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Under new management

by Mike DeSantis
Collegian Copy Editor

For the first time in three years, *The Collegian* will be under new management.

Decided upon by the advisory committee of *The Collegian*, Robin Clarke was elected as Editor in Chief for the 1997-98 school year.

The committee, comprised of Danielle Murphy and Jennifer Colvin, current editors in chief of the paper, Chris Rizzo, Director of

Student Activities, Dr. Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ursula Davis and Dr. Robert Speel, academic advisors of the paper and Dr. Roberta Salper Head of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences elected Robin Clarke as Editor in Chief for the 1997-98 school year.

Clarke a fourth semester English major will follow in the footsteps of this year's editors.

Reber is happy with the choice of

the new editor and said Robin "is a very talented person who will bring a lot of strength to the paper."

Clarke has never actually worked on *The Collegian*, but has submitted one article. Clarke wrote about people she met while working in Maryland on the Alternative Spring Break. Clarke also submitted a letter to the editor concerning STRAIGHT, a student organization at University Park.

Rizzo said that he feels Clarke is

an exemplary writer and encourages the other candidates to be involved in *The Collegian*.

"If any of [the other candidates] chose to continue with the paper it will be a much improved vehicle," he said.

Some committee members were not as enthusiastic about next year's editor. Murphy, said she is disappointed in the decision, because Clarke is "coming from the outside and has no experience with

The Collegian."

Jennifer Colvin said she had no feelings either way.

"Clarke does not have the experience I would like to see in next year's editor, but with a solid core of editors with experience, her ambition will take the paper far," said Colvin.

Clarke declined to be interviewed, and said she wanted to avoid publicity.



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"Oh, shoot! This isn't my practice parachute! It's my son's backpack!"

Chips and duds

BEHREND- Campus Ministry will be sponsoring two events during finals week. One will help Behrend students and the other gives students the opportunity to help others in the community.

During finals week, Behrend will be overwhelmed with over 5,400 homemade cookies. The mass quantity of cookies is the result of a community-wide effort to make Behrend students feel less stressed and more capable of conquering the final obstacles of the semester.

The event is an act of support for Behrend Students, who typically (and understandably) need it most during the week of final exams.

The first cookie break was 9 years ago, and has continued to grow in popularity ever since. To meet the enthusiastic demand of students, an additional 1,000 cookies were gathered this year.

This mouth-watering event will occur at the beginning of finals week. The assortment of cookies will appear at 8:00 p.m. in the lobbies of Perry and Niagra Halls on May 6. The feeding frenzy will end at 9:00 p.m. on both nights, unless the cookies disappear before then.

On a more serious note, The New To You Drive, also sponsored by Campus Ministry, gives students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to donate clothing and non-perishable food to less fortunate members of the community.

During finals week, boxes will be placed in the lobbies of the residence halls and suites to collect clothing and food. These items will also be gathered from staff members and apartment tenants.

The men's clothing will go to St. Martin's; the women's clothing to the Mercy Center for battered women. The food will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Some of the proceeds will also go to the Erie City Mission.

This project allows students to give something back to the Erie community. This service has helped local charities for the past 9 years.

Grads

BEHREND- On Saturday, May 17, 1997, Behrend College will hold its Spring Commencement with Dr. John Fizez as speaker.

Weather permitting, the commencement exercise will be held at 12:00 noon on the Reed Lawn.

In case of inclement weather, there will be two ceremonies indoors. Students in engineering technology, and science will graduate at 12:00 noon as scheduled.

Students in business, including candidates for the MBA, humanities, and social sciences, and University park majors will graduate at 2:30 p.m.

Since we must assume only one graduation, please plan to be on the first floor of Erie Hall by 11:30 a.m. to don regalia and receive further instructions.

There will be a reception honoring the graduates and guests immediately following the program. In the case of two ceremonies, there will be two receptions in the Wintergarden, Reed Building.

