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separation between the fraternity and student body.

"It could create a greek versus non-greek attitude," he said.

"I don't know yet if it's a positive or negative thing," he continued.

Skillen also stressed that there is no connection between the fraternities at Behrend with those at University Park.

Is there any possibility in the future of a regulation such as the one just passed by University Park fraternity presidents being imposed by fraternities at Behrend? According to Studd, the extremely smaller size of Behrend in comparison to University Park would help prevent incidents of such a large scale that would cause police intervention.

"We're a lot smaller and it's a lot easier to monitor parties. There is no trouble here like there is there. I don't think it's a good idea. It's the most important rush technique," Studd said.

Behrend Zeta Beta Tau alumnus Shawn Downey sees the regulation as nothing new.

"It's basically putting into words what was already going on. It will limit the number of people at the parties, but it won't limit the number of parties," he said.

From now on, IFC at University Park will police fraternity events and security will check IDs and member lists. Fraternities caught with non-greeks at a party would be forbidden to have any parties for 6 to 8 weeks.



Photo by Jessica Trzeciakowski

**BEHREND'S BABBLING BROOK:** The beauty of the fall season at Penn State Erie.

## Diversity on campus

by Tammy Freeman  
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One percent of the students at Behrend are of Latin American heritage. The Organization of Latin American Students, also known as OLAS, was formed to support these students. However, OLAS is in trouble.

OLAS was supposed to be very busy during October, which is Hispanic History Month, but leadership problems threaten the group's existence. Nonetheless, various activities are planned to showcase Latin American culture and traditions. For example the musical group Alma will perform in October. The presentation, called "Chicano: 500 Years of Struggle" reflects Mexican-American history through songs and poetry.

OLAS is one branch of the Multi-Cultural Council, an umbrella organization for those groups who wish to promote cultural awareness. Even though the majority of students at Behrend are white, MCC and their shadow organizations want to inform students of other cultures.

Penn State is a school dedicated to promoting diversity on all campuses. Some students at Behrend, however, claim that there needs to be more multicultural programs on campus. "MCC believes in multiculturalism...we fight hard for our organizations on campus," stated Shana Johnson, the vice president of MCC.

ABC, The Association of Black Collegians, is a student-run

organization committed to improving campus life. Ayodele Jones, president of ABC states, "The ABC is an organization which strives to insure self-pride and self-awareness through the mechanisms of unity and multiculturalism. We act as a support group for minority students and also a positive force on campus and in the surrounding community."

The Asian Student Organization (ASO) operates in the same manner as ABC. However, it is geared primarily towards students of Asian descent.

Trigon, another branch of the MCC, is not based on heritage but is an organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual students. Heterosexual faculty and students are also encouraged to join. According to the president, Trigon is changing and reorganizing this year. In the past it had been a political and gay pride group; now it is changing into more of a social group.

The president of Trigon, who is a person of color, came from a high school that was only eleven percent white. He stated, "It's a huge difference. I'm used to a lot more diversity and more of an open minded approach to different lifestyles."

The president of Trigon added, "One of the worst things about going to a new school and being gay is a strong feeling of isolation." Trigon attempts to create an environment for gays to feel comfortable.

Tom Kinney, 05 Business Administration, a Trigon member,

feels that there is an under-representation of minorities on campus, and by making them more visible, the MCC "serves a great function."

Colleen Fromknecht 08 History is a straight member of Trigon. According to Fromknecht, "It [being a member of Trigon] is a way to show support for the gay community, but... a lot of people think I'm gay because I hang out with gay people. That shows there is a need for Trigon."

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### Question of the Week

**How responsible do you think people are about drinking alcohol on campus?**

"I think people drink very responsibly on campus because they don't drive drunk. They always make sure to have designated drivers--even at fraternity parties. (At home we're not as responsible)."

Grandin Rushlander, 01 PLET

"...I think people are irresponsible for their drinking actions and don't think about the consequences."

Lisa Friedman, 01 Civil Engineer

"There are definite binge drinkers... some people are alcoholics, and do it every day. I think that it has to do with their maturity level."

Anonymus

"I honestly don't think people are very responsible. You get to college and you think that is part of college life."

Lindsey Myrick, 05 Biology

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## Police And Safety REPORT:

**9/20/97** Reported bomb threat to the science and engineering areas. Note was found in a men's bathroom in Prischak by Complainant.

**9/22/97** RA in Niagra reported that a resident was possibly being harassed by another student.

**9/24/97** Complainant reported seeing a vehicle strike another car in Parking Lot G and leave the scene of the accident without leaving a note identifying himself.

**9/28/97** Officer found defiant trespasser who had been notified by Ken Miller as to his restriction on campus. Charges have been filed.

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