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U.S. Congressman Phil English speaks to Behrend students

by Liz Hayes news editor

United States Congressman Phil English, who is up for re-election on the Republican ticket, was scheduled to present his lecture "Speaking Up for Education" at Penn State Behrend on Wednesday, November 1. However, as he was unable to leave Washington, D.C., in time for the event, he voiced his views and answered questions over the phone, and his wife, Chris, came in person to further present English's platform to those in attendance.

The rally, sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi (Behrend's international professional business fraternity). began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a presentation by Vicki Snyder, English's campaign manager. Snyder, an alumus of Behrend, congressman's inability to attend. She explained that Congress could not recess for the year while not yet in agreement with President Clinton on a national budget. Apparently this is the first time since World War II that the Congress has been delayed this long – they were to have been done by October 29.

Snyder also provided some basic background information on English while waiting for him to call. English represents the 21st district of Pennsylvania in the United States Congress. This district includes Erie and parts of Crawford, Mercer, and Butler counties, extending almost to the Pittsburgh area. Snyder was also very enthusiastic about having college students vote, regardless of whom they decided to vote for. Just as Snyder was finishing her

introductory remarks, the phone



Vicki Snyder, a Behrend alumus and Congressman English's campaign manager, stands beside the telephone while English spoke to the audience from his office in Washington, D.C.

rang, indicating English was on the line from his office in D.C., His wife, Mrs. Chris English, walked into the Commons at the same and turned the time. Mrs. English came up on stage and took her place behind the podium, where she would remain for the rest of the event. Snyder reaffirmed her proceeded to answer the phone, h u s b a n d is which was hooked up to a microphone so that the audience education, as well could hear what was being said. The sound quality was not at the audience of her best level, but English's voice was intelligible.

English began his remarks to the audience by again apologizing for his absence and thanking everyone for their "patience in a very weird arrangement." He also reinforced Snyder's comments to vote in the upcoming election. He then began to enumerate some of the items on his platform. Key issues mentioned included education - he over education, supports increasing the Pell Grant, thereby giving expanding educational savings local districts accounts, and providing tax breaks greater mobility for college students; Social and freedom. Security - he would like to "What we don't increase the rate of return on social need is a federal security benefits by having government individuals invest a portion of social security money in real assets; and jobs and technology which he hopes will be expanding in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The floor was then briefly opened up to questions from the address, Snyder audience. Questions included how the Congressman responded to negative advertising, how out-of- conclude state college tuition rates could be n i g h t is s made more affordable, what he presentation. She thought of the Second Amendment, then invited Jerry whether or not China should be Knight, English's allowed into the World Trade local chief of staff, on Organization, and what his opinion Knight, also a Belac of the Palestine/Israel situation concluded by means was and how he thought the U.S. voters in the 21° dist.

began by apologizing for the set up on the corner of the stage should handle it. Afterward, he thanked the audience again. microphone over

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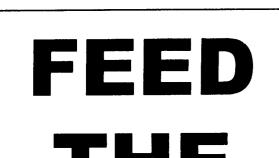


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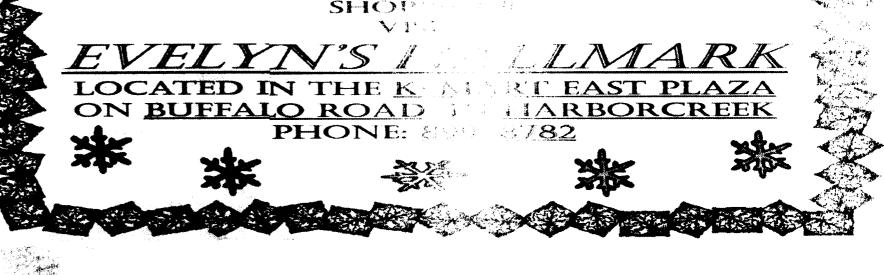


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