

John Magenau, Director of the School of Business



1. Describe your job

Lead the school of business so we accomplish our three basic missions of 1.) Providing high quality education with an applied orientation. 2.) Conduct high quality research that is relevant to practicing business professionals and makes our faculty more knowledgeable of business practices and 3.) Providing outreach services to the business community through applied research, internships, consulting and training programs.

2. What are some activities you suggest first year students should get

involved with?

a. Treat your college education as a full-time job. A 15-18 credit hour schedule may require 45-55 hours per week devoted to your studies (including the time you spend in class.

b. Visit the career development and placement center and learn about majors and career opportunities. Having a focus can make a big difference to your success.

c. Become involved in some kind of campus club or organization. Employers are looking for individuals with leadership experience in addition to good grades.

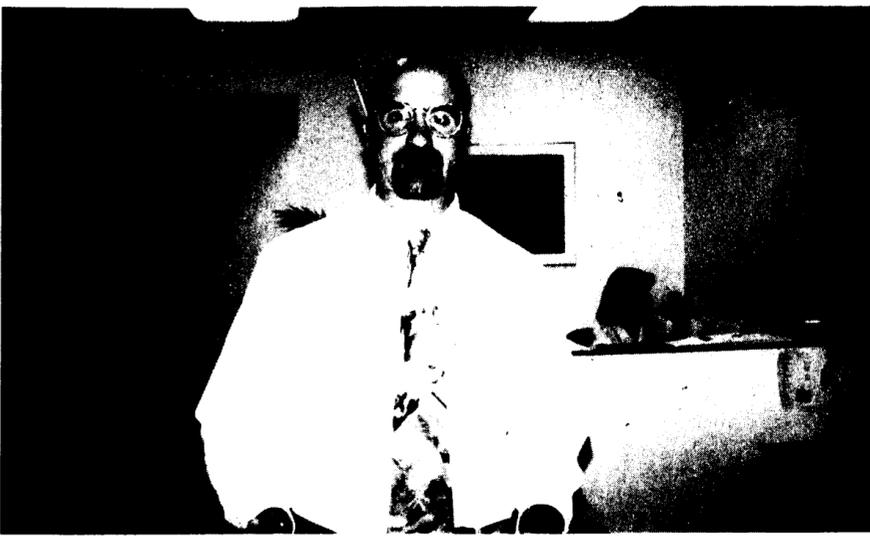
3. What new or exciting things are happening in your department this semester?

The school of business is offering a new marketing major. We are developing a finance major and international business majors. We are also developing a first year seminar that will introduce freshman to the various disciplines business and associated career opportunities.

4. What advice would you give first year students?

Perhaps the above could be listed as advice.

Chris Rizzo, Director of Student Activities



1 Describe your job.

I can best describe my job in one word --- eclectic.

Managing student activities is very difficult to describe... it includes the supervision of staff and students, program development for the College, support for student leaders and student organizations including the Greek system, budget oversight and a variety of other programs which enhance the educational and social environment at Penn State Behrend. As an example, I may play host to an internationally known speaker one day, work with a group of students on a service project in a homeless shelter the next day, then assist a student organization with a rock concert the following day. Flexibility and problem solving are some of the keystones that I build my work upon.

2. What are some activities you suggest first-year students should get involved with?

I suggest that they get involved and

stay involved in out-of-class activities. Balanced involvement enhances the students' overall educational experience. Students should look around, get up, and do something! Many opportunities await our students and not every activity or organization is for everyone but they should not be afraid to take a risk and attend a meeting or an event. Our students, faculty and staff are more than happy to involve new students in the many activities, organizations and events which make Penn State Behrend such a special community.

3. What new or exciting things are happening in your department this summer?

It is the College's 50th Anniversary and I look forward to the many new events associated with this occasion. New Penn State Behrend Spirit Days and a series of Rock/Pop concerts on campus this year will really shake things up. I think that many of the lecturers included in the Speaker Se-

ries this fall will reflect student issues and concerns. The Student Programming Council has developed a great line up of movies and Bruno's events on the weekends.

