

Faculty shares writings with campus community

Audience enjoyed poetry, fiction stories in Creative Writers Series

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Dr. John Champagne reads an excerpt from his novel.

Four English professors from Behrend participated in a reading of their fiction and poetry on Tuesday. The reading was held in the Reed Union Building and nearly every seat was filled for the lunch time entertainment.

The program, part of the Creative Writers Series, was sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the Clarence A. Smith and Eugenie Baumann Smith Endowment Fund.

Alan Michael Parker, coordinator of the series and an assistant professor of English, read four pieces of his poetry. Parker said, "I was pleased with the response."

Parker is also a critic and closet-novelist, in addition to being a poet and professor.

Dr. Diana Hume-George, professor of English and Women's Studies, also read poetry. "I do not write during my creative writing classes like many. While it stimulates new ideas for some, I believe that my students are writing everything that needs to be said at that time," said George.

Other participants in the reading were Yesho Atil, who

read a short passage of creative fiction, and Dr. John Champagne, who read a character introduction from his novel. Both are assistant professors of English.

All of the readers have published works, which are available in the campus bookstore. George had a brief signing session after the reading.

Many students attended the reading, not because an instructor required it, but because

they wanted to. Nikki Gennuso, 02 Journalism major, said, "I really enjoyed listening to the professors' works and hearing what they were doing with their writing skills."

There are two undergraduate scholarships offered by the Endowment Fund, which supports the Creative Writers Series. There will be another program in the Creative Writers Series, a poetry reading by James Tate and Dara Wier on March 13.

Boys more likely to suffer non-sexual genital assault

Findings may be a warning to Hollywood in portraying such assaults

CHICAGO (Reuter)--About one out of every 10 young boys in the United States has suffered a non-sexual genital assault, usually a kick by someone their own age, very often a girl, researchers said this week.

The same study also found girls suffering the same assaults, but far fewer -- under two percent of those studied.

And it said the problem may carry a warning for Hollywood which it said has increasingly sprinkled movies with genital assaults portrayed as an effective fighting tool or as comedy.

Researchers at the University of New Hampshire in Durham said about a quarter of the assaults on boys caused injuries but most did not require medical attention.

Researchers said they studied a random sample of 2,000 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16.

"A non-sexual assault to the genitals was experienced by 9.2 percent of the boys and one

percent of the girls in the year prior to the initial interview," the report said, and 9.1

percent of the boys and 2.2 percent of the girls in the year following the first interview.

"The most common assailants were same-aged peers," it said.

Forty percent of the attacks on boys were by girls, suggesting situations in which girls may have been retaliating against boys who had harassed them, the researchers said.

"Being kicked in the genitals was the most frequently reported event (43 percent), being hit the next most common (36 percent) and being hit with an object

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relatively uncommon," the report said.

The study, published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, was funded by the Boy Scouts of America.

Submissions are now being accepted for Tempus literary magazine. Send manuscripts to Box 1020 or the Student Activities mailbox.

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The Penn State Education partnership Program (PEEP) is looking for college students interested in earning extra money tutoring middle school and high school students.

If you are interested in earning money tutoring, Call 871-6689 for more information NOW!

PARKING NOTICE: There will be no overnight parking permitted in the Jordan Road Lot (behind Police and Safety) to facilitate snow removal.

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The Penn State-Behrend/Diehl Elementary School Adopt-a-School tutoring program wants YOU! For just one hour of tutoring a week, students can help students at Diehl. If interested, contact Debbie Burger at 898-6014.

FBI RECRUITING VISIT:

Representatives from the FBI will discuss full-time agent positions in Reed near the Student Activities office on January 30. Individual informational interviews will be held in the Career Development Center (CDC) beginning at 1:30 pm. If interested, visit the CDC to sign up.

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Student Events



MOST UNIQUE SNOW CREATURE CONTEST

You and your friends are invited to participate in the Health and Wellness Center's first annual most unique snow creature contest held during Winter Wellness Fest Tuesday, February 13, 1996.

If you are interested, contact the Health and Wellness Center and we'll see you and your creature there....

LIBRARY HOURS INCREASED	25 - Thursday	26 - Friday	27 - Saturday
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - midnight Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday noon-8:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm - midnight	Penn State Education Abroad <i>Brown Bag Lunch</i> Reed Conference Room 3 12:15 - 1:00 pm	Penn State Education Abroad <i>Brown Bag Lunch</i> Reed Conference Room 3 12:15 - 1:00 pm A Clockwork Orange Reed 117 @ 10:00 pm	A Clockwork Orange Reed 117 @ 10:00 pm
28 - Sunday	29 - Monday	30 - Tuesday	31 - Wednesday
Protestant Campus Ministry Worship Service(Interdenominational) 8:00pm Room 114 - Reed A Clockwork Orange Reed 117 @ 10:00 pm	Organizational Meetings Commuter Coun. 12pm Reed Trigon 5:30pm MCC Center SPC 5:30pm in Reed 112 OLAS 8:00pm MCC Center	FBI Recruiting Visit Reed Building by Student Activities 10:30 am until 1:00 pm	SGA Meeting Student Activities Fee Forum 5:15 Reed 114