

Mock DUI trial:

Brown sentenced to jail

by Erica Jones
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Local defense attorneys and prosecutors held a mock-trial for a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charge on Monday night in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Participants included: Erie County District attorney Chris McElyan from the DUI

department; attorney Joe Conti, first assistant district attorney of Erie County; attorney Jim Pitomyals and Corporal Don Zimak from the Erie Police Department.

Freshman Alicia Komidar volunteered from the audience to be the defendant. She was represented by attorney McElyan.

The mock trial was sponsored by the BACCHUS club (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students).

Mike Maginn, resident assistant of Lawrence Hall and member of BACCHUS and the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity said, "BACCHUS is Sigma Tau Gamma's nationally adopted philanthropy."

"BACCHUS does not promote total abstinence of alcohol but students' responsible use of it," Maginn added.

Maginn is working with Patricia McMahon, coordinator of Health and Wellness Services.

McMahon said, "There has not been a mock trial in recent years so we thought it would be beneficial for students to see the process."

Maginn said he was pleased with the trial but wished that attendance would have been greater.

He said, "Students need to realize their limitations and the severe repercussions of alcohol abuse."

Behrend, Mercyhurst and Edinboro are in a consortium that has received two two-year grants that will fund alcohol awareness activities.

"It is hoped that some of the BACCHUS members will be representatives on the consor-

tium," said McMahon.

The BACCHUS club will hold a formal meeting on Monday, Nov. 14 in the Student Activities Commons.



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GUILTY: Alicia Brown (freshman Alicia Komidar) top, was sentenced to a minimum 30 days in jail after her mock DUI trial. To the left is attorney Joe Conti.

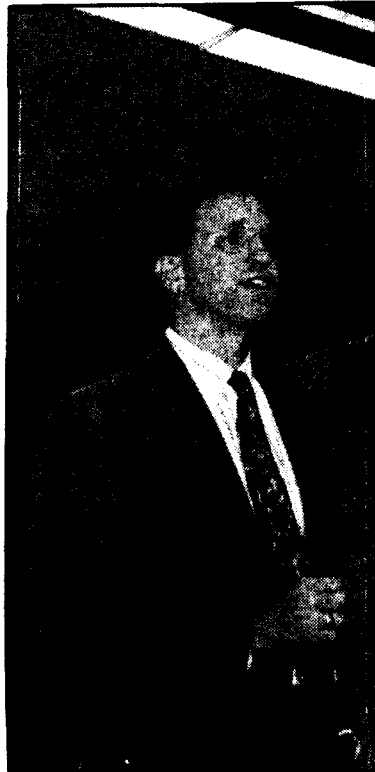


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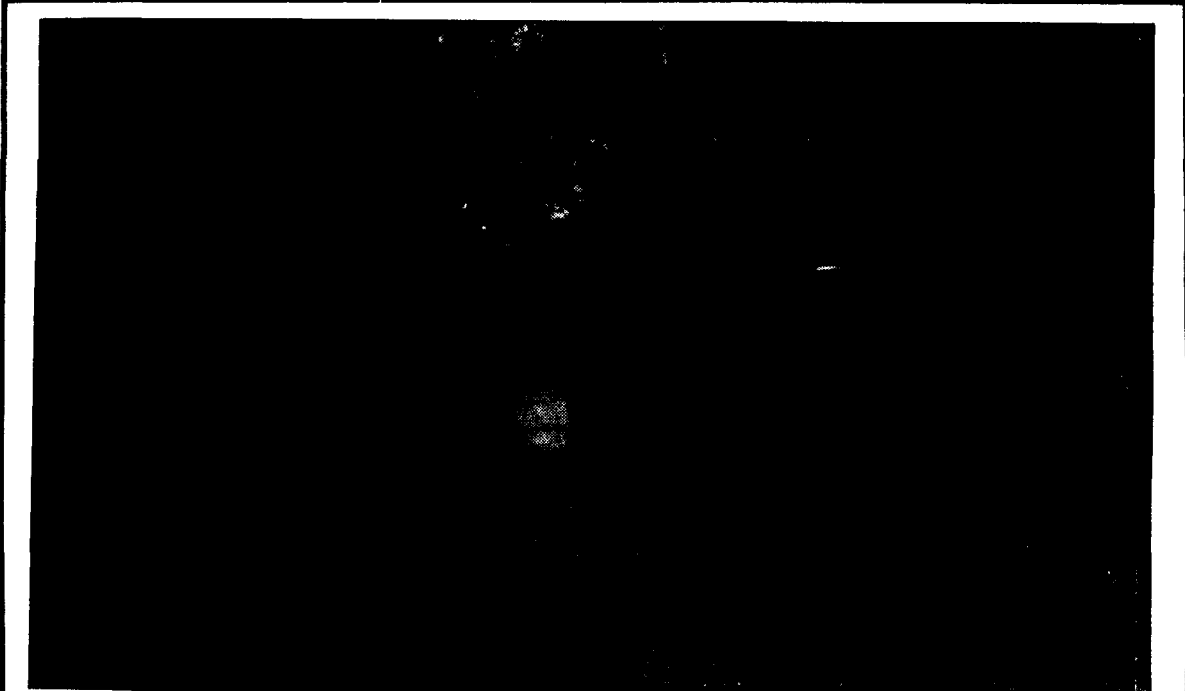


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RAINY DAYS AT BEHREND AGAIN: Students battle the cold, rain and wind as they trek across campus for classes.

Dinner for Six Strangers

by Greg Pierce
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The seventh annual Dinner for Six Strangers will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Wintergreen Cafe of the Reed Building.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie prepared by Housing and Food Service.

Six to eight students will be assigned to a table along with one to two faculty members.

Junior Christina Bukowski who has attended two previous dinners said, "It's nice. It's something where any student has a chance to get dressed up nice and meet new people."

Live musical entertainment will be provided by the local band 2 Girls Alone.

Attendance is by reservation only and admission is free.

Reservations should be made by Nov. 14 in the Student Activities Office.

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