Faculty Profile of the Week

by Kristie Guldner Collegian Staff

One of Behrend's newest faculty members in the psychology department is Dr. Eric Corty. He has a varied career of post-doctoral work and career accomplishments.

Corty attended Vassar College, an all-women's college.

He had originally wanted to study Chinese, however, he is tone deaf and Chinese is a very musical language. When he dropped Chinese he added a psychology class.

"I've never really looked back," said Corty.

After graduating from Vassar, Corty worked in a psychological hospital for two years with patients who were "crazy." depressed, and other kinds of people said Corty.

He then entered a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He completed his internship year in Nashville, Tenn. In 1983 he graduated with a Ph.D. in his hand.

He wanted to go into teaching but decided to wait a few years. He took a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania for one and a half years in neuropsychopharmacology, which is the study of drugs and behavior. His area of concentration was alcohol

During his post-doctoral fellowship, he met his wife. Sara Douglas.

After the post-doctoral fellowship, he took the job as the project coordinator for the federal funded study of methadone. Methadone is given to heroin addicts in place of heroin. He worked with heroin addicts from New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore for three years.

In 1987 the federal grant came to an end and he took a teaching position at Bradley University in Peoria, III.

"I loved it. I had a great time. I taught human sexuality, tests and measurement, and in the master's program, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis," said Corty.

"At this time my wife, Sara Douglas, was in a Ph.D. program at Illinois State University," said Corty. She received her Ph.D. in education administration, research and

In 1991 she took a teaching position at Case Western Reserve University. "So I quit my job and came with her to Cleveland. Turnabout is fair play," said Corty.

Corty took his second postdoctoral fellowship in human sexuality at Case Western Reserve University.

During his post-doctoral fellowship he saw patients, males and females, with sexual dysfunctions such as erection problems and lubrication problems.

He was head of the gender identity program, dealing with men who wanted to become women and women who wanted



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to become men.

He was working with "people who feel out of synch with their bodies," said Corty.

That post-doctoral fellowship ended after two years. After an extensive job search. Corty is now at Behrend temporarily because Dr. Michael Ichiyama took a leave of absence and has decided not to come back.

"As a two-career-couple it's hard to find jobs in the same city," said Corty.

He has been at Behrend for three months. He teaches introduction to psychology, abnormal psychology, and adjustment.

"I think the students here (at Behrend) are good. The students I have in the upper level psychology classes are well prepared," said Corty.

Corty has a two-fold philosophy towards teaching: student communication and evaluative thinking.

"Knowledge needs to be transmitted so students can converse with other people and understand an area," said Corty.

He wants "to help students know how to think and evaluate new information. And I think that is the more important part of teaching," said Corty.

He believes that, "Theories

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come and go and if you don't know how to think about them and evaluate them, you have to accept them at face value."

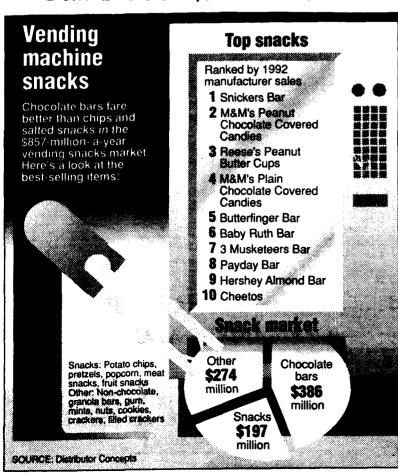
Corty likes to come up with interesting ways for his classes

Yesterday he held a mock trial in his abnormal psychology class. A student was accused of stabbing her boyfriend and she said she is not guilty by reasons of insanity. She claimed she was not in control of herself do to premenstrual dysphoric disorder, commonly called PMS.

The trial was presided over by the honorable John Falcone.

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Hearing Board Gives ΔΦE Sanctions

by Hal D. Coffey News Editor

Delta Phi Epsilon sorority was handed a three part disciplinary action sentence on Wednesday. December 1, by the Behrend Hearing Board for hazing violations.

The hearing took place in the Otto Behrend Science Building Room 126 at 6:14 p.m.

The sanctions handed down included an administrative warning, special loss of privilages, and reimbursement.

The administrative warning is in effect until the end of the fall 1995 semester. The warning states that "any reoccurance(sic)

of hazing or other related violations will result in further disciplinary action."

Within the special loss of privileges is that "no member shall be eligible to hold any executive position on Panhellenic Council until February 1996" and voting privaleges are also to be suspended until Spring 1995."

Along with the Panhellenic voting and executive position sanctions, the chapter must "put on a program beneficial to the entire campus community."

The event must first be approved by the Panhellenic Council and the Student Government Association before it is implemented. Also any

publicity for the program must clearly state that it is "Sponsored by Panhellenic Council.'

The final sanction is the reimbursement of "any fees incurred during the pledge period inleuding pledge, initiation, and Panhellenic Council fees" to Shannon McIntyre.

Representing Delta Phi Epsilon were sorority president Rebecca Knowlan and advisor Christine McCammon.

The presenter of the hearing was David Shields, director of Student Activities, while Joe Mycka, SGA president, served as chairperson.