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A battle lost

She fought hard and long

BEHREND: Academic support programs Coordinator Mari Trenkle died Tuesday, April 15 after a long battle against cancer. Colleagues and friends at Penn State-Behrend are saddened by her death. Said Senior Associate Provost and Dean Jack Burke, "Mari's valiant struggle against cancer and her love of life were an inspiration to all who knew her."

Mari was a native of Estonia, but came to the United States with her parents as an infant. She was a 1970 cum laude graduate of Allegheny College, and also attended the University of Pittsburgh. She was a Ph.D. candidate in Germanic languages and literature at the University of Pennsylvania.

At Penn State-Behrend since 1985, Mari's responsibilities included the College's Honors and University Scholars programs, which she developed from their inception, and which will include nearly 200 students in the fall. Her programs were respected within Penn State for their high quality and efficacy.

Mari also held responsibility for Summer Sessions, commencement, the Learning Assistance Center, and the Adopt-a-school program. She was involved with the adult student organization and served as an adviser to the Study Abroad program and to the undergraduate fellowships office.

"Mari had a broad scope of responsibilities and duties," said



Burke, "but she also had a broad scope of abilities. Her death is a loss to us all, and we will miss her greatly."

Mari is survived by her daughter, Marisa, and her mother, Aino Rinne. Friends may call at

the Chester S. Schaal Funeral Home, 550 West Ninth Street, Thursday, April 17 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held Friday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Luther Memorial Church, 225 West Tenth Street.

Creation or evolution

By Scott Woznicki
Collegian Staff

The theories of Darwin and intelligent design were just a few of the topics discussed at Monday's debate between Dr. Michael J. Behe and Dr. Niles Eldredge.

Taking the creationist side, Dr. Behe described the theory of irreducible complexity in an attempt to disprove the theory of evolution. He attempted to describe that by irreducible complexity, some human organs have not gradually evolved, therefore disproving Darwin's Theory and implying an intelligent designer of the human race.

Dr. Eldredge, taking the side of evolution, stated that the people of Biblical times saw that they were different from all of the other animals; that they were somewhat of a smarter and more special animal. These people saw that they did not completely fit in, so they invented a "god" to fill in that gap, just as the primitive Pygmies called the forest their "mother."

A large attentive audience in the Reed Commons listened as Dr. Behe and Dr. Eldredge exchanged comments about the origin of life. Dr. Behe is an associate professor of biochemistry at Lehigh University. Dr. Eldredge is the curator of the American Museum of Natural History.

Students in the audiences had mixed reactions to the debate. When asked whether she thought the men stated their case well, Marcia Anderson, 07 Biology, stated, "The creationist strayed away from his point of debate, being that evolution is too



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Darwin Denied- Last Monday's debate discussed both the possibility of creation and evolution.

"I don't think that they made clear links between data and conclusions," said John Ahlgren. "How can a biochemist not know any mechanisms to steer him towards evolution or away from it?"

What size are your panties?

by Doreen Foutz
News Editor

Charges are pending in the twenty-year-old case of the anonymous health surveyor.

On April 16 the Behrend College Police and Safety Services filed five additional charges of harassment by communication against Frederick J. Vamos II.

Vamos has been charged with a number of other charges relating to harassment by communication. Police and Safety Services were able to trace Vamos' calls, which

originated out of Erie to Behrend, through the Behrend communication/telephone system, according to Detective James Skindell of the City of Erie Police Department. This enabled the agencies to develop Vamos as a suspect.

"The Behrend police department and the Behrend communication/phone system got a couple tracings with cooperation from the people who received them. We kind of pinpointed who this guy was and we brought him in,"

said Skindell.

Police and Safety Services and the Erie police handled the investigation, which is ongoing, into these phone survey calls.

Both police agencies were able to take a video statement from Vamos as to his involvement in the phone calls.

"We aided them in bringing the guy in and we got a video statement from him as to his involvement," Skindell said.

According to both police agencies, they believe that these

calls have the same modus operandi as those that have occurred in the other Erie County college communities.

"The procedure from phone caller to phone callee was very similar," said Skindell.

"They start off with general physical description questions and then become more personal, gradually becoming more and more offensive," said Bill Donahue, manager of Police and Safety Services.

"This is a problem we've dealt

with for a while. In our archives the earliest record is in 1978," Donahue said. "We aren't able to prove that it was the person charged that went back 20 years, but we are confident that he has been involved for the past two years."

