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Miller named Dean of Students

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Dean of Students Ken Miller

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After a long search for a permanent Dean of Students, the search committee announced its choice last Friday, February 11. Ken Miller is now able to remove the "interim" from his title, as he has been selected to be the permanent Dean of Students, a position he has been filling temporarily since Dr. Chris Reber, the current Associate Provost for Advancement and University Relations, left the position in 1998.

The search for a new dean has been ongoing since September 1999, when a national posting for the position was made and the school began accepting resumes from applicants. A search committee was formed to make a final decision. This committee was chaired by Dr. Mike Chiteman, head of the Division of Undergraduate Studies. The other members of the committee included: Greg Fowler, Lecturer in English; Andrea DiPlacido, student and SGA president; Stacy

McCoy, accounting clerk and Student Activities staff assistant; Chris Rizzo, director of Student Activities; Ed Blaguszewski, manager of Publications and University Relations; Janique Caffie, director of Educational Equity Programs; and Brian Streeter, director of Athletics.

After reviewing all of the applicants, the choice was narrowed down to three finalists. These finalists were then interviewed on-campus over the past month, meeting with the committee and various student and faculty groups. The position was then offered to Miller, who accepted it on Friday.

Miller brings a great amount of zeal and energy to the position and is committed to working closely with students for the betterment of the campus. "Students need to know and understand that they can make a difference, but they have to get involved and care about what happens here," Miller said.

Miller's job entails a great deal of work. The Dean of Students oversees various departments, such as the Health and Wellness Center, the

Child Care Center, the Student Activities Office, the Career Development Center, Campus Life, Employment Equity, and Personal Counseling. But according to Miller, "the most important part of the job is working with the students."

Miller sees great changes coming for Behrend in the future. He hopes to see the school improve academically, with admissions standards being raised as more students apply for a limited number of available spots. Miller feels that this will create an improved environment on campus, an environment that encourages students to learn and become involved. Miller also feels that it is essential for the school to reach out to first year students, inviting them to become involved as early in their college careers as possible.

According to Miller, "students who get involved in their first year of school are five times more likely to stay involved." He also hopes that this will help in reaching out to new

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Yenscik appears before District Justice

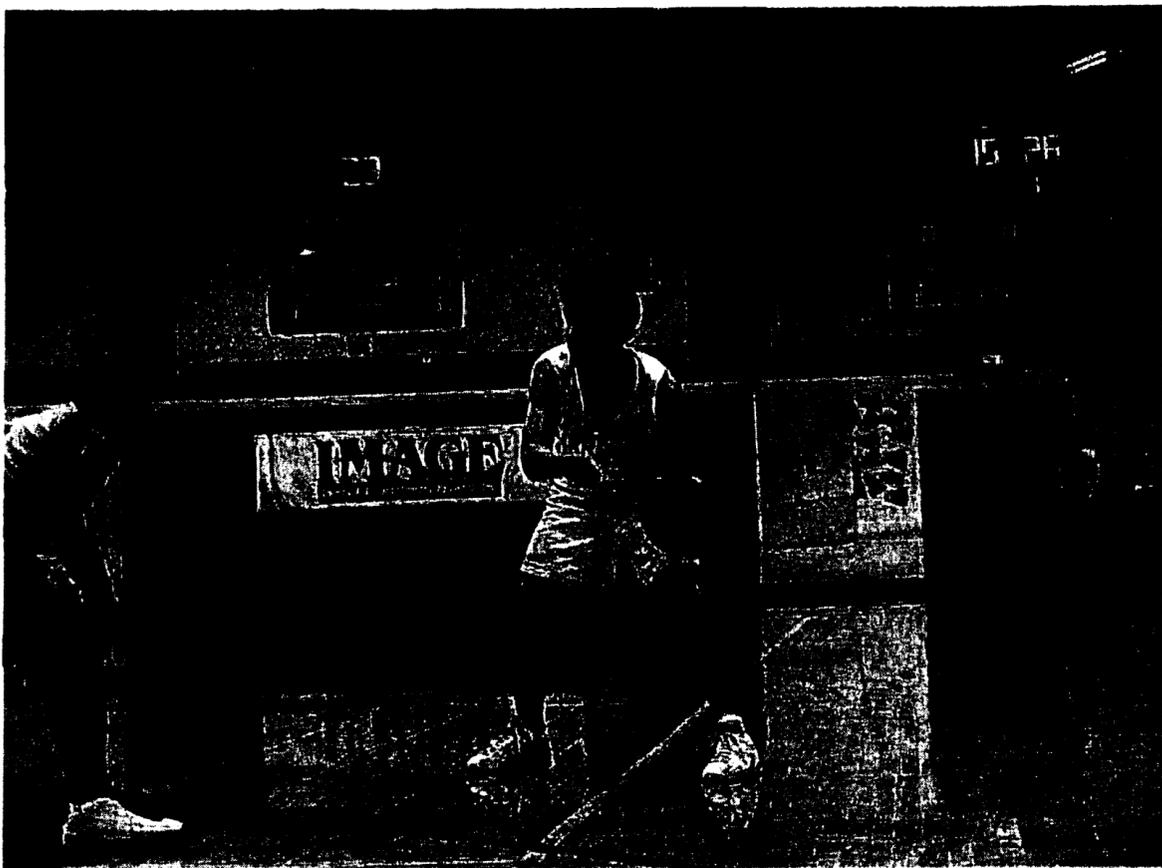
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It was over in under five minutes, and Peter Yenscik was held over for trial. Yenscik, who is accused of various charges in connection with an attempted rape in a Behrend dorm on October 16, 1999, was arraigned before District Justice Mark Krahe, at which time he pled no contest to the charges against him. Because the charges were second degree misdemeanors, he will be sentenced in Erie District Court. His next court date has yet to be determined.

