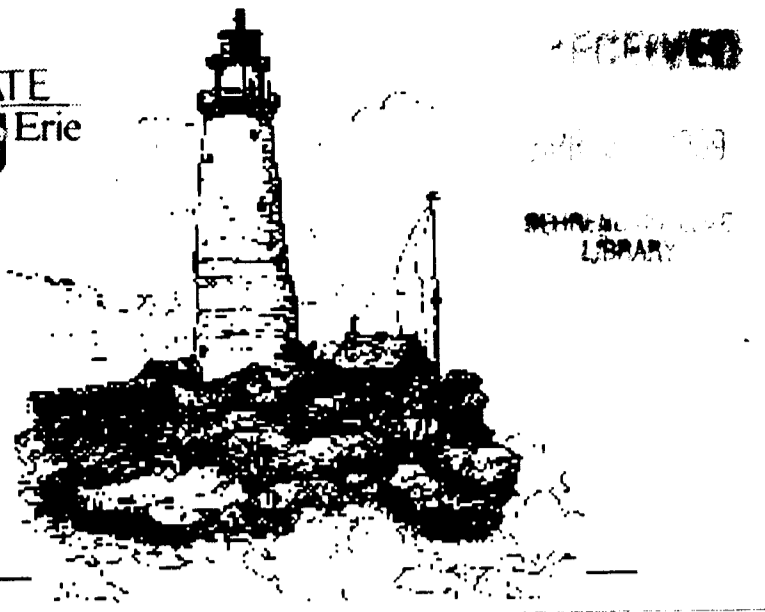


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Two Males Charged in S-Lot Break-ins

by Jennifer Hemme
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On April 20th, Aaron D. Przybyzowski, 19 of Haborcreek, and a seventeen year-old juvenile, were charged with the recent automobile thefts that occurred on campus in January. The break-ins which took place in the south apartment lot were reported in The Beacon's March 18th issue.

Przybyzowski has been charged with ten counts of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Theft and one count of Receiving Stolen Property, but it was the juvenile that has been accused of stealing items from the vehicles. He has been charged with ten counts of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Theft, ten counts of theft by Unlawful Taking, and five counts of Criminal Mischief.



Phil Donahue, Manager of Police and Safety *file photo*

Behrend's Police and Safety Services has been working with the Millcreek, Erie, Wesleyville, and Lawrence Park police departments during the past four months. Bill

Donahue, manager of Police and Safety Services said, "There have been two or three officers from our department who have taken preliminary criminal complaints on these and have followed up

[reports] with victims-and we have coordinated with the other law enforcement agencies around-to see if there were other crimes, other suspects. It was a diligent investigation...and hopefully, we will get restitution for the victims."

Donahue also said that, contrary to rumors, "There were no particular groups being singled out just because they had been displaying Greek letters on their cars, or they drove a particular car, or anything of that nature. The thefts were [perpetrated] because people left things in view that the suspects decided they could use for their own purposes." The charges against Przybyzowski were filed before District Justice Peter P. Nakoski and the charges against the juvenile were filed with the Office of Juvenile Probation at the Erie County Court House.

Spring Fever will be held in Apartment Quad

by Ayodele Jones
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After a week of debate and maneuvering, students at Behrend have been granted their wish: Spring Fever is now in the apartment quad. Spring Fever will be held on April 23, 1999. It was never a question of when the event was to be held but where. In the past Spring Fever has been held in the apartment quad, however the event was moved because of alcohol consumption (an increased use by underage students) and the safety of the students became a question.

Around campus there were posters advertising Spring Fever, yet a location was not specified. Students and staff were attempting to come to a compromise for a site, the Reed Patio, the basketball courts next to Perry Hall and the lawn between Reed and Perry, were all pri-

mary contenders. Until last week, students and staff were attain impasse and a location for Spring Fever was still unknown. Ken Miller, acting Dean of Student Affairs Students said, "the main issue from an administrative standpoint was that we can not control student behavior."

