

**Local...**

**Erie Zoo plans aquarium**

**Erie-**The Erie Zoo announced plans Tuesday to install a \$15 million dollar aquarium. Zoo spokesman Scott Mitchell said that the facility should be open by 2000 and house from 700 to 800 animals.

The facility will be 20,000 to 30,000 square feet and contain approximately 70,000 gallons of water. Located on the bank of Mill Creek, the building's exterior will be designed to look like a 19th century mill.

The zoo plans to look for help from the state capital budget and also raise funds locally.

The zoo's project will not change the plans of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority. They are also looking into funding for a bayfront aquarium, according to Ray Schreckengost, executive director of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority. Schreckengost said that a lot will depend on what the community wants.

**State...**

**Smoking leads to student fines**

**Meadville-** Smoking in the boys' (or girls') room will lead to fines up to \$50 for students in Meadville and Cochran schools.

Starting with the fourth grade classes, each of the more than 4,000 students in the Crawford Central School district were handed slips of paper which described the policy and required their signature.

The ban of tobacco on school property, including smokeless tobacco, does not extend to faculty members. The last contract did away with faculty smoking lounges. Principals will be identifying violators to district magistrates, who will then summon the students. In addition to the fines, students may also be suspended or expelled.

**National...**

**Sexually suggestive advertising**

**New York-** The Vatican wants to get rid of sexually suggestive, manipulative, and false advertising.

The Pontifical Council for Social Communication released a 35 page handbook called *Ethics in Advertising* for market officers and ad agencies worldwide. Inside, the Vatican urges advertising professionals to eliminate false and exploitative ads. Condemning "safe sex" and contraceptive ads that portray women as objects, the handbook encourages advertisers to think of other ways to provide an accurate view of what they are selling. Advertising executives claim that they already have guidelines and can not be exploitative and deceptive in their advertisements.



**Weekend weather with Joey Stevens**

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy, gusty winds, a few showers in the morning, temperatures will fall in the afternoon. High 54 degrees.

**Thursday night:** Diminishing winds, a bit colder, mostly cloudy. Low 32 degrees.

**Friday:** Intervals of clouds and sun. High 44 degrees.

**Saturday:** Cloudy, windy, milder with a chance of rain. High 54 degrees.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, windy, cooler. High 38 degrees.

**CORRECTION**

Something bad happened...

The advertisement for the student activity fee allocations in last week's *Collegian* had two mistakes. The *Collegian* staff apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

\$2,500 was allocated for a cheerleading coach and equipment.

\$2,300 was allocated for a Behrend College lion mascot uniform.

# Graduation dilemma

## Poor planning can hinder graduation

by Colleen Fromknecht  
*Collegian Staff*

As students enter their final semester at Behrend, some find that they have a problem with the graduation process.

During the third week of classes students receive their audit and find they are short of graduation by one or two credits. Robert R. Schenker, College Registrar, says that the reasons for this problem are varied.

Each student who is admitted to Behrend enters a common year major in the Department of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), Business Administration in the Smeal College, or Liberal Arts. Theoretically, the student spends the first two years of his or her college career taking General Education (Gen Ed) classes to prepare for upper-class level work.

Once a student enters his or her junior year, the student chooses a major and then takes classes relevant to that major.

Most problems which occur regarding the fulfillment of degree requirements are the result of poor academic planning.

Students seem unwilling to take advantage of the resources available to help them successfully complete a course of study at Behrend.

The *Baccalaureate Degree Program Bulletin*, or Blue Book, is issued by the University each year. The Blue Book is a listing of all the majors, classes, and policies which Penn State offers to students.

A section in the book is designated for Behrend majors. Under the heading for each major is a section which describes the

requirements for completing the major.

Schenker stated that each incoming student is issued a copy of the Blue Book. The Blue Book is a valuable guide for the student to use in planning his or her choice of study.

Some students seem to get off-track because there is a program change in the majors. Requirements are changed, which in turn may change expected graduation dates.

certain rule, these codes can be used as exceptions to the rules.

