

## Editorial

### So long to a friend...

In today's fast paced, career changing society, it's hard to imagine working at the same place for more than five years. So... twenty-three years is truly remarkable. Last night a retirement party was held for Connie Sigrist, secretary to the director of Student Activities. Connie has been employed at Behrend for the past twenty-three years.

It was 1969 when Connie started her career at Behrend in the Division of Undergraduate Studies under Ernie Fryer. She's moved all over this campus and worked under many different people.

Some of the words used by co-workers to describe Connie include: a friend, knowledgeable, helpful, an excellent navigator and a great listener.

Marge Wizikowski, accounting clerk and RUB desk manager, recalled some of the good times they have shared in their ten year relationship.

"I remember when it was Fred's (Anzivino) birthday and Connie and I decided to take him to lunch. Well, she started to take Troup road on our way to the Waterfall Restaurant, but finally opted to take Walbridge road instead. Just about that time, a train began to slowly roll down the tracks...Connie pulled around the gates because the train was so far away and was going so slow. Once she was on the other side of the tracks, a state trooper pulled her over and kept us all there for half an hour, ruining our lunch date. From then on we always jokingly asked her if she wanted to drive!"

David Shields, assistant Dean of Student Activities, credits his office's success to Connie and her determination. "We couldn't have done anything without her help...she has been instrumental in everything from the set-up of the office to the personal support of the people."

Perhaps the funniest story told about Connie would have to be the one pertaining to her green thumb. According to WPSE station manager Fred Anzivino, Connie had the "grossest" coffee cup in the office...and in this cup grew "fuzzy" organisms. So at the end of the day Connie would pour the remainder of the concoction into the two office plants. For some reason, those plants had "the shiniest, greenest" leaves on campus!

David Shields summed it up for all of us when he said, "Penn State Behrend is a better place because of the things she did here..."

Good-bye Connie. Thanks for your service. You'll be missed by many.



### Some advice for advisors

I am currently a 7th semester accounting major at Behrend expecting to graduate in the fall 1993. I am writing this letter because I am tired of getting jerked around by the advising personnel here at Behrend.

I am sure that many students here at Behrend have experienced, like I have, making an appointment with an advisor who may not even know your name. Then, going to talk with that person with many thought out questions and having the advisor shrug his/her shoulders and say - "I don't know;" "I think so," or the popular "Go talk to..."

First, do some of the advisors even care about the students? Second, when I first decided to attend Behrend instead of University Park, I thought the college would help me out when I needed it, due to the small college environment. I've been proven wrong this semester!

I have been planning to spend my ninth, and last, semester at U.P. to take courses that are not offered here and to experience a large college environment. I never dreamed that it was going to be a next to impossible process. I was told by faculty that this is due to the differences in the accounting major between Behrend and U.P. Yes, you read right; the accounting major here at Behrend and U.P. But, I will only need two additional courses (basically, any 300/400 level business course) toward my major to graduate. It doesn't even seem like a big deal to me.

I have talked to about five staff personnel, including Robert Schenker, who is the head of the college registrar on campus. After Mr. Schenker cancelled my first appointment, without notification, we finally met up. Instead of sitting in his office to discuss my questions, we stood in the middle of the busy registrar's office. We didn't go to his office because he said there were too many papers cluttering his desk. So, in the middle of the registrar, I told him my situation. He told me, basically, it would be a miracle to transfer to U.P. for my last semester because I would have a zero status there since I have to graduate from Behrend. I was then told, which I remember distinctively, that "I would be totally on my own trying to get classes at U.P.

with no help from Behrend." Is this what - we the students - are paying for??

I'm to the point of making an appointment with Dean Lilley, but I'm afraid that he will be as much help as Mr. Schenker. I'm extremely disgusted with the Penn State system, a feeling that has been building up within me for the last four years.

David W. Morrison  
7th semester accounting

### Phonebooks riddled with errors

Now, we finally got our student phone directories in only nine short weeks into the semester. So, I looked in the phone directory to look up a friend's number, and what do I see, but his phone number from last year. I don't know about how you would feel, but I was pretty upset. Student Government Association not only gives us these phone directories nine weeks into the semester, but they don't even bother to research the students' new telephone numbers, or if they moved off campus. I mean come on, what have you people been doing for half the semester?

Then I get to my name and see that I don't even have a phone number listed and that the two guys in the next room have what is supposed to be my number. My roommate and I are stuck phone numberless (excuse the English here). This also happened last year, but I really didn't make a big deal about it then because we handled it. Although now, the two guys in the next room are graduating and this is sort of a hassle because I could get calls that have nothing to do with me and it's my phone number under their names.

To end this article, I would just like to say that if you are going to put out a student phone directory nine weeks into the semester at least research the students' housing situation so we can have a directory worth looking at for the year.

Greg Kristen  
7th semester communication

### EmergencyCare responds

Recently your paper published an article about EmergencyCare

Emergency Medical Services and its coverage at Behrend Campus. I would like an opportunity to clarify any misunderstanding that remains.

EmergencyCare Paramedic Service is available at Millcreek, East and South East Erie County and comes automatically with the local volunteer fire department. At Behrend we have the same cooperative relationship with Brookside fire department. If someone at Behrend has a medical emergency, he or she will call Brookside for EMT and ambulance service. The same call also summons our paramedic who will arrive in a non-transporting medical unit. If the patient's condition requires advance emergency medical procedures plus monitoring all the way to the hospital, the paramedic will travel with the patient in the volunteer ambulance. Under these conditions EmergencyCare will bill your insurance. Because Brookside also will bill for the ambulance service, your insurance will receive two bills for the same emergency call.

Some insurance plans will not pay for two bills for the same emergency medical call. Some will not pay the entire bill. A membership with EmergencyCare means that should your insurance deny our bill (generally the bill that includes the ambulance is the one that is paid), or only pays part, you will not have to pay the unpaid portion. Non-members pay any outstanding balance.

A paramedic bill could exceed \$469. In 1991 EmergencyCare responded to 737 emergency calls to individuals between 18 to 22 years of age.

Any student at Behrend who would like to join EmergencyCare may still do so. Although our membership drive ended on October 9, we will extend that opportunity until Friday, December 4, at the special student rate of \$20.00.

Membership applications are available in the Health Center. If you have any questions regarding our service, our billing, or other membership benefits, please don't hesitate to call Anne Carter or me at 870-1010.

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