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H & SS names new director

by Mike Frawley
assistant editor

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences has run this entire year without a permanent director, but after an exhausting search new director has finally been chosen. The new director is Dr. Clare Porac, a native of Pittsburgh and a Professor of Psychology at Victoria University.

She was chosen by the Search Committee after a long and exhausting process. After interviewing many very qualified applicants the Search Committee deemed Dr. Porac to be the most qualified for the position. The Search Committee consisted of Dr. Dawn Blasko, Assistant Professor of Psychology; Dr. Sharon Dale, Associate Professor of Art History; Dr. John Gamble, Professor of Political Science and International Law; Dr. Diana Hume George, Chair of the Search Committee and Professor of English and Women's Studies; Dr. Ann Pancake, Assistant Professor of Creative Writing and Literature; Dr. John Rossi, Associate Professor of History; Mr. Brian Streeter, Athletics Director; Dr. Rod Troester, Associate Professor of Speech Communication; and Dr. Kathryn Wolfe, Associate Professor of French, chose the best applicant for the position.

Dr. Porac currently is Professor of Psychology at the University of Victoria. The University of Victoria is located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. She was born in Pittsburgh, which gives her ties to the local area to compliment her qualifications. She received her B.A. from Duquesne University in Sociology, and received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York City. She has



Dr. Clare Porac, incoming director of Humanities and Social Sciences

Hepatitis shots available to Behrend students

by Jennifer Hemme
staff writer

Behrend's Health and Wellness Center is offering the Hepatitis B vaccine to all students. Hepatitis B is an inflammation of the liver. It is caused by the hepatitis B virus and is considered a sexually transmitted disease (STD). There is no known cure for the disease and it is 100 times more contagious than HIV.

Hepatitis B can be transmitted through body fluids like semen and blood, and also through toothbrushes and razors. Some of the symptoms of Hepatitis B are: jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), pain in the right side of the abdomen (where the liver is located), dark urine, long-term and persistent fatigue, and also flu-like symptoms (nausea, vomiting, fever, and appetite loss).

College-age students are at the highest risk for all STDs, including Hepatitis B, and Behrend students are no exception. Patty Pasky-McMahon, director of the Health and Wellness

Center says "When studies have been done that look at the sexual behavior of students here at Behrend, comparing them to students at other college campuses, we were no different. We were not better; we were not worse. So they [Behrend students] are as much at risk, nationally, as other college students are."

Pasky-McMahon advises students to use the same preventative measures for Hepatitis B as those used to prevent HIV infection, namely that students should use protection (condoms, dental dams) during sexual activity and that they should not share needles, razors, or toothbrushes. She says, "I always tell people that in all personal care items remember the word 'personal'—it's for yourself—because that is the safest thing for you and for others."

The Hepatitis B vaccine is \$40.00 an injection at the Health and Wellness Center. The treatment consists of three shots given over a period of six months and it lasts at least ten years.

New Editor-in-Chief takes over *Beacon*

by Will Jordan
editor-in-chief

Once again, the reins of leadership of the *Beacon* will be changing hands for the Fall semester. Many other editorial staff positions will be changing hands as well.

Jason Snyder, a second semester Communications major, will become the new editor-in-chief in August. Snyder, who has been the sports editor of the *Beacon* for the past two semesters, is looking forward to being editor-in-chief. "I hope to continue in the path that Will Jordan started. I am looking forward to working with a larger staff and many new faces. I am confident that the people who will be returning will set an example for incoming editors. I hope to continue putting out a quality paper that the students can be proud of," stated Snyder.

Several editors will be leaving the

Beacon after this semester. Will Jordan will be transferring to the University Park campus in the fall to further his education in the College of Communications.

Ayodele Jones, the managing editor and office manager, will be stepping down to focus on graduating next semester. Jon Stubbs, the features editor, will be transferring down to University Park

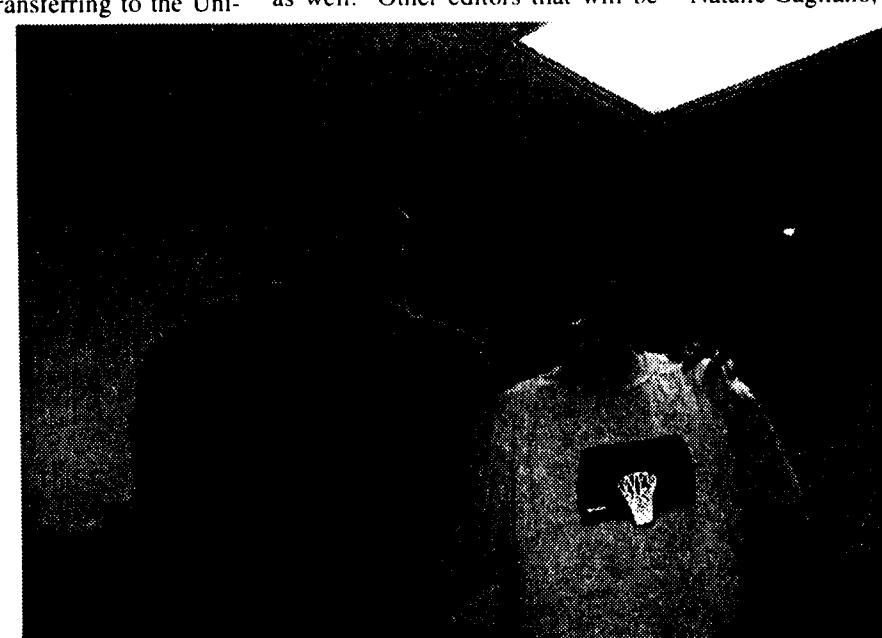
transferring down to University Park as well. Other editors that will be

leaving are editorial page editor, Natalie Gagliano, business manager, Jaime Davis, and copy editor, Rose Forrest.

Mike Frawley, current assistant editor, will become the new managing editor of the *Beacon*. "I am looking forward to working with Jason next semester, but I will still miss all the outgoing editors and wish them the best of luck."

Also returning is news editor Shannon

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Former editor in chief Will Jordan congratulates new editor in chief Jason Snyder
photo by Mike Frawley

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Open bottle
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