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Safe sex demonstrated

by Anne Rajotte
 managing editor

Condoms, lubricants, body painting, and romance in the bathtub; not your typical safe sex presentation. At the Safer Sex Cabaret Tuesday night, co-sponsors Trigon and Joint Residence Council put on an unorthodox and well received presentation about AIDS and safer sex.

The Studio Theater was filled to capacity with over 70 audience members. Trigon president Christopher Caraballo commented that he was "extremely happy" with the turnout and the presentation.

There were several portions of the presentation, each being led by a student or faculty member. The first was a presentation on condoms and dental dams. In addition to reiterating what is common knowledge about condoms, different kinds of condoms were shown to the audience. The condoms were discussed in terms of how they felt and what kinds of condoms were best for different types of sex. Technical sexual terms were abandoned in favor of more comfort-

able slang terminology.

A notable difference between the Safer Sex Cabaret and other safe sex presentations was the frank discussion of gay sexuality. Robin Clarke, Trigon member, stated, "The strongest impact the evening had was the discussion of gay and lesbian sexuality in a straightforward, rather than closeted way." Sue Daley, Behrend staff psychologist and Trigon co-adviser, re-

You can find just about anything and make it erotic

Pat Hiller
 local artist

marked, "If we don't talk about awkward topics, they will stay awkward."

There were door prizes given out throughout the night, as well as candy, condoms, lubricants and bubble bath periodically thrown into the audience. Each member of the audience also left with a box that was filled with

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SGA President Michael Zampetti receives a foot massage demonstration during the Safer Sex Cabaret

News analysis: prayer at graduation

by Anne Rajotte
 managing editor

The constitutional basis of the ongoing question of prayers at college and university graduations is derived from the Establishment clause of the first amendment which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The Supreme Court has traditionally interpreted this clause to mean that the government may not coerce anyone to support or participate in religion or establish a state religion or faith.

In 1992, the Supreme Court heard the case Lee v. Weisman which dealt with prayers said at high school graduation. The schools in Providence, Rhode Island, had regularly invited clergy members to say short, nonsectarian invocation and benediction prayers during the ceremony. Daniel Weisman, the father of a stu-

dent at Nathan Bishop Middle School objected to the prayers that were to be said at her graduation. Weisman attempted to file a restraining order in the United States District Court to prohibit school officials from including an invocation or benediction in the ceremony. The restraining order was denied due to lack of time to consider it.

In July of 1989, after the Weismans had attended the graduation that included the prayers, Daniel Weisman filed another complaint requesting a permanent injunction barring petitioners and officials of the Providence public schools from inviting clergy to deliver invocations and benedictions at future graduations.

In coming to the Lee v. Weisman decision, the Supreme Court looked at a previous landmark case, Lemon

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Importance of SRTEs asserted

by Andrea Zamboni
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The last few weeks of each semester are a stressful time for both students and faculty at Behrend. Final exams are in progress, and the pressure on the students to perform one last time in the semester grades are being calculated. Behrend professors are in a similar situation with the timing of teaching effectiveness (SRTE's). These are the forms that each professor must have their students fill out, and they are used to evaluate their performance as a teacher.

These evaluations are given a final review by Behrend's administration. Dr. John Lilley, Provost and Dean says, "The university very much wants to see what the students think...this is something they should take very seriously. These evaluation forms are taken very heavily on an individual professor's career."