U.S. WOMEN: A STATISTICAL PORTRAIT

Population and age

Population, in millions:

	1996	2000
Women	136	141
Men	130	134

Age, median, 1996:

Women	36
Men	34

Education

Level Women in 1995, 25 and over, who have:

At least high school diploma	82%
Some college or more	46%
At least a college degree	20%

College students Percent women, 1994:

	55%
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Wages and jobs

In general: Woman earned 71¢ for every \$1 men made, in 1995

Men earn more Median for full-time worker, 1995:

Women	\$22,497
Men	\$31,496

Growth in some professions Women who are:

	1983	1995
Lawyers	15%	26%
Doctors	14%	24%

Women-owned business

In 1992

Number: 6.4 million (1/3 of all U.S. businesses)
Revenues: \$1.6 trillion
Employ: 13.2 million workers

Marriage and family

Married Women, 18 and older, 1995:

	59%
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Women-headed families In millions

1970	5.6
1995	12.2

Living alone Percent of women, 1995:

	15%
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Motherhood

New moms working In 1994, 4 million women, ages 15-44, had a child the previous year. Number who:

Worked full time	1.2 million
Worked part time	600,000
In labor force	300,000

No kids Percent of the 60 million women, ages 15-44, who have no children, 1994:

	42%
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Older women

Population Over age 65, 1994, in millions:

Women	20
Men	14

Death of spouse Percent widowed, 1993:

Women	48%
Men	14%

Working Women as percent of labor force over 55:

1950	23%
1993	44%

Buh-bye

by Sara Prosser
News Editor

Wow, how time flies when you're stressed out, running on about 4 hours of sleep a night, and are on the verge of insanity. But by some miracle of God, I made it through, and I'm graduating in only four years.

It seems like just yesterday that I was one of those annoying freshmen who thought I could run the entire campus. I was young and naive and thought that guys actually liked me for me, and not for what they thought they could get from me.

I think back to my freshman year and wonder, "How the hell did I survive?" I think I spent more time at parties than I did in the classroom, and my grades reflected my drunken state. Now that I have matured, I spend equal time in the classroom as I do getting obliterated. Thank God I got my priorities straight.

My time at Behrend has definitely been an interesting experience. College really does teach you a lot about yourself and others. You find out who your true friends are, who you can trust, and who you wouldn't let around your dead cat.

It is true that you are extremely

lucky if you find a handful of true friends in your life. These are the people who you just know will always be there for you no matter what. Thank you friends, and you know who you are.

Well enough about my personal life. In a few weeks, I will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. What this actually means, is that I will be working at the McDonalds drive thru, using my communication skills to get people to supersize their value meals. No, I couldn't be that lucky.

To tell the truth, I have no clue what I am going to do once I graduate. I have no money, no job, and nowhere to live. It's pretty depressing actually. But hey at least I have my education, right? Maybe I can join the Flagship Open, I have been taking my required bowling course. I heard those bowlers make a lot of money, plus they get to wear those cool shoes.

Well, since this is my last chance to speak my mind, I would like to say this: To all those people who have ticked me off, to those who don't like me for one reason or another (or vice versa), you can all kiss my big fat butt, cause I'm outta here! Buh, bye!

Another notch in the Post

by Tom Keefe
Ad Manager

America: What a courageous country. I never realized how lucky we are to live in a country that formed the first amendment.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

What an amazing display of trust. The founding fathers and sisters of our country believed enough in themselves and the people to create this powerful amendment. They weren't afraid of being wrong or challenged by the people. They realized without the people they wouldn't have anything to fight for.

Maybe I'm naive, but until I came to college I thought that everybody knew of the first amendment. Now I know the truth: It seems the first amendment doesn't apply to Penn State - Behrend students, especially those who stand up and become student leaders. It almost seems as if the administration here thinks of students as mere peasants, not suitable to question their decisions, not suitable to make our own decisions.

Not only does the administration treat students this way, but I have witnessed many administrators treat faculty and staff in the same way. In my opinion the person who sweeps the floor is just as important to this college as John Lilley.