The Student Government Association with a group of students formed a committee to come up with alternative ways to deal with any problems associated with alcohol abuse. The committee went around to each apartment and made the residents sign pledges, promising to adhere to the rules of responsible alcoholic behavior, about 65%-75% of apartment residents signed the pledge. This grass roots movement made a direct impact and it is responsible for moving Spring Fever back into the apartment quad.

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Ex-Congresswoman visits Behrend: Schroeder discusses a woman's role in congress

by Mike Frawley
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on the House Armed Services Committee.
The meeting in the MCC office

On Wednesday, April 14, 1999, former Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder spoke as a part of the Penn State Behrend Speaking Series. Schroeder gave her speech, entitled "Twenty-four Years of Housework and the Place is Still a Mess", in the Reed Lecture Hall, and had a meeting with a small group of students in the Multi-Cultural Council office earlier in the afternoon.

Throughout the day, Schroeder shared her thoughts on politics, government, and



Patricia Schroeder lectured in Reed Commons last Wednesday photo by Will Jordan

the future. She was first elected to her House seat in 1972 and went on to serve 12 terms. This made her the longest serving female member of the House of Representatives. She is a member of the Democratic party, was Dean of Congressional Women, co-chaired the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues. As a member of the House she served on the House Judiciary Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. She was also the first woman to serve

was very well received. Eleven students and faculty members attended, giving everyone there a chance to discuss issues that they felt were important with someone with an inside view on Washington. Schroeder was very well informed and gave detailed answers. Gilbert Jordan, 02 DUS, attended the meeting and commented, "I thought she was very informative. Some of her comments were interesting."

Her speech later that night, which

had one of the highest attendance levels for any speaker that has come to Behrend this semester, was rebroadcast on AM1450 WPSE, Penn State Erie radio. Her speech covered many different aspects of her life as a female member of the House, which is dominated by men, and the many things that she had to deal with in her life as a member of Congress.

One topic that she went into detail on was her service on the Armed Services Committee. While serving on the committee she was able to improve child care for

military personal on bases throughout the world, a topic that was not being handled well by the committee before she became a member.

This was the last speaker of the year for the Penn State Behrend Speaker Series, which is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. A new set of speakers will be announced at the beginning of next semester.

No competition in SGA election

by Ayodele Jones
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With the end of the semester fast approaching, students at Behrend have not cast their vote for their student government representatives. The elections for Behrend's Student Government Association are supposed to be held on Wednesday April 21, and Thursday April 22, unfortunately there are not enough candidates to run

a successful competitive election.

There are only eleven senators running for SGA Senate, and their are 15 seats available. In addition, there is only one candidate running for secretary, president and vice-president. As it stands, these candidates will automatically win their seats, and become the new SGA for the 1999-2000 year.

Students running for SGA Senate include; Michael Ames, Stacey

Erzen, Michael Frawley, Stephanie Knapp, Julie Meyers, Wunmi Okupe, Jose Orama, Jobe Piemme, Ryan Anthony Shaser, Charles Testrake and Douglas Watkins.

Andrea DiPlacido, SGA vice president and tentatively the future SGA president noted "As president of SGA next year I would like to make a lot of changes, not only in the Senate but also

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SGA announces budgets allocations

by Katie Galley
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SGA announced the preliminary allocations of the 1999 - 2000 budget in a meeting last week. They are scheduled to vote on final allocations Thursday, April 22. About 45 groups on campus turned in proposals for money. The SGA Budget Committee reviewed the proposals and then interviewed some of the groups for more details. The Budget Committee had less money to distribute this year. They decided to make up the shortfall by cutting all groups.

The SGA Budget committee, which consists of 10 members, re-

views proposals turned in by student organizations and then determines how much money each organization should be allocated for the year.

The SGA began this process in February when the organization budget proposals were due. Since then the budget committee has reviewed the proposals and determined how the money would be best distributed.

