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Commuter Council sponsored a "Winterize Your Car" Seminar on Wednesday, November 1. Students were invited to attend outside on the Bruno's patio while Council members and volunteers demonstrated ways to keep vehicles running efficiently during the winter months.

Local library check-out policies

by Paige Miles
copy editor

Here's the scenario: that eight page research paper on the mating habits of armadillos is due in two days, and it just doesn't seem to be flowing. The Behrend library only has information on the mating habits of camels and starfish. What is a desperate student to do?

Three other colleges in the Erie region, Mercyhurst, Gannon, and Edinboro, all authorize Penn State Erie students to utilize their libraries.

Hammermill Library of Mercyhurst College allows Behrend students to first obtain a library card, and then borrow up to two items for a two week time period. The regular hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 8am-2pm; Friday, 8am-9pm; Saturday, 9am-9pm; and Sunday, 12 pm-2am. The library is located on 38th street, to the left of the college gates.

With a Behrend ID card, students are permitted to use Gannon's Nash Library, located on Sassafras in downtown Erie. Two items may be borrowed for two weeks, with two renewals allowed. Each semester a

new library card must be obtained. Regular hours include: Monday-Thursday, 8am-midnight; Friday, 8am-9pm; Saturday, 10am-5:30pm; and Sunday, 12:30pm-midnight.

In the center of the Edinboro campus, overlooking a small lake, the Baron-Forness Library stands with six floors of books. A Behrend student must be 18 and have current photo ID to borrow from the library.

College students not from Edinboro hold the same privileges as Edinboro students, with the exception of not being permitted to use the computers for word processing and not being able to get inter-library loans.

For more information call, Mercyhurst at 824-2234; Gannon at 871-7557; and Edinboro at 732-2273.

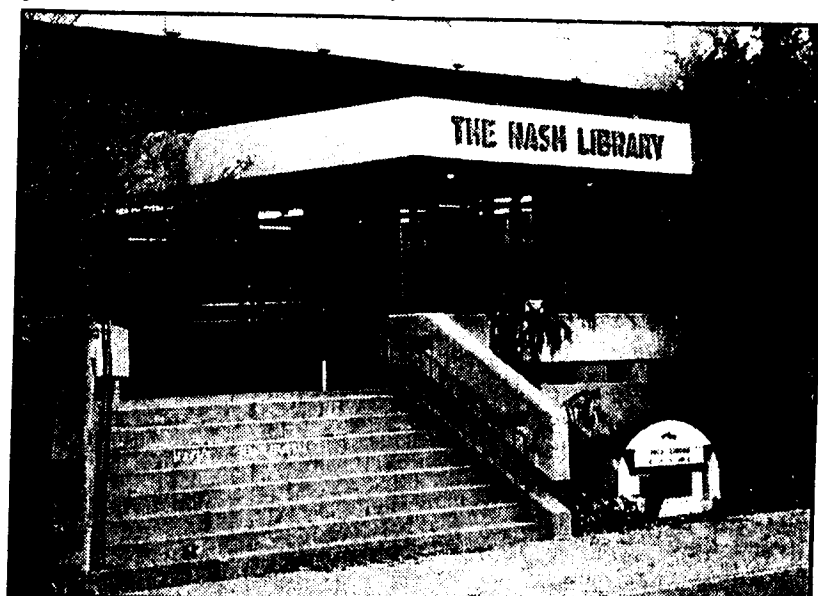


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Gannon's Nash Library allows Behrend students to check out two items every two weeks, with up to two renewals.

ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE IN THE UP-COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION? WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?



"I am not going to vote, because I have no strong feelings about any of the candidates."

Dawn Wagner
Management 09

"Yes, I am going to vote. I am voting for Gore."

Lisa Oslak
Psychology 08



"Yes I will be voting. I will vote for Gore."

Dr. Jack Burke,
Senior Associate
Provost and Dean

"I might vote for Ralph Nader because he was on the *Tonight Show*, and he seems like a nice guy."

Tracy Jones
COMBA 05



"If I remember to vote, I will vote for Bush."

Jacob Jones
Accounting 03

Creative Writers Series features two Pulitzer Prize-winning authors

by Ryan Russell
staff writer

On Thursday, October 26, the Behrend Creative Writers Series had its second in a series of nationally renowned authors and poets in-house to read some of their Pulitzer-prize winning works. This edition of the Creative series featured two

authors, David McCain and Margaret Gibson. David McCain is a Pulitzer-prize winning author who grew up in Bradford, Pa. He has also been nominated for the National Book Award. Margaret Gibson has been nominated for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award as well.