The attempted rape took place in Niagara Hall, when Yenscik, who was under the influence of alcohol, made numerous unwanted sexual advances toward a female student in the basement of the dorm. Yenscik then followed the student up to her room, forced his way in, and again made forced unwanted sexual advances. After forcing Yenscik out of her room, Police and Safety was notified, and Yenscik was taken into custody.

Yenscik could be sentenced with up to two years of probation and various fines. He also could be forced to attend personal counseling and some form of alcohol awareness counseling, such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yenscik should be in front of a judge sometime near the end of March.



Ashley Orris gets ready to pass the ball in the Lions final regular season game in Erie Hall.

PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

Erie Hall history extended

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

For the second straight season, and for the last time in Erie Hall, both the men's and women's Behrend basketball teams will host the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament. The men's team clinched the home court and regular season title on Saturday, February 12, with their win against Frostburg State, followed by the women who clinched home court virtue of their win over Pitt-Greensburg this past Wednesday. The men's team is currently 11-0 in the AMCC, and with a win against

Lake Erie on February 19, they will finish the regular season unbeaten in conference play. They are currently ranked fourth in the NCAA's Great Lakes Region with a 21-2 record overall.

The Lions are led by seniors Chris Hughes at center, Andy Lawrence, John Park and Nate Willson at forwards, junior point guard Ashley Orris and sophomore guard Matt Keith. Andy Berchtold provides a spark for the Lions off the bench.

The men have quietly ranked themselves in several categories in the NCAA Division III rankings. They are third in scoring defense at 59.1

ppg, fourth in winning percentage at .909, and third in field goal percentage at 78%. Hughes has moved up to 14th for field goal percentage at 61.1%.

Coach Dave Niland, who instructed his players to focus one game at a time, only has one game left before the AMCC tournament. The Lions will travel to Lake Erie College on February 19, attempting to complete their perfect season in the AMCC. The Lions can then change their focus to avenging last year's disappointing first round home loss in the conference tournament.

The Behrend women's team moved

to 10-1 in conference play and 17-6 overall with their win against Pitt-Greensburg in their last regular season game in Erie Hall. Seniors Carrie Nestor and Tiffany Buck, who already hold multiple school records, will lead the Lions into this year's AMCC tournament. The Lions are helped by the shooting touch and hustle of Lisa Sanders and thrive on the inside presence of Erin Phillips, Jen O'Lare and Jacqueline Jackson. The Lions are able to get their starters much rest with the ability of their second team.

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SGA forum gets students' input

by Karl Benacci
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SGA held two student forums on Tuesday, February 15, in the Reed Union Building. The two forums allowed students to give their input on ideas and problems that they had concerning Penn State Behrend.

Many students proposed ideas to SGA. Elizabeth Federnock, 02 Education, said, "there should be more activities and more concerts." Buck Goedicke, 10 Electrical Engineering, stated, "there needs to be bookstore competition and Bruno's competition." Andy Markle, 07 EET, added, "More entertainment, especially during the week."

Other ideas given at the forums included improved snow removal, a commuter lounge, more snack carts, computer kiosks in all residence halls, having a mini grocery store on campus, and installing copying machines that accept coins.

A number of problems also were brought to SGA's attention. Federnock stated, "there needs to be cleaning of the sidewalks when it snows." Goedicke exclaimed, "better use of student funding. Cancel the Beacon." Markle added, "Get rid of Lion Cash, it's a pain."

Other problems that students raised at the forums included the high prices in the Bookstore; the short hours in Bruno's, Dobbin's; and the library; the lack of vegetarian food at Bruno's and Dobbin's; and the lack of things to do

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