

No means no!

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Take Back the Night, with activities filling the month of April, is quickly becoming a tradition here at Penn State Behrend. The theme of this month-long attempt to raise awareness on the topic of violence against women is "No Means No!"

Activities and lectures relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, and self-esteem, work to educate men and women about issues of violence.

Along with these special activities, the Behrend Martial Arts Club will be holding a demonstration for students interested in learning self-defense.

The president of the Martial Arts Club, Eric Marshall, says that, "women and men all over the United States should learn basic self-defense in college

before they move out of the sheltered dorm and into the work world."

Take Back the Night programs are designed to educate students so that they may prevent violence and abuse.

Ken Hadinoto, who has been a member of the Club for only six months believes that self-defense is the easiest way to prevent violence because "it's basic techniques can be used effectively even the weakest person."

Lamont Purdue, who has also been a member of the club for six months is glad that he is learning martial arts. "I feel comfortable walking around on campus during the night, I feel like I could defend myself against an attacker," Purdue said.

The Martial Arts Club demonstration will take place on Wednesday April 26 at 7 pm in the Reed Wintergarden. All are invited to attend and get involved.

Woman's Film Series

"The Accompanist"

BEHREND--The 1992 Claude Miller film "The Accompanist" will be shown at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. The screening is free and open to the public.

"The Accompanist," set in German-occupied Paris during the winter of 1942, is the story of Sophie, an awkward young woman of 20, and her relationship with with Rene, a celebrated soprano living a privileged life. Rene demands utter loyalty and devotion from her accompanist, but the relationship grows more complex and dangerous than either woman anticipated.

Partially funded by Trigon, the film will be shown in French with English subtitles. It is the fourth in Penn State-Behrend's five-part 1995 Women's Film Series sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

"Tempus" coming



Photo by R. Carl Campbell/Collegian News Editor

Dan Sargeant, editor of the "Tempus" Literary Magazine stands watch over a recent book sale to raise money for the publication. Sargeant said of the magazine which is due out in mid-April, "Tempus" is the only outlet for student's literary work, poetry, fiction, and essays. It gives student writers the chance for personal exposure in a non-journalistic sense."

College for the kiddies

BEHREND--School-age children can experience life on a university campus--minus homework and heavy textbooks--this summer at Penn State-Behrend's College for Kids.

College for Kids is a summer camp for children ages six to 14. Week long sessions will be offered beginning Monday, June

12, through Friday, August 18.

Full- and half-day programs are available. College for Kids classes include archaeology, rocket science, chemistry, cooking, cheerleading, creative writing, basketball, tennis, theater, puppetry, drawing, computers and physics.

College for Kids is sponsored

by the Penn State-Behrend Child Care Center. Cost is \$50 per child for a one-week half-day program, and \$85 for full-day care. Family discounts are available.

For more information about College for Kids, phone the Penn State-Behrend Child Care Center at 898-6175.

END APATHY

Life on Mars?

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On Friday, March 31, Dr. Maria Womack gave a lecture addressing the possible existence of life on ancient Mars.

Dr. Womack, an Assistant Professor in Behrend's Division of Science, gave her lecture in Room 101 of Behrend's Science Building in conjunction with the campus' Astronomy Club.

Dr. Womack began her lecture by showing those in attendance a computer simulation that depicted the night sky as seen over Erie. She followed by presenting slides that pictured photos taken from the Viking missions to Mars. The slides included pictures of the Martian surface and other land features.

She discussed the Viking missions more in depth. The cameras on the craft didn't see life. The soil analysis revealed no organic materials and when the soil was fed, nothing grew from it.

She discussed a possible explanation as to why Viking found no evidence of life. "You have to know where to look, and what to look for." She continued, "They were looking in the wrong place."

She believes that if life is to be found in Mars, or evidence of life missions must be directed toward dried lakes and stream beds, porous translucent rocks, polar ice caps, and areas near volcanoes. "Viking didn't look in any of these places," explained Dr. Womack.

Part of her lecture included the comparison of Earth's desolate landscapes to that of Mars'. She described a place on Earth called Victoria Land in which temperatures can reach minus 35 degrees Fahrenheit. A translucent rock was found there that contained a lichen inside, a fungus/algae organism. Dr. Womack related this find to the Viking mission. "Even if it [Viking] was put in the right place, it wouldn't have found this [the lichen]."

Dr. Womack explained how the problem with finding evidence of life on the Martian surface relates to its atmosphere. "Mars has very little, if any, ozone layer." She continued, "If you don't have an ozone layer, all organic material on the surface would die."

She later posed a question, "It is worth asking, has Mars always been such an awful place?"

She described the current Martian surface as having polar ice caps at the poles. She then characterized what is thought to be the past surface. "If Mars was warmer, like it was a million years ago. The water [from the ice caps] would be in a liquid or gas form."

She discussed why Mars is now cooler than Earth. She showed pictures of the Earth and Mars. Mars was shown to be one-half of Earth's size. "The smaller an object is, the quicker it cools off, that's why Mars cooled off quicker than Earth."

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