Courses such as English 004 and Math 004 are not considered when the student's credits are tallied for graduating. Both courses are included in one's GPA, but they do not count toward graduation.

The "Penn State Degree Audit Report" is the most valuable tool a student has in determining his or her progress towards receiving a college degree. The report lists the courses the student has completed

Advisors help students plan their academic careers. Students should develop confidence in their advisor and pay close attention to their progress as they continue their education.

The Registrar's office can also help students. The employees can answer questions students may have, run an audit to check the student's progress, and even run a "what-if" audit if the student is considering a change in majors.

If a student takes academic planning seriously, takes responsibility for scheduling, uses his or her advisor as a consultant to help set goals, and keeps a wary eye on his or her own progress, the student will be successful in avoiding pitfalls and be able to graduate with a minimal number of problems.

*As students enter their final semester, some find that they have a problem with the graduation process.*

Students must take their courses during the time period when the old part of the program is phased out and a new program is being implemented. This can lead to confusion when the student is deciding to register for a course.

Another reason involves the repetition of courses. If a student fails a course and has to repeat it, the credits of the course only count once. If a student is not aware of this, it will cause problems when the student nears completion of his or her degree.

The University offers ten exception codes which can be used to help the student plan his or her career. These codes are most often used for transferring courses from other colleges or universities.

When University policy states a

and shows what the student needs to take in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

Schenker said a pamphlet is available at the Registrar's Office which will help the student understand the information in the report. Students should request the green Degree Audit Report.

The introduction of the telephone registration system has also caused problems for students. The ease and convenience of registering by telephone leads some students to believe they do not have to see their advisor.

It isn't until much later, they realize they have overlooked a requirement. To offset any potential problems a student must communicate regularly with his or her advisor.

*The editors have left The Collegian!!*

**The Collegian needs an Editor in Chief for the 1997-98 school year.**

Applicants must submit the following to the Office of Student Affairs (Attn.: Dr. Chris Reber):

1. Statement of journalistic qualifications
2. Editorial philosophy
3. Assessment of *The Collegian's* strengths and weaknesses
4. Plans for organization of staff members

Deadline: March 21

**All majors (including science and engineering!!) are encouraged to apply!!!**

Questions??  
898-6488  
Jen or Danielle

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### Police Log

**2-18-97:** Police and Safety officers responded to a complaint of the possible smell of a controlled substance in Lawrence Hall. Upon arrival no odor could be detected. An investigation continues.

**2-18-97:** A resident reported that someone had removed his parking permit from his vehicle.

**2-19-97:** Police and Safety officers responded to a complaint that there were several non-students using Erie Hall. Five people were escorted from the building.

**2-21-97:** A student reported that someone had removed his commuter permit from his vehicle.

**2-22-97:** Police and Safety officers responded to a request for assistance with a disturbance in Perry Hall.

**2-23-97:** Police and Safety officers responded to a complaint of non-students in Erie Hall. Eight people were escorted from the building.

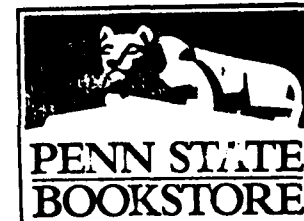
**2-23-97:** A food service employee reported the theft of Star Wars promotional items from the Wintergreen Cafe.

**2-25-97:** A staff member reported receiving threatening voice mail messages at her office.

**2-25-97:** A student reported the apparent theft of a watch and a calculator from the Science Building.

**2-25-97:** During the investigation into two previous reports of parking permit thefts, Police and Safety officers discovered a student to be possession of both permits. Criminal charges are pending.

**BUY YOUR BOOKS NOW!!**



**THE BOOKSTORE WILL BE RETURNING ALL SPRING SEMESTER BOOKS TO THE PUBLISHERS SOON - ANY STUDENT WHO HAS NOT PURCHASED A TEXT BOOK FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER SHOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**Health Corner**

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