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Five professors "arrested" by Amnesty International

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On Tuesday, October 7, outside the Reed Building, Behrend's Amnesty International Organization "arrested" five professors to demonstrate how political prisoners around the world can be arrested and imprisoned for things we take for granted, such as freedom of speech or the right to vote.

Amnesty International, as their pamphlet states, "is a worldwide human rights movement which works to prevent some of the gravest violations of human rights by governments."

"The reason Amnesty International put on this demonstration was to show an example of oppression happening in other countries, while we take human rights for granted," said Ray Snyder, 07, Political Science and History.

Professors participating in the "jail break" were bound and gagged. They were Zach Irwin, Associate Professor of Political Science, Carl Kallgren, Associate Professor of Psychology, John Rossi, Assistant Professor of History, Robert Chisholm, Instructor of Political Science, and Dawn Blasko, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Shari Buie, 05,

Political Science, coordinator of this event, said angrily, "I sent out 27 letters to people to participate and only got six responses. Shame on them."

Buie and other Amnesty members asked students to sign pledge cards and letters protesting the arrests of innocent people in foreign countries. Amnesty International also requested the students to sign letters asking for the release of the political prisoners. Amnesty International plans to send the letters that were signed at the "jail break" to the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

"We are paragons of free speech who have collided with the repressive state apparatus whose purpose is to exploit the broadest layers of the toiling population," stated Irwin.

Another upcoming sponsorship planned by Amnesty International is to have a speaker come from the University of Haifa in Israel. Dr. Ephraim Kahana will talk about the relationship between the peace process and human rights. The presentation, set for November 11, is sponsored by Amnesty International along with the Jewish Student Organization and the Erie Regional Peace and Justice Center.



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POLITICAL PRISONERS: Professors Blasko, Chisholm, and Irwin are held captive by Amnesty International.

Dean Lilley discusses issues with students



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COFFEE BREAK: Dean Lilley met with students last night.

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On Wednesday October 8, The Office of Student Activities had another coffee klatch with the Provost. Dean Lilley was very candid and casual with the participants, he even went as far as to ask a student for his hat, stating that it was very unusual. Dean Lilley asked students who their favorite teacher is, where they were from and their reason for coming to Behrend. This gathering of about twenty people or less led to an informal discussion about school

topics and individual concerns.

The main topic of conversation was the current marketing slogan that is used to promote Behrend. The slogan is currently "The small college with the big degree" and the question was whether to change it to "the small university with the big degree." Many students agreed that "small college" gave the implication that Behrend was similar to a community college. By changing to "small university" it would truthfully reflect enrollment size and resource ability, therefore gaining respect.

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During Coffee with the Provost various student concerns were brought to the surface. Some student questions were about the sports complex which is now in its planning stages. The facility will include an Olympic size swimming pool, gymnasium, indoor running track, larger weight rooms, aerobic rooms and an area for racquet sports. There will also be a new residence named Ohio Hall. It will be sixty-five feet from Almy Hall. In order to accommodate the increased parking volume there will also be the addition of three new parking lots.

The prices at Bruno's were under attack by students claiming that they were expensive. Ed Mulfinger from Housing and Food Services, stated that the prices are to pay for the renovation of Bruno's. They are still receiving equipment

for completion. Additional topics included the fee imposed on students by the PNC ATM machine, the new Blue Bus schedule, congregation of smokers in the doorways of buildings, the overall acceptance of the newspaper program in the residence halls and the lack of a fall break at Penn State.

As Penn State Erie - The Behrend College continues to grow there will be more opportunities to add faculty, art and cultural classes and much more. Dean Lilley stated that the goal is to grow in a controlled manner. This growth will benefit students, faculty and staff.

Coffee with The Provost is a good opportunity to actually let the powers that be understand student concerns. Although this event occurs monthly, all student concerns can also be addressed at SGA meetings and Student Activities.

Gynecologist joins Health and Wellness Center

by Anne Rajotte
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The Health and Wellness is expanding its gynecological services this year.

In the past, students requiring care that couldn't be given at the Health and Wellness center were referred to the office of Dr. Timothy Weibel, a board certified gynecologist. This year Dr. Weibel will be visiting the center once a month. Dr. Weibel, who received his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College, attended University of Pittsburgh medical school and spent his residency at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, has had a private practice in Erie for four years.

Patty Pasky McMahon, a certified family nurse practitioner and Director of the Health and

Wellness center, will continue to perform gynecological exams. Dr. Weibel will take those cases that McMahon is uncomfortable with, or require a doctor rather than a nurse practitioner.

The center has also purchased a colposcopy, which Dr. Weibel can use to examine abnormal pap smears. In the past, students have been sent off campus for this procedure, costing them between \$400 and \$500.

Students having this procedure done at the Health and Wellness center will only pay between \$100 and \$150. Not all women who have pap smears need this procedure, but it is at the center if it becomes necessary.

McMahon hopes to have more women come in for pap smears.

These tests are important because they can identify abnormalities in the cervix before they develop into serious problems. Now this test is easier and less expensive.

Dr. Weibel can also perform minor surgical procedures, such as inserting the birth control device Norplant, which previously required a trip to a doctor. In addition, he can provide information about pregnancy termination and consult with women who have problems with ovarian cysts.

Dr. Weibel feels that there is a definite demand for a gynecologist on our campus. "We wanted to treat problems without referring patients to the office." Having a gynecologist at Behrend will be a convenience to students who may not have the means to get to a doctor's office.

Another benefit of a gynecologist at Behrend is that it allows a student to protect her privacy. Because of the low cost of the procedure, it is not necessary to notify the student's insurance company. Procedures

can be put on insurance, however, if the student wishes.

Dr. Weibel is looking forward to his visits to Behrend: "It's nice to treat college students because you can talk about genes and viruses and students know what they are." Besides helping students at Behrend, the residents at St. Vincent's Medical Center will be able to supplement their education at the Health and Wellness center. Dr. Weibel will bring residents with him to observe exams and procedures.

In the past, residents have observed procedures at the Health and Wellness center. Patients were asked their permission beforehand; McMahon feels that, for the most part, students weren't uncomfortable with it.

Arthur Apolinario is one of the residents that will be visiting the Health and Wellness center. He states that students shouldn't be nervous about the residents observing; they are doctors and "It's [the observation] part of the experience of taking care of women's health."

SGA to research campus social life

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Fast food restaurant chains, movie rentals and convenience stores are all conspicuously absent from Behrend's immediate surroundings. As a result the Student Government Association (SGA) is exploring the possibility of attracting such establishments to campus or Station Rd.

Student Life Charge #1 has formed two groups to research the project. One will be investigating zoning and ordinance information and the other group will be contacting businesses to see if they have interest in the idea.

The research for these groups is due March 31, 1998, so the SGA will have two months before the end of the year to work with the information gathered.

"The purpose is to draw businesses to campus to make sure it is not such an isolated area," Smith said.

The Student Life Charge group consists of eight members of SGA: Tim Smith, Vice President of SGA, Michelle Benjamin, SGA Secretary, and senators Charles Testrake, Kelly Ebright, Doug Watkins, Mandy Elder, Buck Gordicke, and Julie Meyers.

Shawn Hubbard, 07, MET says the reason he would like to see more stores on campus "is because everyone's schedule is not the same, so with more business campus will be more flexible."

"This will give [Bruno's] competition which will lower prices," adds A. E. Peszel, 04, DUS.

With the campus growing larger and larger each year Behrend needs "something to hold [students]," said Michael Zampetti, SGA President. Perhaps this move will help retain students at Behrend so that they don't transfer to University Park.