



Meet the advisors of The Collegian

by Paul Marini
Staff Writer

Speel says that the following changes have been made:

This year, the Collegian has two advisors. Robert Speel, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and Alan Michael Parker, Assistant Professor of English, are advising/teaching the Collegian.

Parker said, "I began discussions last summer regarding *The Collegian*; I joined the organization in August as Faculty Advisor."

Speel was asked by Humanities and Social Sciences division head Roberta Salper to help with *The Collegian*, in the Spring 1996 semester. Speel said that, as a student, he wrote for his college newspaper.

"However, when I was asked to help with *The Collegian*, I thought it might be a nice opportunity once again to be involved in the teaching and advising of news production, so I accepted despite the time commitment involved," said Speel.

Parker said, "My goals [for *The Collegian*] are simple: to help the newspaper meet its journalistic and literary obligations--to be well-considered and well-written--while performing its vital function within the Behrend community."

Speel said, "As a side issue, I think that *The Collegian* has the opportunity to make a difference in the Erie community, and I am hopeful that the changes instituted this year will make this difference."

"Also, as a First Amendment stalwart, I am wholly committed to the newspaper's Freedom of the Press, in all its guises," continued Parker.

1) NEWS--In the news section, students have chosen news beats in

which they will be responsible for all coverage of one aspect of campus life," said Speel. Also, continued Speel, *The Collegian* is now subscribing to two national wire services.

2) EDITORIAL--The editorial page will include an "Eye on Erie" column, with commentary on what's on around Behrend, said Speel. Also, the editorial page will include a weekly opinion piece stating the views of the editorial staff, as well as political cartoons.

3) FEATURES--Speel said that Features will include stories about life at Behrend, and life in Erie, as well as music, movie, theater, and food/restaurant reviews.

4) SPORTS--Speel said, "The sports section will have more extensive coverage of individual varsity sports and may have a box scores listing that will include results from both intramural and varsity contests."

Speel said, "My hope is that everyone at Behrend will find plenty of material of interest to read the paper, and that the paper will be a rewarding experience both for the students involved in producing it, and for all of its readers."

Alan Parker has a B.A. cum laude in English and History from Washington University in St. Louis, and an M.F.A. in writing from Columbia University. Robert Speel received a B.A. in Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and a ph.D in Government from Cornell University.

How do you feel about the recent article on Greek Life?

"I did not think that it was very fair to the brothers and sisters. If there was going to be an article on them they should have been interviewed also."

Amy Karenbauer, 03 Accounting

"I hated the article! I was appalled and mortified. Not only did the article bash the Greeks on campus, but it also created a lot of conflict among the Greeks. The editor obviously has no idea what it is to be Greek and of course he can't see the good things we do, it's easier and more interesting to create controversy."

Lidana Chinae, 07 Communications

"I feel the author was on the outside looking in and he did not have a clue. He was very biased."

Dave Szkoda, 09 MIS

"It made me re-establish my position on whether or not to join a fraternity."

Lee Swartzsager, 01 Engineering

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Question of the Week

Harambee: let's pull together

by Ayodele Jones
Staff Writer

"Penn State students have a message to give the city of Erie, they need to expand their communication link with the city." Gary Horton, assistant to

the mayor thinks students have the resources readily available to do so.

On Wednesday, September 10, the multi-cultural council gave its annual Harambee dinner. Harambee is Swahili for "let's pull together." The dinner was true to its name, Harambee, by

all cultures and ethnic groups coming together to share a night of commonality.

Horton's speech was one that led many students to think of ways they can help the community as well as benefit from it. Shannon Jones, the president of the multi-cultural council said that he hoped having this dinner would bring together many people in unity. He also hoped this would filter out to the campus at large.

The evening began with Mays Angelou's "Human Family," read by Jennifer Pontecchio. The other highlights of the evening included a Scottish dance by the Highland Dancers accompanied by bagpipes.

The inspirational speech by Gary Horton, the performance of the Highland Dancers and the fellowship of students from numerous ethnic groups is one way to somewhat close the gap that exists between cultures.

Police And Safety REPORT:

9/17/97 A staff member reported that a window in the Engineering Complex had been shattered.

9/18/97 As the result of an incident in S Lot a student was issued a non-traffic citation for underage drinking.

9/20/97 Charges of Defiant Trespass have been filed against a non-student after an incident in Tigress Hall.

9/22/97 A bomb threat was reported to P&S. The buildings involved were searched by P&S and were secured until 1:00 pm.

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