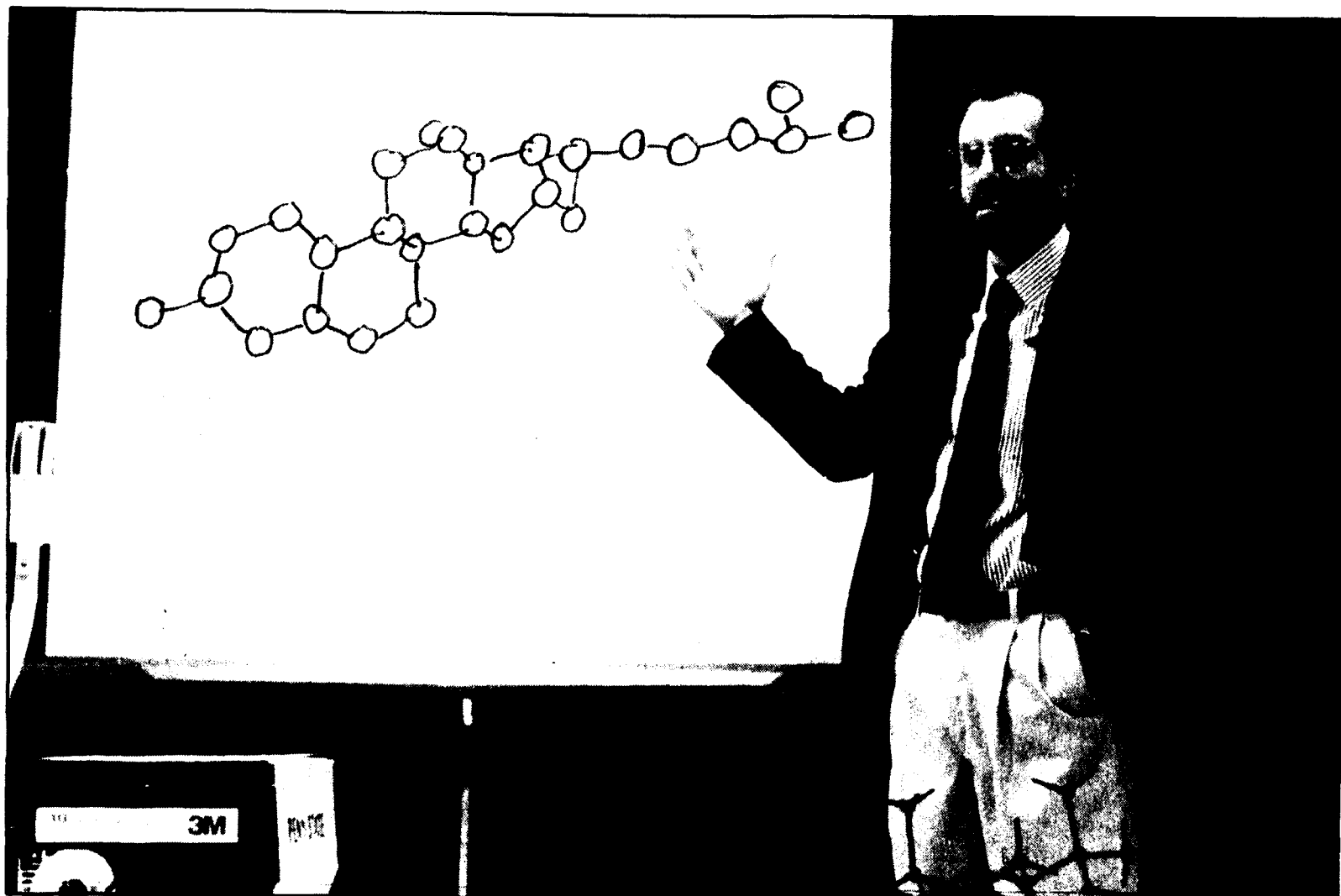
"What we see is sometimes we get copy cats, but I'm pretty sure that this fellow is responsible for the majority of the calls on the Behrend and other Erie County college campuses by his approach and names used," said Skindell.

"We have received a lot of

cooperation from the student population, the Erie City Police and the Pennsylvania State Police. Both agencies have assisted us in the investigation," said Donahue.

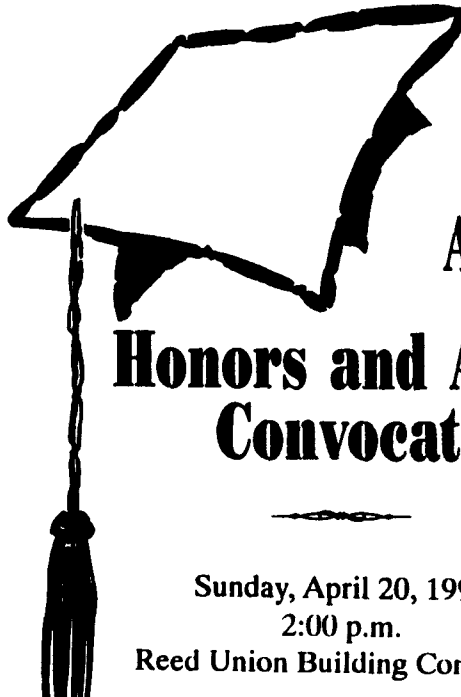
The Erie police investigator had high praise for the Behrend College Police and Safety Services and their professionalism.

"If there are folks who have received calls of this nature and haven't reported them to Police and Safety and wish to do so, we would be pleased to talk with them," said Donahue.



Bad, bad cholesterol- Dr. Alan Mancino displayed a diagram showing the structure of cholesterol, during "Alchemy and Stamp Collecting."

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