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Sample receives Alumni Fellow Award

Behrend student accused of attempted rape

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

On Thursday, October 21, 1999, Penn State Alumnus George R. Sample '46 received the Alumni Fellow Award in a ceremony held in the Reed Wintergarden. Sample was welcomed by his family, friends and colleagues in a night that recognized his contributions to Penn State and his accomplishments in newspaper publishing.

During his acceptance speech, Sample made light of a trying time in his life, occurring earlier this year. Hospitalized and recovering from a stroke, Sample underwent routine blood tests. When his nurse alerted him that his blood was rather dark, Sample told her it was all right. She again insisted that something was wrong and she would have to look into it. But Sample refused, and explained in clear terms, "I bleed Penn State blue."

This dedication to Penn State throughout Sample's distinguished career in the newspaper business earned him "the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Penn State Alumni Association." The Alumni Fellow Award, since 1973, has been awarded to a "select group of alumni who are leaders in their professional fields." The title of Alumni Fellow has been designated by the University's Board of Trustees as permanent and lifelong.

Dr. Graham Spanier and Dr. John Lilley hosted the Award Ceremony and Reception. They both spoke of Sample's illustrious career with newspapers. Pennsylvania State Representative Tom Scrimenti also commended Sample for his contributions to the Corry community and Jerry Knight represented Congressman Phil English in teasing Sample about where a good source for getting Penn State tickets is.

Sample's leadership in the field of newspaper publishing hasn't been questioned and is applauded by those that have seen the effects of Sample's contributions to small town newspapers. Since his graduation from Penn State in 1946,



George Sample (middle) receives the Alumni Fellow Award from Dr. John Lilley and Dr. Graham Spanier.

Sample has continued to make a name for himself in the newspaper business and in the town of Corry, PA.

During his years at Penn State, Sample served as the managing editor for the campus newspaper, the *Collegian*. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Penn State and immediately took that experience into the business of publishing small town newspapers, a business he would eventually reshape and improve dramatically.

But before Sample was able to make heavy contributions to the newspaper business, he began his career as a young reporter for the *Corry*

Journal. Shortly after, he moved up to editor and publisher for the small town newspaper, and in less than 20 years after graduation, Sample joined five others to acquire several newspapers. He continued to acquire newspapers and improve them until they were sold to Hollinger International. His list rose to 16 newspapers that were the foundation of the American Publishing Company.

In 1972, The Associated Press nominated Sample for a Pulitzer Prize because of a series of editorials about censorship in a local drug case.

Still remaining very active in the Corry community, Sample took on the

position of vice chairman for Hollinger's American Publishing Company. He is still credited for contributing to the financial turnaround of the *Chicago Sun-Times*. He made his presence felt around the world, reorganizing papers as far as Montreal (*Montreal Gazette*) and Jerusalem (*Jerusalem Post*).

Sample is still the publisher of the *Corry Journal*, printer for the *Behrend Beacon*, as well as the chairman of the board of Sample Media. Due to Sample Media, Sample and his sons continue to improve newspapers throughout the country.

Sample admits, that since the day

he got comfortable in the business of newspaper production, "I haven't worked a day since." Through all of his years of contributions, Sample still sees his "job" as fun.

Outside of his responsibilities in the newspaper business, Sample raised eight children with his late wife Janet Neff Sample, who died last year. He passed on his idea of "Penn State blue" to six of his children who attended Penn State, including son Michael who is a 1989 graduate of Behrend.

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by Shannon Weber
and Mike Frawley
news editor and managing editor

On October 16, 1999, a Behrend student was accused of attempted rape by another student in Niagara Hall. Peter Yenscik has been charged with criminal attempt, indecent assault, defiant trespass, harassment, and the purchase, consumption, possession or "transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages," according to the police criminal report filed on October 17, 1999.