I have attended Penn State - Behrend for four years. As a freshman I joined more organizations than I knew existed. I worked with basically all of the staff and students at that time. I was young, but I felt that I knew what students wanted. As the next year progressed I organized some programs I felt were very important to the Penn State - Behrend community. My first "big" program was "AIDS in the Real World with Pedro Zamora and Judd Winick." It was when organizing this program when I first realized what Penn State - Behrend was really about. I approached student government, campus organizations and local companies with the help of some excellent staff people. The event had become too big, so I approached an administrator with questions about using Erie Hall for the event. I had already talked to several people about this, when I walked into his office. I was confident when I walked in, stated my concern and almost as if he didn't hear a word I said, he responded, "Erie Hall isn't necessary... I doubt if you will fill four rows in the [Reed] Lecture Hall." What could I do but crawl out of his office just as disappointed and crushed as I was confident when I walked in. There was a time in my college career that I believed in Penn State pride, in fact many people were convinced that if cut, I would bleed blue and white. I realized in that moment that I would never bleed blue and white again. I wasn't like them; I couldn't be like them. This story in my Penn State career had a happy ending. University Park

helped fund the program, almost all of the clubs and organizations got involved, the media was more than excited about the event, MTV planned to record the event for a Pedro Zamora tribute show and more than 1000 people showed up. I had done it. I united the campus and the community. I thought after this event maybe I would be deemed trustworthy by the administration (one administrator in particular), but it seemed I still wasn't competent enough for him.

For a while I gave up. No one cared, so why bother? In a few months I realized I couldn't. I decided to take a job offer from an Entertainment company in New York City. Maybe there I would be appreciated. In my very first day at work in New York City, I realized that Penn State - Behrend gave me something invaluable: They showed me exactly what not to do in the real world. New York City gave me exactly what I needed: support. It's ironic that people here think of New Yorkers as non-supportive, but in my experience it's exactly the opposite: I found peace and support in New York and a mountain of hate and betrayal in a small college community in Pennsylvania.

Eventually, I came back. For some reason I thought I had to. I had a new found determination. I thought I could come back and change everything. At the beginning I found support in one person: Chris Rizzo. I was amazed at the changed he made since I had been gone and am still amazed at the changes he currently makes. Although I believe I've never lost Chris' support, even

now, even his support wasn't enough. I needed more and I couldn't find it until... I got involved with *The Collegian* again. It was great — total support for once, and a total separation between this organization and the administration, or so I thought. Not that I am surprised, but once again, I was disappointed and crushed by the administration.

I would hope that in the years to come the administration will change and become more supportive of students and staff. One of the most important things that I believe should change is the general attitude. I have noticed that the administration generally has a negative attitude about everything. One of the most important lessons I have learned in the real world is the power of positive thinking. My first day in New York City, I was given the task of producing a rather large live program. Without even thinking, I started listing all of the things that could possibly go wrong. My boss just stared at me. He went on to explain that focusing on negative things couldn't possibly help. I will remember his words forever. "Never focus on the things that can go wrong... Don't ignore them, but don't focus on them. You know what your doing and you know in the back of your head how to solve almost anything that could happen. Keep those thoughts in the back of your head until something happens. Adapt and succeed — focus on the negative and fail."

Since we're focusing on the positive now, I'd like to share with you some of the absolutely

wonderful people I met at Penn State - Behrend: Marge Wiz, Linda Kaleta, Patty McMahon and Sue Daley have all been like second mothers to me.

Fred Anzivino (who has left the University) was always willing to share his infinite wisdom.

James, Al, Cindy, Fred and Ed from Housing and Food Services were always willing to talk whenever I needed to.

My new found friends at the bookstore: Helen, Elaine, Joanne, Joanie, Lenny and Bonnie, thanks for being there.

Cathy Mester, who showed me how important listening is. Ursula Davis, who impresses me each and every day I talk to her.

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