

In the race for SOC president, James Ruhlman, in *The Collegian*, provided an elaborate agenda in which to serve the students. Randy Schmoyer only embellished his "qualifications" for the office without saying

what he would do if elected. He won the seat.

This year less than one-third of the electorate actually bothered to vote, however, the students I've talked to weren't aware of the elections or didn't know when, where, or how to vote.

It is going to have to be up to the SGA officers, in cooperation with the elections committee, to publicize the elections and inform the students what is in it for them. But why should they? With election turn-outs like these, the officers will be guaranteed re-election next year.

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False claims

This letter is directed to former SOC presidential candidate, James Ruhlman. While walking through the Reed building during the recent SGA campaign, one of Mr. Ruhlman's posters was noticed.

In the poster, Mr. Ruhlman, you erroneously accuse your opponent, Randy Schmoyer of using the SGA copier and SGA funds to run his campaign. Your poster went on to say that by using the SGA key, Mr. Schmoyer was using student money to run his campaign.

There are two major problems with your campaign. First, there is no place for negative, mud-slinging campaigns in student politics. Yours was the only such campaign.

Secondly, your accusation is false. Mr. Schmoyer did use the SGA copier. However, your poster fails to mention that Mr. Schmoyer's copies were billed to Delta Chi, which receives no SGA funding whatsoever.

We suggest, Mr. Ruhlman, for your future endeavors in campus politics, that you change your campaign goals. Do not run a negative campaign. Students are intelligent and will see through it. If you deem it necessary to sling mud, please research your facts and make sure they are accurate.

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