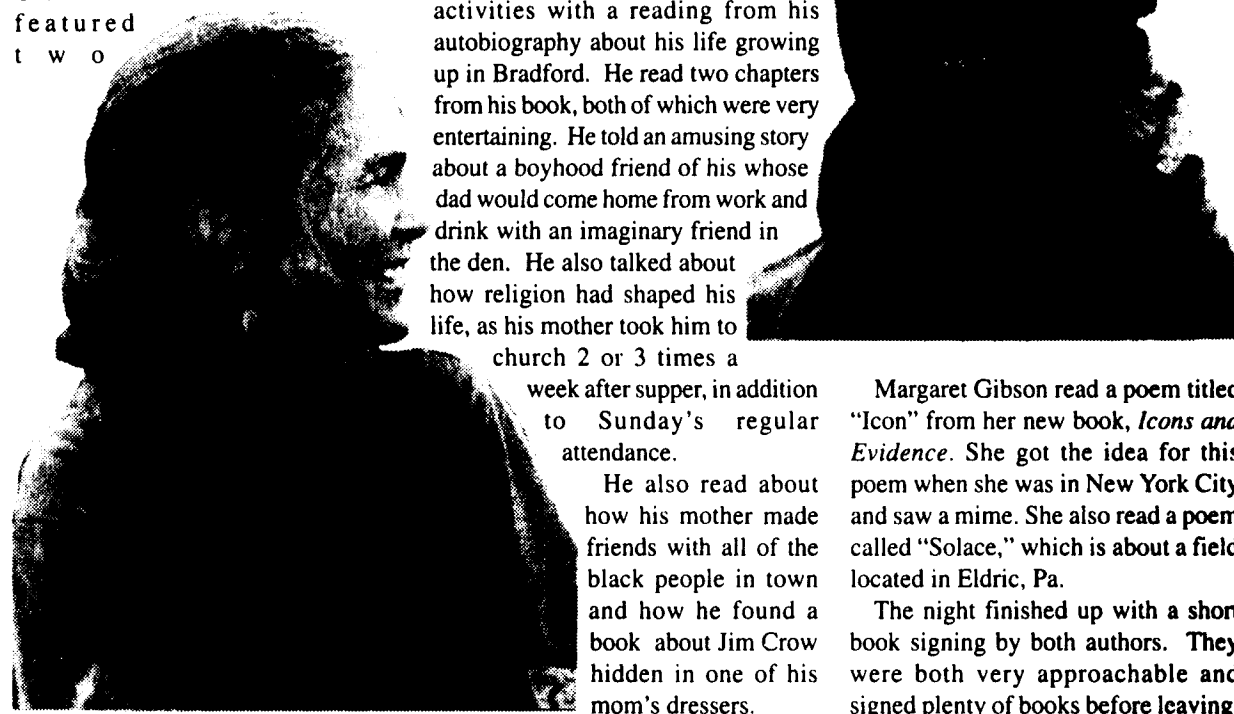
David McCain began the night's activities with a reading from his autobiography about his life growing up in Bradford. He read two chapters from his book, both of which were very entertaining. He told an amusing story about a boyhood friend of his whose dad would come home from work and drink with an imaginary friend in the den. He also talked about how religion had shaped his life, as his mother took him to church 2 or 3 times a

week after supper, in addition to Sunday's regular attendance.

He also read about how his mother made friends with all of the black people in town and how he found a book about Jim Crow hidden in one of his mom's dressers.

Margaret Gibson read a poem titled "Icon" from her new book, *Icons and Evidence*. She got the idea for this poem when she was in New York City and saw a mime. She also read a poem called "Solace," which is about a field located in Eldric, Pa.

The night finished up with a short book signing by both authors. They were both very approachable and signed plenty of books before leaving.



Voter registration lost for two Behrend students

by Paige Miles
copy editor

With Election Day occurring November 7, most students have received their voter registration cards whether they registered through a campus club or by their own means. However, two Behrend students, Rebecca Motter and Mat Bocian, are worried they may not be able to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday.

Motter, secretary of College Republicans, never received her voter registration card which would allow her to vote in Erie County. She called the Erie Voter Registration office, inquiring if she would be permitted to vote on Election Day. Motter said the representative she spoke to was very rude and accusatory. She was informed that most likely, her form had gotten lost in the mail. However, Motter's registration form was dropped off directly to the office with many other forms. No record was found of her registration.

The Erie County Voter Registration office is required to keep records of all voter registration

forms that are handled, whether they are filled out correctly or not. If a form is not correctly filled out, a representative from the office is then supposed to contact the voter to notify him or her of the mistake so it can be corrected immediately. Motter never received such a call.

She was told by the representative that nothing could be done. Motter asked if she could still vote in her home town of Titusville, and was then accused of trying to double register, which is illegal. The representative informed her that a registration in Erie and one in Titusville would cancel each other out, making them null and void.

Essentially, Motter will now have to travel to her hometown to vote, which will cause her to miss classes or work. Dr. Robert Speel, associate professor of political science and faculty advisor for both College Republicans and College Democrats, has been working to resolve the situation for both students.

He has been in contact with the Erie County Voter Registration Office, which has asked to get the

names and addresses of students who claim their voter registration forms were lost. Dr. Speel says that Flo Fabrizio, who is the head of the Voter Registration office, wishes to do whatever he can to make sure that students who register in time are able to vote on Election Day.

Dr. Speel also called the State Bureau of Elections in Harrisburg to find out whether a local judge must be available on Election Day to deal with voter registration disputes at polling locations. Erie County agency officials seemed unaware of such a requirement. But the State Bureau of Elections cited that Purdon's Pennsylvania statutes, section 3046, requires that courts should be open on election day for voter disputes.

Dr. Speel has contacted the President Judge of Erie County Court of Common Pleas, which is researching the matter. He was told by Fabrizio that he'd be working with the court on the situation to make sure that everyone who should be allowed to vote is able to vote.