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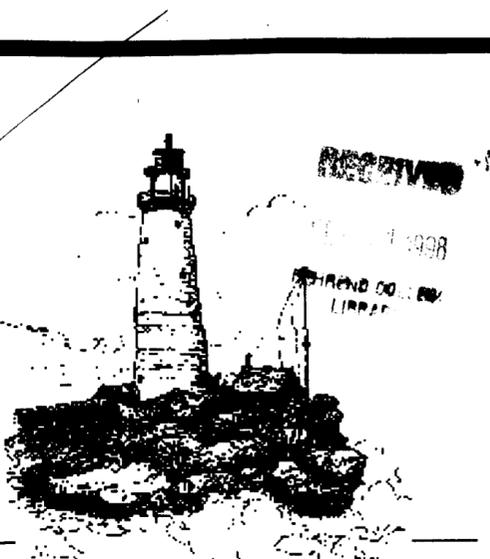
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Director of School of Humanities and Social Sciences resigns

By Will Jordan
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This past Friday, the Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Roberta Salper, suddenly resigned her office. On September 4, Provost and Dean John Lilley sent a memo out to all of the professors and administrators stating that Dr. Salper had resigned as the Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences on September 3. Her resignation takes effect on June 30, 1999. Until June 30, Dr. Salper is on administrative leave. She does retain full professorship however, which means she has the option to return to Behrend in a teaching position.

Dean Lilley also met with the staff, full professors, and in-charge people in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences to make them aware of the situation. Dean Lilley and Associate Provosts and Associate Deans Jack Burke and Robert Light will lead an administrative re-

view of the School for the next few weeks to prepare for the search for the new director. On September 8, another memo was sent out stating that Dr. Dean Baldwin, a professor of English, would be appointed as acting director until June of 1999 or

Baldwin it is possible that the position will be filled permanently by June or July of 1999. If it is not, he will stay in the position for another year. Baldwin added, "I would like to thank my colleagues who have been supportive and who offered

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Dr. Dean Baldwin, acting Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

until a new director is found.

Dr. Baldwin commented, "I'm sorry, personally and professionally. I wish her well and trust that she will be back with us at the end of her administrative leave and sabbatical." Baldwin describes his new position as "a caretaker role." "It is not my place to make big changes. That is a job for a permanent successor," stated Baldwin. According to

their help. They have been extremely generous to me."

Sources close to the situation have stated that Dr. Salper was not allowed into her office Friday morning. Dean Lilley stated, "It is a matter of policy not to comment on personnel decisions." Dr. Salper also preferred not to comment at this time.



photo by Andrea Zaffino

Dr. Dean Baldwin prepares for his new position as acting Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Man survives Gorge fall

By Anne Rajotte
editor in chief

Thursday afternoon, fire trucks, ambulances, and a LifeStar helicopter arrived at Behrend in response to a report that someone had fallen into the Wintergreen Gorge. Thomas Quinlan, 23, of Wickliffe, Ohio, was hiking in the Gorge with two friends when he wandered off from the group and fell into the ravine in an area known as the "Devil's Backbone." Quinlan was not a Behrend student.

According to Bill Donahue, Director of Police and Safety Services, the Police and Safety office was the first to be notified by one of the victim's friends, but the caller could not give an accurate description of where the victim was. Officers from Police and Safety were sent to different parts of the Gorge to locate Quinlan. "We also notified emergency response. We wanted to get them to the scene as

quickly as possible," stated Donahue.

Emergency medical technicians entered the Gorge from Cooper Road and H Lot, while Police and Safety officers entered near the Backbone.

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Bill Donahue, Director of Police and Safety Services

Quinlan was unconscious when he was found. It took about 45 minutes for EMTs to carry him out of the Gorge, as they had to hike about 3/4 miles to the H Lot where ambulances were waiting. From there, he was taken to a LifeStar helicopter, which had landed on the Ski Slope, and was transported to Hamot Medical Center.

"There were a number of departments that responded," said Donahue.

"They did an exceptional job in getting this young man out of the Gorge. They were very professional." Brookville and Belle Valley were two of the departments that responded. "It was a really strong effort on everybody's part," added Donahue.

The "Devil's Backbone" is an area of high cliffs located near Almy Hall. The area is just off of Behrend property.

Tara Casey, 05 Accounting, and Chris Maguire, 05 Accounting, were in the area when the rescue was taking place. "We saw them bring him up on the stretcher," stated Maguire, "I thought he was dead." "He was really white and pale," commented Casey, "We could see he was breathing, and we saw him lift his head."

Quinlan is still listed in serious condition at Hamot, according to Donahue.



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Dr. Dean Baldwin in his new office.

SGA discusses parking problems

By Ayodele Jones
managing editor

Do you have a car? If so you probably know how difficult it is to find a parking space on campus. Quite often it seems that the number of registered vehicles outnumbers the amount of available spaces.

Parking was one of the major issues addressed during this week's meeting of the Student Government Association. The increased rates for the parking permits and the unavailability of spaces has drawn much concern from students. Last year's permits were \$95 and this year the fee has increased by twenty dollars, raising the price of this year's permit to \$115. The increase is due to the construction of additional spaces. Although many students are greatly unsatisfied with the current state of parking on campus, many have not voiced their opinions to administrators and SGA.

Ken Miller, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, commented that "there is virtually no student input in regards to the parking issue or the allocation

of the permit fee." Organizations such as Joint Residence Council, Commuter Council and SGA are

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seeking to play a more active role in building the lines of regular communication between students and administrators. By doing so student views and concerns on the issue will be addressed accordingly.

Michael Zampetti, 07 History, noted that money received from parking tickets and fines are redistributed back to SGA and then are reallocated to student organizations, yet students have no input on fees levied on tickets. "Students are at the whim of Police & Safety, and students should

in parking permits and where the money is going."

Students interested in running for the two available freshman seats on Student Government must submit their petitions by 5 p.m. Monday, September 14, in the SGA suite. There is also a vacant seat available for any student above second semester status; these petitions are also due Monday, September 14. Organizations wishing to submit supplemental budget requests must submit them by Wednesday, September 16.



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The Wintergreen Gorge, where a hiker fell on Thursday afternoon. He is still listed in serious condition at Hamot Medical Center.