4. What advice would you give first-year students?

I would ask new students to think of themselves as having unlimited capabilities as they approach this new challenge. Penn State Behrend represents a new beginning and with that new starting point comes the ability to define who you would like to be now, and in the future. Learn to embrace change. My experience tells me that one of the only things that you can expect in life is that many things continually change. Much of one's happiness in life is directly related to how well you adjust to changes in your life. If it feels like things are getting tough, ask for help. That's what we're here for...

Ken Miller, Dean of Student Affairs



1. Describe your job.

"My main job responsibility is to serve as an advocate for students. I think it's important for the dean of students to understand what concerns students have and involve them in the solutions. I have overall responsibility for Student Affairs, an administrative unit of the College impacts students on a daily basis. Student Affairs is comprised of the Career Development Center, Child Care Center, Educational Equity Programs, Health and Wellness Center, Intramurals, Personal Counseling, Residence Life, RUB Desk, and Student Activities (including Greek life and service learning initiatives).

2. What are some of the activities you suggest first-year students should get involved with?

It's important that first-year students find their niche at Behrend. There are over 80 clubs and organizations in which students can get involved, virtually something for everyone! Also, I always urge first-year students to participate fully in New Student Orientation. It's a great way to meet other students and members of the faculty and staff. Orientation also provides a great deal of important information regarding academic programs, course scheduling, etc.

Resident students should be active participants in their residence halls. Residence Life and Joint Residence Council have worked together to establish Hall Councils in each of the buildings. Hall Council is a great way for students to meet other residence of their building and get involved in social programs. It also serves as a great communication tool with Housing and Food Services, Residence Life, and other offices regarding student issues.

Commuting students need to resist the urge to come to campus for class and then leave. Commuter Council is an excellent organization in which to get involved. It also provides social opportunities for students and helps address the needs of commuter students on campus.

Regardless of whether a student lives on campus or commutes, he or she can get involved in the Student Government Association. SGA is the governing body for students and has a great deal of impact regarding issues on campus.

3. What new or exciting things are happening in your department this semester?

There are many new AND exciting things happening, including the

College's 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held August 28th- 30th, a series of mini-concerts featuring many of the region's top bands, and a series of tailgate parties beginning September 19th featuring men's and women's varsity soccer.

We've expanded services in many key areas including the addition of College Central, an online database of jobs and internship opportunities such as a canoe trip provided through intramurals and Recreational Sports. We've also added two key staff positions: a second personal counselor (her name is Alison Parr-Plasha) and a Greek Life/Service Learning coordinator.

4. What advice would you have for first-year students?

Become a part of Penn State Behrend. There are many opportunities to get involved through programs, activities, clubs, and organizations. You can't do everything but do something!

I'd also advise students to be themselves. There is a great deal of peer pressure on college campuses and students sometimes find themselves in awkward or uncomfortable situations. Listen to your intuition, if it doesn't seem right to you don't do it!

John Gamble, Director of the Honors and Scholars Program



1. Describe your job.

Technically I'm the coordinator of the Honors and Scholars program at Behrend. Basically I keep an eye on what's going on (what forms have been completed, what courses are being offered) I hope in the future to be able to make suggestions on how to make the program better.

2. What are some activities you suggest first year students should get

involved with?

The most important thing is to strike a balance between some co-curricular activities and not doing too much. Don't lose sight of the fact that you're here to be in the classroom.

3. Is there anything new or exciting going on in your department this semester?

I haven't been doing it long enough to know. It's all new to me. I used to

look at it from a different perspective because I taught honors courses and have had students within the program but now I look at it in a way that encompasses the entire program.

4. What advice would you give first year students?

Don't worry/plan too far in the future. Take care of immediate problems first or it gets too overwhelming

SPC Fall '98 Movie Schedule

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| August | 29-30 City of Angels |
| September | 3-6 Titanic 10-13 Wild Things 17-20 Can't Hardly Wait 24-27 Dirty Work |
| October | 1-4 Armageddon 8-11 Out of Sight 15-18 The Truman Show 22,25 Screen/Scream 2 29-1 The Crow |
| November | 5-8 The Mask of Zorro 12-15 Mafia 19-22 Dead Man on Campus |
| December | 3-6 Saving Private Ryan |

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