

Behrend student proposes marriage in biochemistry class

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Wedding bells are chiming on the Behrend campus for two of its students. On Wednesday, October 18, Behrend senior Tyler Travis proposed to long time girlfriend Kristine Di Marzo, also a senior.

In room 101 of the Science Building, during their Understanding the Bases of Human Disease class, Travis got down on one knee and asked Di Marzo to marry him. With the entire class in anticipation of the answer, Di Marzo quietly accepted.

A demonstration on chicken pox transmission was used as the cover to get Di Marzo to the front of the room without suspicion. Working with Professor Brian McKeon, Travis stood back to back with Di Marzo as McKeon told the students that one of the pair would be given a command and the other must not turn around until told. Travis used the opportunity to pull the ring from his pocket and get down on one knee.

McKeon told the other half of the partners to turn around, which Di Marzo did, completely missing the fact that Travis was kneeling down in front of her. "She looked right past me," Travis said. When Di Marzo finally saw Travis in front of her, she was in shock, but accepted his proposal.

Working closely with McKeon,



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Tyler Travis proposed marriage to Kristine Di Marzo in their biochemistry class. She said yes.

who is a Lecturer of Biology, Travis planned the proposal for a month before going through with it. Talking in codes was the only way that the two could communicate about it in front of Di Marzo. "Tyler would come up to me and say 'did you see that CBS special last night?'" McKeon said. Di Marzo admitted that his behavior had been weird, but she simply thought it was just brown-nosing.

Travis and Di Marzo have been dating for three years and met in the Behrend library. Travis wanted to

propose in the place that he had originally asked Di Marzo out. While he asked her out for their first date on the couches in the lobby of the Science building, the General Education class they share together seemed like the perfect place to propose.

Travis, who is from Edinboro, and Di Marzo, who is from Fairview, are both 22 and Psychology majors. Di Marzo graduates Behrend in December and Travis graduates in May. They are tentatively planning a summer 2002 wedding.

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"We are looking forward to the upcoming AMCC tennis Tournament," said the women's tennis coach Jeff Barger. "I look for Altoona to give us a challenge at all positions. Our practices have been going well, and we are gearing up for that day. I feel very good about our chances for our fourth in a row."

Barger's teams have improved in each of his three seasons at the helm.

In 1998, the Behrend Lions were 8-9 under the rookie coach. Last season they set a school record for wins with a 17-2 overall mark and a perfect 10-0 AMCC record. The Behrend Lions are currently 17-2 and 7-0 in the conference.

Statistical leaders include Julie Leininger with 17 singles wins and Jamie Brubaker with 16 singles wins. Angela Albertson follows with 15

singles wins. Lennys Renondo with 13 singles wins, Jen Morton with 9 singles wins, and Michelle Brendel with 7 wins. Leininger and Brubaker are also undefeated in doubles matches.

The AMCC tournament matches begin October 21 in Altoona at 9:00 a.m.

What is your opinion on how the presidential candidates are doing?

"I like the way Bush talks, he's alot more mellow."

Mike Stark,
Management 05



"They are both getting out what they have to say, but in a childish way...but I like Gore..."

Bridgette Ramdhanie,
Chemical Engineering 02

"I hate thinking about politics, because I never hear anything good about them."

Steve Merritt,
Computer Engineering, 01



"From my view, I feel that Bush is winning."

Shawna Pelasky,
Coordinator of Greek Life and
Student Leadership Programs



"I think that Gore will win, based on what I've read, and what I've observed."

Chris Rizzo,
Director of Student Activities

