

# Ministry seeks saving grace

by **Ericha Hagenbuch**  
Contributing Writer

Behrend's Protestant Campus Ministry's funds will be depleted and Reverend Susan Anderson, the on-campus coordinator of Protestant Campus Ministry, will lose her job on December 31, 1994 unless the necessary funds to maintain her position are raised.

Since Rev. Anderson was hired by the Pennsylvania Commission for United Ministries in Higher Education (U.M.H.E.) in September 1992, she has been working at Behrend College.

During her time at Behrend, her salary has been completely funded by U.M.H.E., but according to Anderson, "the money for next year just isn't there for them to give us."

The money that U.M.H.E. usually distributes to the public and private colleges in Pennsylvania is accumulated through statewide contributions from churches of seven main-line denominations.

During previous years, the appropriate churches have each contributed a specific amount of

money to a campus ministry fund. At the end of each year, the total amount collected has been divided among 22 Pennsylvania colleges and has been enough to staff 22 positions.

According to Anderson, "The giving in churches statewide has decreased so the money U.M.H.E. has to give to the college ministries has decreased."

Jody Crago, a member of the administrative board, the program's planning committee, and an active member of Protestant Campus Ministry, said that, "because of the economy, the churches haven't had as much to give, so U.M.H.E. doesn't have as much to divide among campus ministries."

Now, said Crago, the whole system has had to consolidate and cut staffers from 22 to 13 positions. Instead of one minister for each campus, there is going to be one minister commuting to two or three campuses. Crago says that "this will tremendously impersonalize the ministry."

Tonya Clyburn, also an active member of Protestant Campus Ministry, said that Anderson's presence has increased Campus

Ministry's visibility and availability and is afraid that if Anderson leaves, all she has done will be undone.

Clyburn has worked closely with Rev. Anderson and has seen the ministry on campus grow since Anderson has been on staff.

Some other student concerns center around the lack of time and resources that students will have to put into necessary fund raisers and special programs.

Crago said that "without Susan Anderson the students on this campus, carrying 15 to 18 credits, are not going to be able to organize fund raising programs like the Wintergreen Art Show or educational seminars like the recent 'Sex in the 90's Series'."

Another concerned student and member of IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship (I.V.C.F.), Veronica Boland, said that Rev. Anderson provides dependable spiritual support to students and serves as a mature voice for Campus Ministry on the administrative board.

According to Boland, "Even students who aren't really 'religious' sometimes need to talk to Susan privately, and if

Susan leaves, availability will be diminished.

The effects of Anderson's absence will be felt by the students and the community especially during the advent season when the Wintergarden Art Show is supposed to take place.

"All of the money generated by the art show for Campus Ministry's student programming will be gone and Susan's ability to provide resources and connections will be gone," Crago said.

Crago, Clyburn, and Boland, along with other faculty members and members of I.V.C.F. are currently working with the Protestant Campus Ministry Board in organizing a fund-raising campaign.

Their goal is to be able to independently pay the salary of a minister for Behrend.

"This campus is getting larger and larger and there are more students than ever that need non-threatening spiritual support while away from home," said Clyburn.

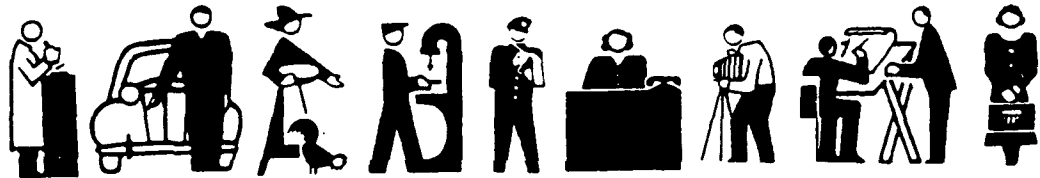
Boland says the new campaign, called "Catch the vision," will hopefully raise the money needed to continue Anderson's ministry here on campus.

The fund-raising plan is two fold. There will be an annual "Catch the vision" banquet held at Wesley United Methodist Church's Wesley Center and a "Protestant Campus Ministry Day" in the Erie County churches held once each year.

Food donations for the banquet are being taken so that all proceeds from ticket sales can go to Rev. Anderson's salary fund.

In preparation for the Protestant Campus Ministry Day, volunteers from the administrative board and the student body have agreed to participate in a training program that will prepare them to appeal to local church congregations as community missionaries.

According to Clyburn, the goal of Protestant Campus Ministry Day will be "to inform and excite the community churches about the ministry here on campus, in hope of collecting donations for the cause."



## ALUMNI CAREER PANELS - 1994

March 23 - 5:00 p.m.

School of Business - Reed 117

Division of Science - Reed 116

March 24 - 5:15 p.m.

School of Engineering and Engineering Technology - Reed 117

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences - Reed 116

ALL MAJORS REPRESENTED!!!

MAJOR	JOB TITLE	EMPLOYER
B&BS	Fraud Analyst	Merrill Lynch
BECON	Trust Officer	PNC Bank
MANGT	Benefits Coordinator	Plastek Group
MATH	Systems Analyst	General Electric
EET	Electrical Engineer	American Sterilizer
SCNCE	Chemist	Lancaster Labs
ME	Mechanical Engineer	Lord Corporation
PSHBA	Family Therapist	St. Vincent Health Ctr.
ELISH	Copywriter	Erie Insurance



## Motor trouble

by **Hal D. Coffey**  
News Editor

As students returned to Behrend from their spring break hotspots, many discovered the same heat in parts of the Academic Building.

A motor in the air handling system burned out around lunchtime on Monday, thus trapping hot air in the rooms, Director of Operations John Ream said.

The motor is located in the mechanical room behind the elevator shaft on the first floor of Academic.

It was replaced by Rabe Environmental Services of Erie on Tuesday morning, service coordinator Robin Galbraith said.

"At this time the cause for the burnout is unknown. We replaced the supply fan on Tuesday morning," Galbraith said.

Wendy Eidenmuller, a staff assistant, came back from lunch to discover that her office was being aired out by fans. The smoke and smell made it difficult to work.

"I had a cold and it still smelled awful," Eidenmuller said. "I came back from lunch and the door was closed. When I walked in, maintenance was airing the room out."

Because the supply fans were not working, afternoon classes on Monday faced warm, muggy-aired classrooms.

"It made it difficult for students to be attentive and participate in class," professor of history Dr. Daniel Frankforter said. "The rooms are a bit stuffy. Also, my office was a little smoky."

Although the Department of General Services (DGS) had inspectors come in for a routine inspection of the building, the motor problem was not detected.

Ream said that because the motor was covered under warranty the replacement was installed free of charge.

### SGA Report

The first half of next week's meeting will be closed to non-student representatives.

All election petitions are due next Friday, March 25 by 5:00 in the SGA office. There are many positions available for students to run for.

The constitution for the Behrend College Conservative Alliance was approved.

Budget packets for all organizations are due in the Office of Student Activities by 5:00 on Friday, March 18.

Jason DeMarte  
SGA Vice President