According to the Affidavit of Probable Cause filed by J.E. Harrington of Penn State Behrend Police and Safety, Yenscik allegedly pulled the victim to the basement of Niagara Hall. Once inside the room, Yenscik allegedly began to make unwanted sexual advances toward her, and began to remove his clothing. The victim informed Yenscik that she did not want to engage in sexual intercourse and attempted to push him away. The victim finally broke free of Yenscik and went to her room. Yenscik allegedly followed the victim on to her floor with a key to gain access. He allegedly forced her head into the drinking fountain. The victim broke away with Yenscik following her into her room. After acting erratically, Yenscik allegedly again made sexual advances. The victim told him to leave and proceeded to go into the hall. Yenscik allegedly followed her onto the floor and went into the women's bathroom. Upon exiting the bathroom, the victim walked to the doorway, opened the door and forced Yenscik off the floor.

Upon receiving personal information from Yenscik in the duty office of Niagara Hall, Police and Safety stated that they could detect very strong odor of alcoholic beverages upon Yenscik's breath, his speech was slurred, and the pupils of his eyes were widely dilated. Yenscik had also admitted to Residence Life Coordinators Dan Schiesser and Masrur Syed that he had consumed two 12 ounce cans of beer in his room earlier in the evening, according to the police report.

Yenscik has had charges filed against him in the Court of District Justice Peter Nakoski.

Behrend tennis captures AMCC Title

Women's soccer shoots for conference glory this weekend

by Matt Wiertel
sports editor

The Behrend Athletic program is in the midst of a very exciting fall season. On Sunday, the women's tennis team three-peated as Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) champions. In addition, the women's soccer team is also looking to win the AMCC championship for the third consecutive year. The Lady Lions will begin their title run this weekend when they host the AMCC championship tournament.

From the start the women's tennis team was poised to win their third AMCC title in as many years. Behrend dominated the AMCC from the beginning of the season and they ended up with an overall record of 17-2. Most important their confer-



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER
Women's soccer hosts the AMCC Tourney this weekend.

ence record was a perfect 10-0, which secured them the top seed at Sunday's tournament. Besides being undefeated in conference play, the women's tennis team also set a school record for wins by winning 17 matches.

Behrend also dominated the all-conference teams, with six players being named to one or more All-Conference teams. Penn State Behrend's Julie Leininger, Jamie Brubaker, Angela Albertson, Jen Morton, and Christine Chan were named to the AMCC All-Conference singles first-team. Julie Leininger and

Jamie Brubaker also were named to the AMCC All-Conference doubles first-team. AMCC All-Conference recognition also was given to Emily Rubin, AMCC All-Conference singles second-team, and Christine Chan and Jen Morton for AMCC All-Conference doubles third-team. "They all played very well," women's tennis coach Jeff Barger said.

For her outstanding performance throughout the entire season, Penn State Behrend freshman Julie Leininger was named the AMCC's most valuable player of the year. "Julie was 17-2 in singles competition and she played extraordinarily against sophomores, juniors and seniors," Barger added. Coach Jeff Barger wasn't left out of the mix either as he was named AMCC coach

of the year.

The women's soccer team is looking to mimic the seasons of the past two years in which they were selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament. The Lady Lions have won three consecutive AMCC regular season championships and they are looking to win the AMCC League Championship this weekend.

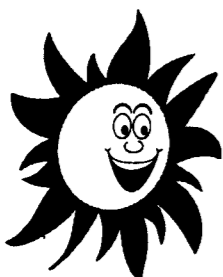
Penn State Behrend, currently 10-4-3, is a perfect 16-0 in league play over the past three years and 60-22-9 overall in the past five years. Behrend will encounter fourth-seeded Lake Erie at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday as second seeded La Roche battles third seeded Frostburg at 2:30 p.m. The winners of these games will face-off Sunday at 12:00 p.m. for the AMCC Championship.

Behrend will be led by a strong group of standout players. Senior Jill Yamma, junior Katie Giles, sophomores Amy La Rocca and Shannon Wroblewski headline the group of experienced players on this year's squad. In addition freshmen Natalie Grimm, Behrend leading scorer Michelle Gutting, and Courtney Light will add to the Lions' cause.

Women's soccer Coach Dan Perritano commented on the season by saying, "we are very pleased with the effort of our women's team. They work very hard on the field and played exceptionally well in the conference."



WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK



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