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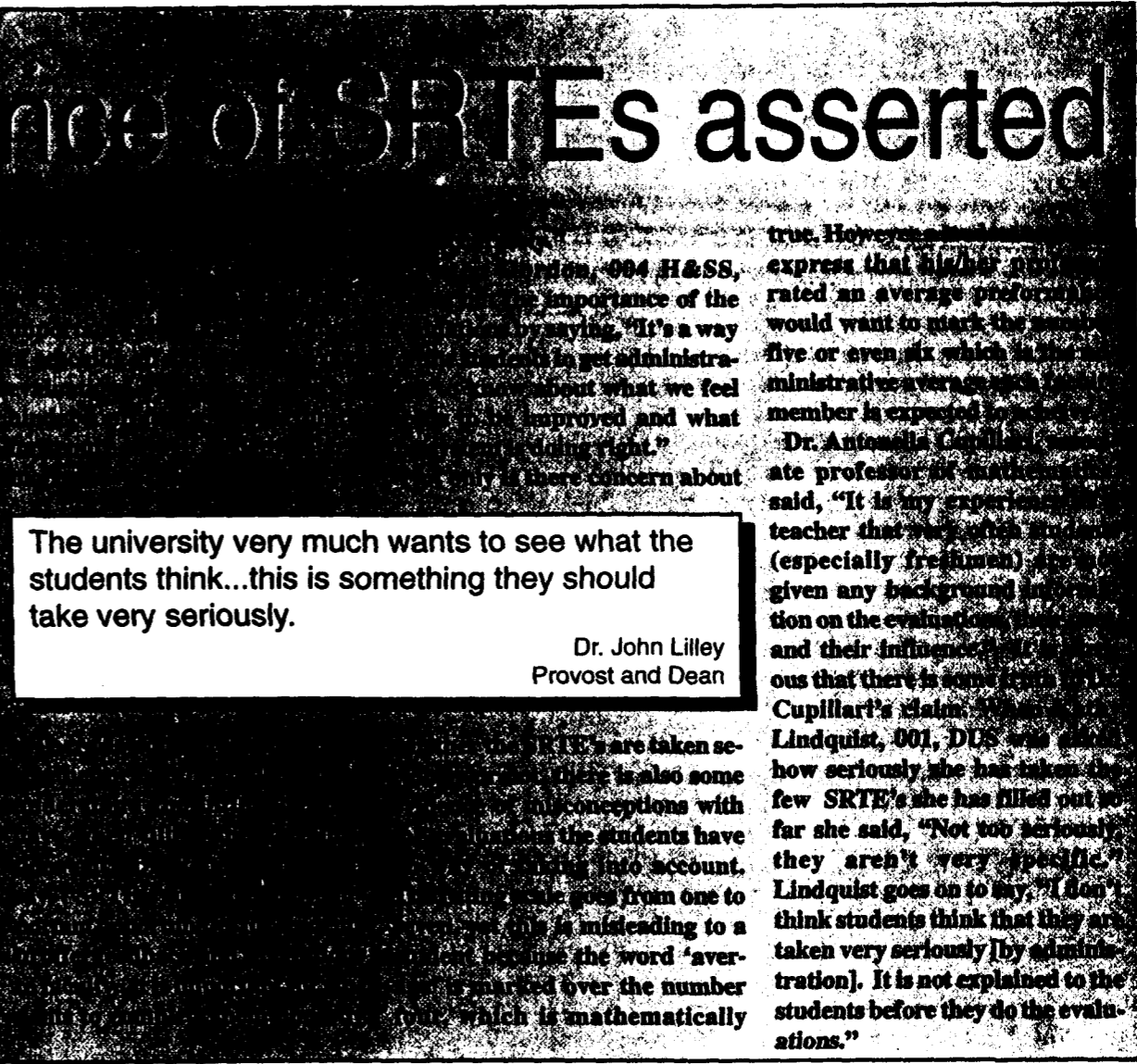


photo by Erin Costello

Behrend's police and safety building: police and safety are responsible for giving parking tickets on campus.

Students voice opinions about campus parking

by Ray Morelli
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As students pull into school in fall, they almost immediately see a Penn State-Behrend police officer. The officer no doubt serves as a glaring reminder that it's time to either get a parking tag or face the fine for not having one.

The parking regulations are a source of frustration for many student drivers. Many often make complaints like, "Doesn't Police & safety have anything better to do than walk around and look for those criminals without parking tags?" Bill Donahue, head of Behrend's police force, replies, "We have a lot of things to do, and enforcing parking regulations is certainly one of them." With the number of officers students see roaming the various parking lots, sometimes it seems

like that's the only thing the campus police do. Donahue states, "We don't break our shifts up like an officer

I'm elated to be going to Edinboro next semester, where I'll only have to pay fifteen bucks for a year-long parking permit!

Bob Newara
 05 PLET

spends a certain percent in lots."

The roaming officers ticket for a variety of offenses. They're always on the lookout for cars without tags, which results in a twenty dollar fine. Parking in restricted areas or reserved spaces carries an eleven dollar fine. Dave Edwards, 01 DUS, complains,

"My younger brother left an air freshener tree in front of the number on my tag and I got a fine." The offense was dubbed "improper display", and resulted in a seven dollar fine. According to Police and Safety, the number must show to avoid lending of permits.

Where does all this money go? "Money from parking tag sales goes to a fund for lot maintenance and the construction of new lots," says Donahue. All fines from parking tickets go to the Student Government Association, so they do benefit the students.

Recipients of fines have a few options. If they pay the fine within three days, they get a two dollar reduction. If it's paid, but more than ten days

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