

Trigon to march in Washington D.C.

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On Sunday, April 30, five members of Trigon will voice their opinion in the nation's capital by marching in the 4th annual "Millennium March," a gay rights demonstration that is aimed at increasing gay and lesbian awareness. Trigon is an organization comprised of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students and faculty here on Behrend campus.

The event, which will consist of a march and a rally, will be complemented with a number of guest speakers who include Tanya Smith, Rev. Troy Perry, Duane Cramer, and Anthony Planck. There are also a number of planned activities going on for the group over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The march will be only one of the many projects that Behrend's club has participated in. Earlier this semester, Trigon sponsored the Safer Sex Cabaret, as well as guest speaker Karen Williams. "The purpose of the Millennium

March is to energize and galvanize the GLBT and supportive communities to work for equality at the state, local, and national levels, strengthen the overall movement for equal rights and empower and inspire voters for the 2000 elections," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, co-executive director of the event.

Trigon's advisor, Dr. John Champagne, emphasized that it was the students who planned this trip out. They sought minimal help from Champagne when it came to registering for the march.

"Some students have really gone out on a limb here," said Champagne about the group. He is pleased that many students are coming forward and expressing their opinions about the issue of sexual orientation.

There are over 30 sponsors for the march, some of which include *The Advocate*, "PlanetOut," and United Airlines.

Altoona and University Park campuses will be sending members to the march as well.

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to pledge. The list must be handed in on the Monday of Rush Week. By Wednesday of the same week, the Student Activities Office will return a confirmed list of all eligible members that the fraternity bid.

The anonymous phone call informing Pelasky that KDR was pledging an ineligible man was in reference to KDR omitting names from that list of bids handed to

Student Activities. When the evidence was brought forth to the judicial board, Agnoli plead guilty.

Agnoli stated, "we came clean. We took responsibility for our unacceptable behavior."

Eckl realizes, "it's our job as peers to regulate what they do." He added, "it's the first time that IFC took a stand on something they believe in."

"IFC handled it well. They did

what they had to do," added Agnoli. "IFC has to remain strong in situations like this."

When the KDR suspension is up, they must, according to a report written by the head of the judicial board Michael Chase, "present that they have brothers in good grade standings in accordance to the IFC constitution, be in good standing with their nationals, and have not

conducted any new member initiations. In addition they must also present an outline of their rush program for approval by IFC and have a University recognized advisor."

The report continued, "if these requirements are not met by the beginning of the Fall 2001 semester, the suspension will continue as long as the IFC judicial board feels fit."

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mination as to who did what on what date and time to Dr. Khalilollahi's computer. He (Mr. Weaver) has been very cooperative to the investigation."

On April 18, Allen interviewed Zalonis, and the student admitted that he went into Khalilollahi's office to uninstall the illegal software. Soon afterwards, campus police had a search warrant for Zalonis' on-campus apartment.

Police found fifteen photocopies of University key cuts, a lock pick set, and two books about lock picking. Zalonis stated that he intended to use them to get into the office.

After his arraignment on Tuesday April 18, Zalonis was released on \$25,000 unsecured bond. He would owe the court that amount if he is not present for his preliminary hearing scheduled May 4th at Mark Krahe's

Harborcreek Township Office. Zalonis was not available for comment.

Additional charges will soon be filed against another student who is believed to have served as an accomplice to Zalonis. Zalonis, who is an electrical engineering major, is enrolled in two of Khalilollahi's classes. Khalilollahi, who is an assistant professor of mechanical engineering, stated, "since this case is currently undergoing legal procedures, I prefer not to comment at this time."

The University views computer crimes as a very serious issue. Bill Donahue remarked, "this incident is a serious matter. It involves breeches of both the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and University policies. The University does not take these infractions lightly."

The Network Security Office,

which is located at University Park, monitors all Penn State campuses for illegal computer activity. Computer awareness will be raised on campus. Linda Lombardi, Associate Director of Student Affairs, stated, "it is imperative that students read and fully understand our computer policies. There are resources that provide this information such as the Penn State web site and the Student Guide to General University Policies and Rules. If a student has questions about the policies, they can contact the Computer Center or The Office of Student Affairs. The University views computer misuse as a serious violation that can lead to Police and Safety involvement and/or University sanctions. For the Fall 2000, we are looking to incorporate computer policy awareness into the orientation program."



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER
Dr. Khalilollahi's office door that was broken into last week.

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Express concert on Saturday.

Campus tours will be ongoing throughout the weekend so that alumni who haven't been back to the campus in a while can witness first hand the growth and changes that have taken place.

In the past Behrend has had difficulty in attracting alumni back to the school. Ed Blaguszewski, manager of publications and

university relations, explained that since Behrend was originally a two-year school, it was hard for the school to garner a large alumni interest in returning. Also problematic was the fact that until about ten years ago, the majority of students only attended Behrend for a few years before moving on to University Park. The dual allegiance that many students had made it difficult to encourage

them to come back to Behrend.

However, the situation at Behrend has changed greatly in the past decade or so. The majority of students now stay at Behrend, and they acquire four year degrees. As the school ages and gains more maturity, so does its alumni support network. The Penn State Behrend Alumni Association, though still young compared to the networks of older, more established

institutions, has been growing in membership and involvement. Within the next year, the Office of Development and University Relations will be hiring a full time Alumni Director so that the school will be able to concentrate more fully on alumni relations.

More information about the reunion can be found at www.pserie.psu.edu/alumnews/2000reunion/2000.htm.

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