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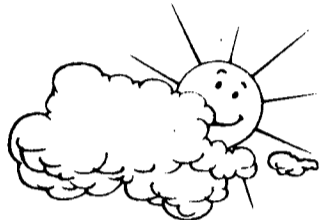
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WEATHER

Friday's forecast:
Mostly Sunny



High: 48°
Low: 20°

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NEWS

BEHREND READS

Nine faculty members shared their writing talents with an appreciative audience in the Smith Chapel on Tuesday. Read about it on page 2.

MULTICULTURAL FORUM
Behrend's Multicultural Council convened on Monday to discuss its role on campus. The evening included a speech from Elder Hayes Moses. See page 3.

VALENTINES PAGE

BEHREND CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY

Behrend students are seeing red...and pink and purple, too. It's Valentine's Day again, and everyone is eager to usher in the festival of love. Sneak a peek at some of the campus displays and read about what V-Day means to some on campus.

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Studio Theatre delves into 'Sin'



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Lori Frieze (left) plays traffic reporter Avery Bly and Lasette Miskis plays her gluttonous roommate Helen in Behrend's production of 'Sin.' The play, which opens Feb. 15 at 8 p.m., is the last Behrend show for theater director Tony Elliot. Read more about the performance in Features, page 12.

Provost candidate visits continue with Dr. W. Hubert Keen

by Erin McCarty
news editor

Dr. W. Hubert Keen, the third provost candidate to visit Behrend, drew people to the Smith Chapel to hear him speak on Tuesday. Since 1999, Keen has served as the special assistant to the University System Provost at the Albany campus of the State University of New York (SUNY). Prior to this, he held various positions throughout the SUNY system and at the York College of the City University of New York. He has taught courses in several scientific subjects, including evolutionary biology, environmental science, human anatomy and physiology, zoology, and chemistry.

"I appreciate the opportunity to visit and the provost search committee's confidence in inviting me," Keen began. He discussed his various academic experiences, including his education at a private school as an undergraduate student, his 18 years of teaching and administration in New York, and his additional academic positions that added breadth to the body of his experience.

Keen listed three experiences as the most rewarding of his career: working with undergraduate students, developing a general education program, and doing strategic planning. Among his qualifications, he cited working in a broad range of academic settings, including student populations from commuter-based to resident-based and from minority to majority. He counted integrity, high energy, and dedication as his most valuable attributes.

"Everyone should have an education," Keen said, pointing out that even the founding fathers of America envisioned education for as many people as possible. Overall, he was impressed with Behrend's ability to provide such an education. Among Behrend's strengths, he noted its history, its superiority in comparison with other similar schools, its high admission standards, its partnership with the region, and its careful planning. The areas where he saw the

biggest opportunities for improvement included the range of academic programs and service to society.

The question and answer period began on the subject of a liberal arts education. Keen indicated that a liberal arts program is important for students in all majors. A good

PROVOST

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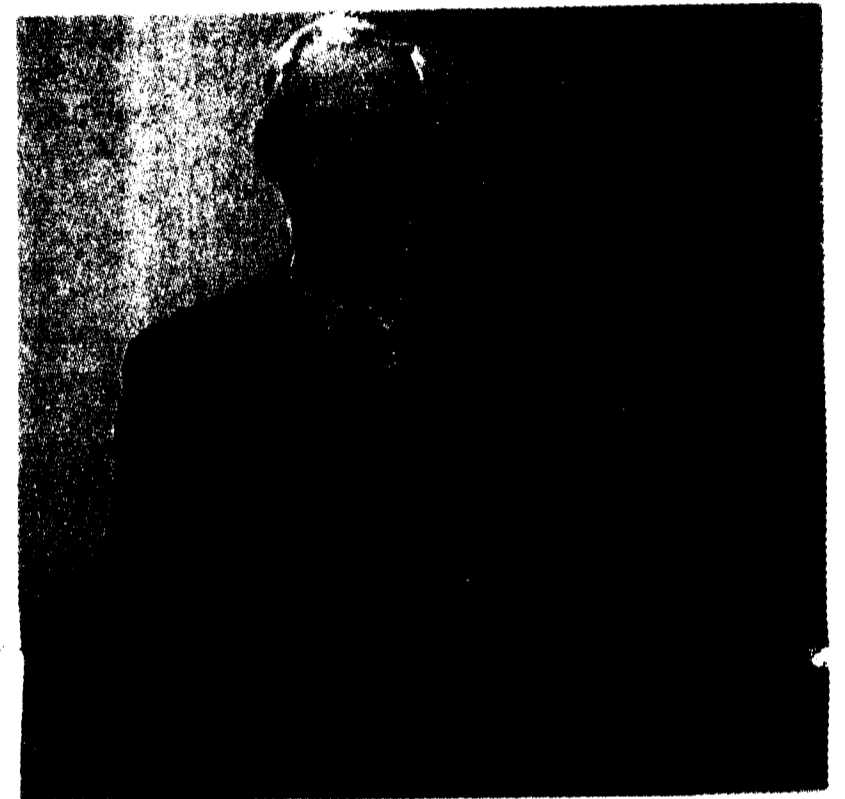


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Dr. W. Hubert Keen, the third provost candidate to visit Behrend, spoke at an open forum in the Smith Chapel at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. The fourth candidate, Dr. Kendall A. Blanchard, will speak this Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel.

'You know the nearer your destination, the more you're slip slidin' away...'

