

## Behrend Briefs

**Help Change The World:** Psi Chi is sponsoring a pen and pencil drive for the month of April to help benefit the country of Malawi. Boxes for donations of New or Used pens and pencils will be located in residence halls, laundry rooms, Reed and Science Buildings. Please try to donate pencils that are at least 4" long and have erasers.

**Attention Seniors!!!** The Penn State-Behrend Lion Ambassadors are sponsoring the Third Annual Zero Year Reunion (ZYR) to be held Friday, April 28 from 3-6 p.m. in the apartment quad. Come out and enjoy a BBQ, refreshments, music, prizes, volleyball, and relaxation...on us! The ZYR is open to graduating seniors only (seventh semester and above). See you there!

**The Behrend Concert Choir** will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. in the Old Library. Tickets can be purchased through any choir member or at the door. Questions may be directed to David Stuntz at x6289.

**Mile of Pennies:** For the month of April cans will be located on campus at the RUB desk, Library, Bookstore, suites, and dorms. Please donate your pennies to help benefit the Behrend Library's book collection. This fund raiser is sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa.

**Commencement for SP95 graduates** will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 noon on the Reed Lawn, weather permitting. Seniors -- don't forget to pick up your cap and gown and tickets.

**Finals Blow Out!!** "Get the Funk Out" Calypso beach party. Friday, April 28 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Wintergreen Cafe.

**Classes got you down?** The Learning Assistance Center can help! Free individual tutoring is available at flexible times. Contact Bob Patterson at x6014.

**Supplemental Instruction Leaders for Fall 1995 Sought:** If you think you can successfully lead review sessions for introductory courses pick up an application from the Learning Assistance Center, 203 Library, or the Provost's Office. Call x6014 or x6160 for more information. Due May 5, 1995.

**Free HIV/AIDS Testing** is offered at the Health and Wellness Center located in the Carriage House. For an appointment, call the Health and Wellness Center at x6217.

# 'No Means No'

by Jonetra Henry  
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"Take Back the Night," was held April 20 and was sponsored by a host of organizations. The central theme of the program was "No Means No." The "Take Back the Night" march began at Perry Square and ended at The Scrounge of Gannon University. "Take Back the Night" commemorates bringing awareness to sexual assault and domestic violence victims. This type of march started in England 1977, when there was a women-only protest, intentionally held after dark.

Men were involved in this year's activities. The Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma from Behrend, said, "We are here to stand up for the rights for women

and victims, and try to dismiss negative stereotypes of fraternities concerning this issue."

As the people gathered around Perry Square, flashlights, candles, signs and fliers were passed out. Linda Bebeko Jones, a state representative from Erie, stated that "the self-destructive path that society takes troubles legislature's goal, which is to eliminate violence.

Jacquie Wade, one of the committee members and coordinator of Residence Life and Human Relations Programs stated, "There is a tremendous amount of unity and the importance of this prepares us for the march."

Along the way the march stopped and victims gave

testimony about their assaults. Victims ranged in age and were noted as Survivors. The march held is to promote awareness of violence and to attempt to prevent it and to let people know "No means No!"

Fact! Every year, an estimated two to four million women of all races and classes are battered by a spouse or intimate partner in the United States.

Fact! Every 15 seconds a woman is battered.

According to Diana Ziemniak, co-president of the National Organization of Women, "April is sexual assault awareness month. Across the nation, many programs are planned in an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence." Ziemniak also added that "it is a human issue that affects everyone."

## Amphibian research on French Creek's banks

BEHREND--Wading into the icy waters of French Creek may not be on many people's minds this time of year, but biologists at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College have other ideas.

Dr. Don McKinstry, associate professor of biology at Penn State-Behrend, is looking forward to slipping down French Creek's banks this April, hoping that 1995's mild winter weather pattern will continue through the warmer months. Dr. McKinstry, his colleague Dr. Harry Cunningham Jr., also an associate professor at the College, and half-dozen students will soon pick up where they left off research from last year when spring flooding combined with a new sampling technique to provide less-than-ideal conditions.

The research involves a baseline inventory of amphibian and reptile populations at various spots along the creek, which is listed as "globally significant" by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The biologists' exploration is made possible this year through an \$8,000 grant from the Wild Resource Conservation Fund (WRCF). Last year's research was also funded by the WRCF, but a number of factors were involved that led to a somewhat disappointing results, Dr.

McKinstry believes.

The biologists tried a new sampling method that involved placing flat boards instead of traps along the creek to mimic natural cover and reduce animal mortality. The boards may not have been as inviting as hoped and flooding complicated the effort as it may have wiped-the-slate-clean from underneath.

The final inventory was moderate, 40 specimens, with 17 charted species out of a potential 25 to 30. The group found lots of green frogs, American toads, and dusky, two-lined and red-backed salamanders among some other common species.

"Our general impression is that things are not as abundant as they once were," Dr. McKinstry says. "It could also mean that the area does not have a reptile and amphibian diversity to match that of the plant life."

Dr. McKinstry had hoped to come across something considered rare but possible such as the spotted turtle, bog turtle or swamp rattler (massasauga). French Creek -- which flows south through Erie County from branches near Wattsburg, Corry and Findley Lake -- may have once experienced a reversal of water flow as glaciers receded

during the ice age, and this may account for some of its biological uniqueness, Dr. McKinstry says.

This year the researchers will attempt to establish new sites along French Creek from which to sample. Instead of the board method, they will use a variety of collecting techniques, carefully combing and recombining each possible habitat, returning periodically through November.

However, finding new sites for the research is much harder than it once was, a factor that increasingly inhibits accurate inventory profiles.

"People are much more hesitant than they once were to let you on private land," he says. "They are afraid we will find something endangered that will designate part of their property as protected. So, today, we are often limited to public lands and this is not always a good indication of what is really out there."

Despite potential drawbacks, the students who join McKinstry and Cunningham on their expeditions gain invaluable field experience to add to their classroom knowledge. Dr. McKinstry expects several students who have participated in this two-year project to write papers on the experience and possible publish.

## Police & Safety Report

**April 20:** A complaint of theft is under investigation after a staff member reported that someone had taken a pager he left in a restroom in the Library on April 10.

**April 20:** A complaint of theft is under investigation after a staff member reported that someone had taken a laser pointer from Reed 116 sometime on March 24.

**April 22:** A complaint of criminal mischief is under investigation after a student reported that someone had smeared mud on the side of his vehicle which was parked in F Lot on April 21.

**April 22:** A complaint of harassment is under investigation after two students reported that they were followed back to campus by a white male driving a blue Ford Mustang.

**April 24:** A complaint of harassment was resolved when Police and Safety officers escorted a non-student from the lobby of Tigress Hall at the request of a student who he had been following.

**April 24:** A complaint of criminal mischief is under investigation after a staff member of WPSE reported that someone had tampered with a poster in the radio station on April 20.

**April 24:** A complaint of theft of services is under investigation after a Police and Safety officer found what may be an attempt to defraud the College of parking fees.