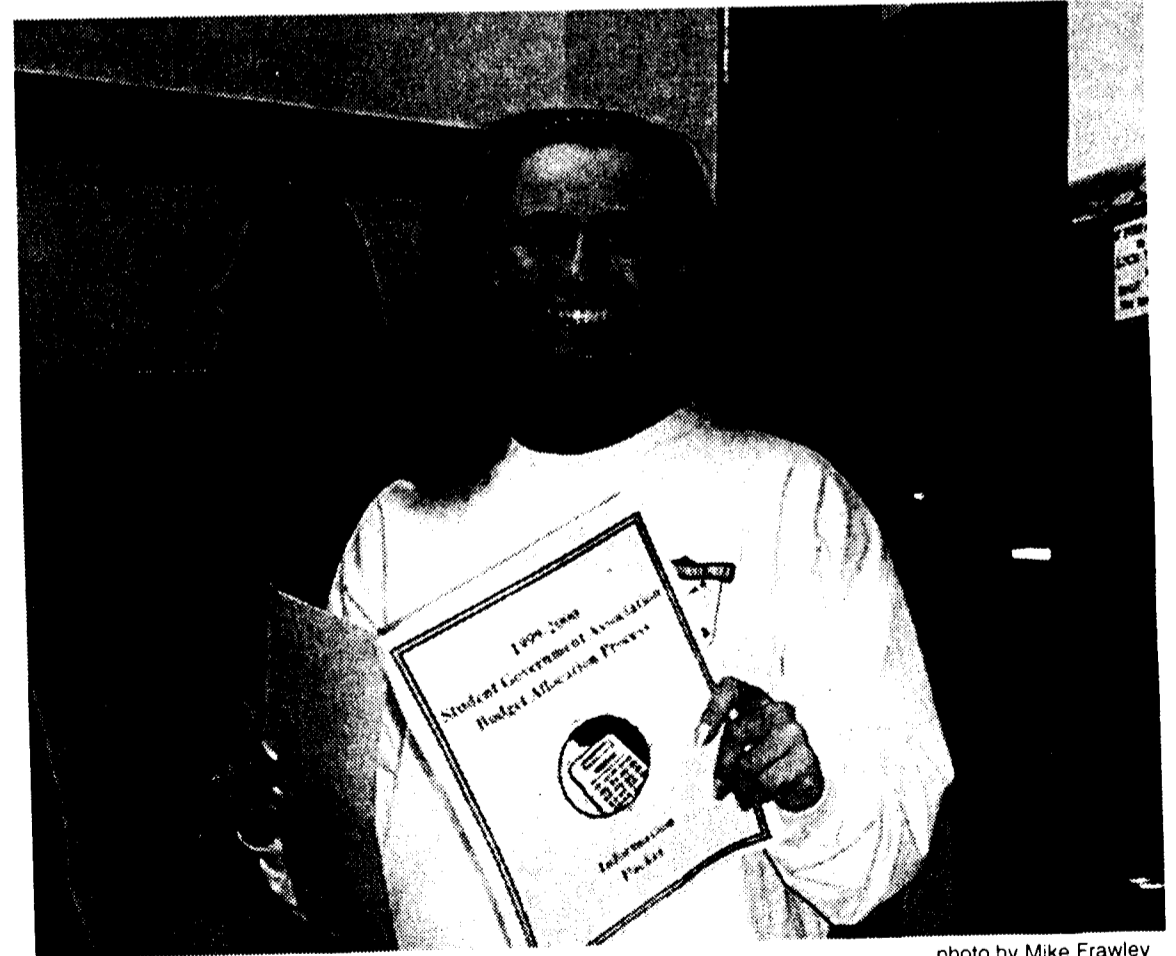
Any student organization on campus that is registered with SGA could submit budget proposals. All groups were encouraged to submit proposals regardless of the size of the group. The SGA also gives money to groups that are either social or academic, there is no preference.

All the groups were notified of the

amount of money they were allocated and they had until Wednesday, April 21 to request an appeal. According to the committee, there is only about \$50 left in the budget, so there isn't much more money to give out.

The lack of money is believed to be due to a smaller amount of parking violations on campus. All the fines that students pay from parking tickets go into the SGA budget.

Andrea DiPlacido, SGA Vice President speaking in support of the Budget Committee's decisions noted, "Considering the amount of money we were funded, the Budget Committee tried their hardest to distribute it fairly."



Future president of SGA Andrea DiPlacido ponders next years budget photo by Mike Frawley

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