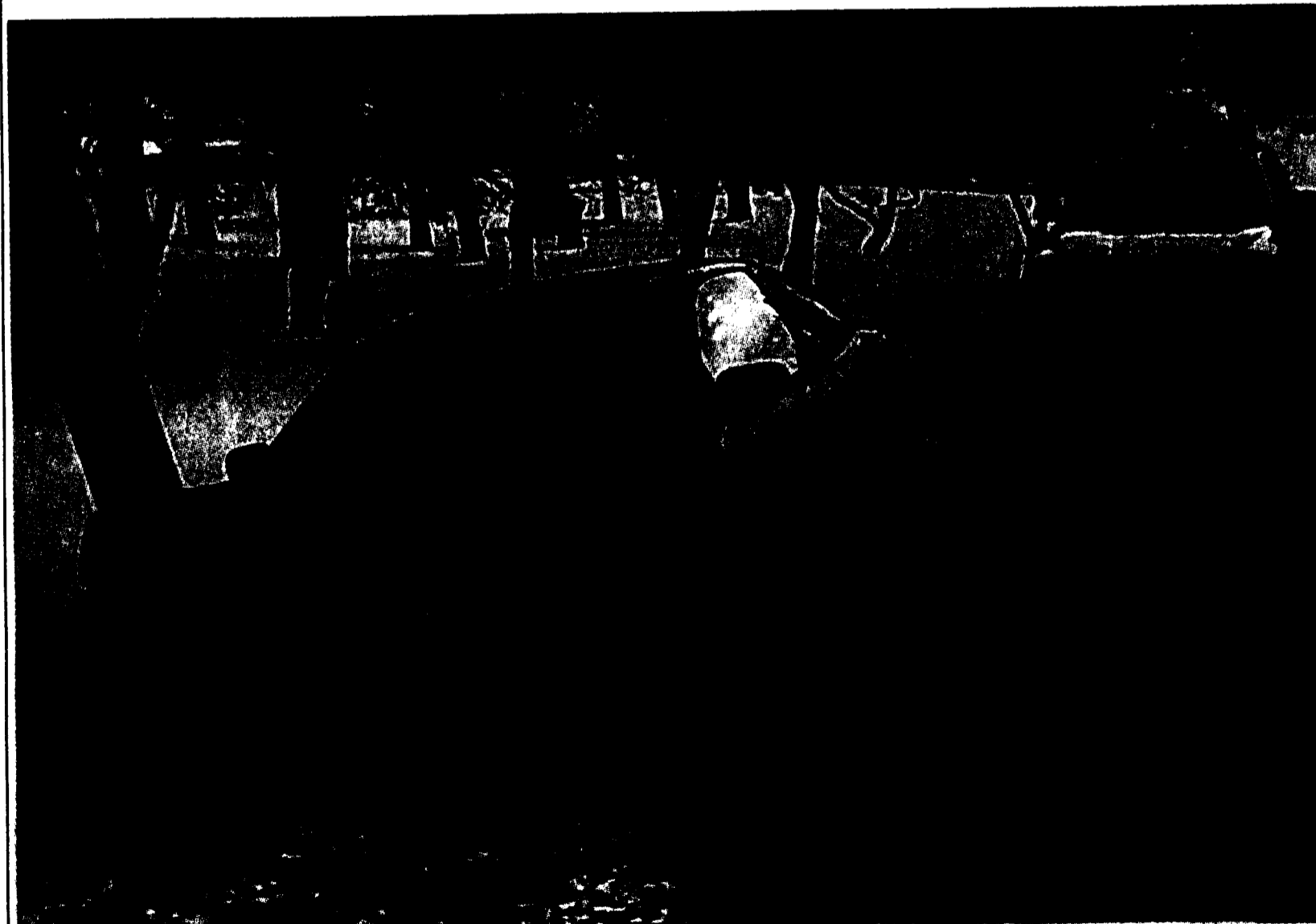


PHOTO BY KEVIN FALLON / BEHREND BEACON

A car crashed into a lamppost along the entrance road Tuesday. According to Officer Sheldon Prothro, the driver, whose name is not being released, was not injured but was taken to a hospital to be "checked out." Officers were called to the scene about 4 p.m. when a passer-by reported a car off the road touching a pole with someone inside. Officers concluded the driver lost control of the car due to "a number of factors". The light pole was damaged and later removed. Police and Safety have decided not to issue any citations or press charges.

Everyone comes out on top with the Safer Sex Cabaret

by Kevin Fallon
assistant news editor

Loud music, raging hormones, and scantily clad women. No, this is not the new Britney Spears video; it's the fifth annual Safer Sex Cabaret.

The Safer Sex Cabaret was started to promote and educate students about safer sex. This year's event took place in McGarvey Commons at 7:30 p.m.

"We just want everyone who is engaging in sex not to die from it," said Abby Atkinson, Trigon president. The goal is to provide a fun and safe way to learn about sex. The evening was kicked off by drag queens performing a dirty dance while guys wearing dental dams as headbands cheered on in the audience.

The evening also featured an erotic phone sex skit and two girls pouring chocolate syrup on each other.

The Safer Sex Cabaret focuses on education, awareness, and respect. It teaches traditional safe sex techniques such as latex condoms and intimate interaction without intercourse, as well as some less common methods.

"We deal with non-traditional forms of safer sex such as abstinence, masturbation, and phone sex," said Atkinson. "You're not going to get any diseases over the phone."

One challenge organizers said they face is dealing with the many misconceptions people have about sex.

"Some think that it doesn't feel as good, it's boring, and if you're really in love you should be able to do it naturally without stopping, interrupting, and including latex."

CABARET

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