

Jobsmarts



Looking for work: Bradley G. Richardson, best-selling author of *Jobsmarts for TwentySomethings*, offered Behrend students tips on breaking into the job market yesterday. The 29-year-old Richardson shared his skills and advice on getting hired and succeeding in today's difficult job market.

A personal look at AIDS

(Editor's Note: The following is a four part feature from a confidential writer who will be taking an AIDS test.)

In this day and age, it's hard to imagine that I'd be scared - but I am.

Funny isn't it that all

AIDS

I'm scared of is a little virus? But this isn't just any little virus; it's a ravaging monster that is killing people everyday - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Better known as AIDS, I'm going to get tested.

I've never had actual sex; I'm not even sure if I've been exposed, but I'm still scared. Just one little night can ruin the rest of your life...

I know that most are wondering "what they

heck are you talking about?"

What I'm talking about folks is getting tested for AIDS.

Free on campus at the Health and Wellness Center, I marched myself down there and made an appointment.

Confidential from the start, I explained what I wanted and the nurse gave me a slip for the receptionist to make me an appointment. Instead of having to say "I need

an AIDS test" in the waiting room, all I did

was hand the slip of paper to the receptionist.

She made the appointment, handed me my card and I walked out.

The next step is to return to the Center for a half hour; I'll give a little blood, go through a confidential intense counseling session and wait.

Awaiting the half hour that may determine the course of the rest of my life, I'm scared.

Some may say that I should be, but I don't think so. Unsuspecting and innocent, I've been very careful about what I do with people - but you just never know. What if he or she lied and really had slept with someone else?

Or what if you lied to them?

You can never be sure, and that's why I'm doing it.

So next week, I will take you all through the confidential steps leading to my verdict.

Nate Duplaisir/Collegian Photographer

On the campaign trail: Congressman Phil English held a town hall meeting yesterday at Behrend. The incumbent candidate fielded questions concerning student loans, health care and the economy in addition to several other "hot" election topics. English's challenger is Democrat Ron DiNicola. English's visit was sponsored by the BCCA.



Butler captivates audience

by David B. Papesch
Contributing writer

Pulitzer Prize winning novelist and short fiction writer, Robert Olen Butler, entertained a captive audience with selections from his latest collection of short stories, *Tabloid Dreams* last Thursday.

Butler's reading at Behrend was

part of the Smith Creative writing series.

Professor Alan Parker opened the reading introducing Butler as both a "literary terrorist" -- a writer who challenges the conventional methods of story-telling -- and a poet.

Butler began the evening with one of his short stories, "Jealous Husband Returns in the Form of Parrot."

The story is about a man who is reincarnated as a parrot, only to be bought by his wife. The man, as parrot, is forced to live in his wife's home where he must observe her with her lover.

Told from the parrot/husband's point of view, the story is about jealousy, denial and revenge.

The second selection, "Help Me Find My Spaceman Lover," is about making life changing choices. This story, told from a middle-aged housewife's point of view, tells the tale of woman who meets and falls in love with a spaceman.

Butler's reading was very entertaining. He captivated the audience with his animated gestures and changes in voice to match the characters.

At the conclusion of the reading, Butler entertained questions from the audience. During this session, Butler discussed how his writing addresses human experiences rather than merely humans.

Following the question and answer period, Butler held a book signing. Butler's new book, *Tabloid Dreams*, is available in the bookstore and, in my opinion would be worth buying.

Common Halloween crimes haunt, plague University Park police

By LEANNA MELLOTT
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University Park, PA

The Smashing Pumpkins is a band that is scheduled to visit State College in a few weeks. But it is also an activity that could pose problems for a lot of people this Halloween.

Three common crimes occur on campus (University Park) every Halloween, said Dwight Smith, supervisor at University Police Services, hesitating to call them pranks. They involve: Pumpkins, Eggs, Soap.

"When you call them pranks you almost minimize the seriousness of them," he said.

Smashing pumpkins on the roadway can create serious traffic hazards, Smith said. "We also have experienced a number of egging incidents," he said.

People hide and throw pumpkins at cars and people, Smith said.

Besides being a traffic danger, eggs can damage paint on cars. A third crime common on

Halloween is soaping the windows of cars and dorms.

"One of my friends had a mischief night," said Stacy Tieger (senior-management science and information systems and French). "We just did stuff like soap on car windows, eggs in mailboxes and toilet papering."

University police has said it will prosecute anyone participating in Halloween pranks. According to information provided by the Office of Judicial Affairs, the Pennsylvania Crimes Code refers to vandalism as criminal mischief. The penalties for such actions depend on the amount of damage.

If the amount of damage is below \$500, criminal mischief is a summary offense carrying a maximum punishment of a \$300 fine and 90 days in jail. Most crimes committed on Halloween are summary offenses, said a secretary for District Justice Carmine Prestia.

Marge Johnson, data processing manager at the State College

Police Department, said students who are caught committing crimes in town may either be warned or issued a summary citation.

Prestia's secretary said most of the crimes on Halloween are considered "non-traffic" violations, so the people found committing the crimes are issued a copy of their citation on the spot, and the citation has instructions on the back.

University police normally issue citations for disorderly conduct. Students caught committing acts of vandalism on campus also face disciplinary action by the Office of Judicial Affairs. Penalties range from probation to expulsion from the University.

University police will patrol key areas of campus in hopes of minimizing the crimes committed this Halloween.

"We just try to be out and visible," Smith said.

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Volunteer tutors needed for the Spring 1997 Diehl Elementary School After-School Tutoring Program. Just one hour per week can make a difference in a child's life. All majors welcome - no experience necessary. Help children with homework in grades 3-6. Tutors especially needed Monday and Wednesdays, 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. Apply now for spring! Pick up your application today at Student Activities!

A walk-in flu immunization clinic will be held each Monday in October from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. Cost of the vaccine is \$10 and may be placed on the student bill. Anyone wishing to make an appointment for a different time should call the Center at 898-6217.

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Behrend Briefs & Events Calendar

November 1 is the deadline to apply for PSU fall and academic year education abroad programs. Call 898-6140 for more information.



This calendar is for student organizations and offices to advertise their event or organizational meeting to the Behrend community.

Submissions for the calendar should be mailed to The Collegian by the Monday before publication.



<p>31 - Thursday</p> <p>IVCF 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Music Room</p> <p>The Collegian 5:45 p.m. Academic 41 ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!</p>	<p>1 - Friday</p>	<p>2 - Saturday</p> <p>The First Annual Fall Masquerade 7 - 11 p.m.</p>
<p>3 - Sunday</p> <p>Protestant Campus Ministry Interdenominational Worship Service 8:00 p.m. Reed 114</p>	<p>4 - Monday</p>	<p>5 - Tuesday</p> <p>TRIGON 5:30 p.m. Multi-Cultural Center</p> <p>College Democrats 6:00 p.m. Reed 3</p> <p>Eco-Action 4:00 p.m. Reed 112</p>
		<p>6 - Wednesday</p> <p>Biology Club 6:00 p.m. Reed 3</p> <p>BACCHUS 7:00 p.m. Reed 112</p> <p>SGA MEETING 5:15 p.m. Reed 114</p>