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WEATHER
TODAY: Mostly Cloudy



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Low 50

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The calm before the storm



PHOTO BY JASON SNYDER

SNOWFALL ALREADY? Behrend student Jeff Miller relaxes at the Wintergreen Gorge. Chances to make treks to the gorge in the warm and peaceful weather lessen with the approach of winter. The National Weather Service is predicting a chance of snow this Saturday with temperatures dipping into the 30s.

Students take over school's duties

Student groups take on administration's role of registering voters

by Mike Frawley
managing editor

With the election drawing near, voter registration at Behrend is in full swing. Various groups on campus, such as College Republicans, College Democrats, Women Today, and the Beacon have all at various times over

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the past month run voter registration booths to sign up students to vote. But according to federal laws passed in 1993 and 1998, the college itself should be making an effort to register student voters.

In 1993, Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act, which is also known as the Motor-Voter Bill. One of the major components of the bill requires colleges and universities to make voter registration forms available to students. In 1998, Congress passed and Clinton signed the Amendments to the Higher Education Act, changing the school's role from passively making voter registration forms available to students, to actively trying to register voters. Part of the bill states, "... all post-secondary institutions are to make a good faith effort to distribute voter registration forms to each degree or certificate seeking student who attends classes on campus. The forms, which are supplied by each state, must be distributed before the registration cut off date for every federal and gubernatorial election, as well as special elections for federal office" At most schools the college registrar is responsible for this "good faith effort" of registering students to vote.

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Student struck by car on campus

Safety questions brought forward



PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF

Cars drive by the intersection between the Reed and Erie Hall lots. A Behrend student was struck by a car at this location on October 2.

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

This past Monday, October 2, at about 10:00 a.m., Behrend student Jeanne Deforce was struck by a vehicle being driven by student Matthew Zerbe. The accident took place at the east intersection of Stadium Drive and the Reed Lot entrance.

Behrend's Police and Safety are still investigating the accident, but Manager of Police Services Mr. Bill Donahue feels "it was an accident. Very unfortunate, but it was an accident."

According to Donahue and statements made to Police and Safety by people at the scene, Zerbe was stopped at the stop sign exiting the Reed lot. He proceeded to make a left turn onto Stadium Drive where the

incident took place. Deforce appeared to be walking south, from the Erie Hall lot towards the area of the Reed Building/Erie Hall, when she was struck.

According to Donahue, no citations have been given out at this time, but he also stated that the investigation isn't 100 percent complete.

After the accident, Police and Safety appeared at the scene, and Deforce was admitted to Saint Vincent's hospital. Although the accident was considered to be serious, Deforce's injuries weren't life threatening, according to Donahue.

Many student concerns have surfaced as a result of the accident, dealing with students speeding on campus. According to Donahue, "at this point, the investigation (on the accident) doesn't show that speeding was

a factor." Police and Safety will continue to occasionally monitor the speed of vehicles on campus. Due to the number of duties Police and Safety is required to handle, Donahue realizes he can't have an officer on duty, monitoring traffic speeds all the time.

However, he strongly encourages students to follow the 15 mph speed limit all over campus. "There are very few folks that adhere to the 15 mph speed limit," said Donahue who reminds students to be responsible when driving on campus and "relies on drivers to use caution as they would anywhere else."

Pedestrians are also encouraged to take caution when crossing the road. Donahue encourages pedestrians, "don't make the assumption that cars are going to stop." By Pennsylvania law, vehicles are not always required

to yield.

Under Title 75 Motor Vehicles Code, subsection 3542, subsection A, pedestrians are protected. It states, when traffic-control signals are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. At Behrend, this means that vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks.

However, under the same law, Pennsylvania requires an exercise of care by the pedestrian, which states, no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.

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Behrend to hold simulated presidential debate on October 18th

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The 1st debate:
What happened and what Behrend thought of it

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Registration booths on campus register almost 500