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“Remember that it’s the lazy people who don’t vote that makes your opinion count, so show a little respect.”

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“We expect everyone to perform well at Regionals.”

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Vehicle flips after collision on Jordan Rd.

By Miranda Krause
copy editor

Harborcreek Police are investigating an accident which left a vehicle flipped over on its roof. The accident happened on Friday, October 27 at about 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of Jordan Road and Station Road. A 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis was pulling onto Station Road from Jordan Road and was hit on the drivers side by a 2001 Honda Odyssey. After the Mercury was hit, it slid along the curb which caused it to flip over onto its roof and knock over a stop sign.

The driver of the Mercury, Matthew Rizzo, 46, was not injured even though the vehicle had been flipped over. Rizzo’s passenger, a 16-year-old male, received minor injuries, but his name is not being released at this time. James Pander, 53,

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-Jeremy Frantz
Harborcreek Police

driver of the Honda, was also not injured in the accident. According to sources, all three involved were wearing their seatbelts.

Trooper Jeremy Frantz of the Harborcreek

Police was called to the scene of the accident. “As soon as I pulled up, I thought someone was trapped in the car so my first concern was to get them out. As I got closer I realized there was no one in the car and the two drivers were actually standing right next to the flipped vehicle,” Frantz said.

He has been called to many scenes like this and says that over time, he has gotten used to it. “It’s not a big deal,” he said. “I was actually surprised because of how the speed limit was only 25 miles per hour on Jordan Road that the impact could flip the car over.” However, Frantz did not think that the driver was traveling faster than the speed limit. “I think it was just how high the curb was,” he said.

With the weather changing rapidly, it’s important now more than ever to practice safe driving skills. Ben Raymond, COMBA 07, knows the importance of driving safe, as he was involved in an accident during his senior year of high school. “People need to leave more time for themselves and for others to get where they are going,” Raymond said. “The roads in this area aren’t always plowed. Taking the time to clean the snow off of your car and just being more cautious will help keep everyone safer.”



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A two car accident which occurred last Friday afternoon left one vehicle on its roof. All three individuals involved in the Jordan Road accident were reported uninjured.

Frantz also wanted to give students a piece of advice about driving. “Just slow down. Slow down, you’ll get there sooner or later.”



Contributed Photo

Jenny Bailey is honored as Athlete of the Week for her impressive season with the Women’s Cross Country team.

Erie’s first snowfall was cause for many photo-ops. Check out pages 2 and 5 to see photographs taken on Behrend’s campus.



The final installment of Sean Mihlo’s Top Ten One-hit Wonders of the ‘90s appears in this issue of the Student Life section on page 7.

How safe is Behrend’s campus?

By Rebecca Andrusky
staff writer

Walking across campus from a night class in the dark is sometimes a nerve-racking thing for students, especially freshmen who are less familiar with Behrend’s campus. However, according to the most recent release of the Penn State Behrend Crime Report, students should feel much more comfortable about their safety on campus, night or day, now then in previous years.

According to the report released in October 2006, the crime rate on campus has significantly decreased since 2002. Manager of Police Services, Jim Amann, attributes the change to a number of things. “It’s hard to say any one thing is responsible [for the dropped crime rate],” says Amann.

The emergency boxes scattered through Behrend’s campus have been questioned for their reliability and effectiveness. He says that sometimes it depends

on the group of students that come into the college and that the high turnover of students can contribute to a rise or fall of crime on campus.

There have been concerns about the emergency boxes located along the paths. Amann acknowledged these concerns and said that once in a while the boxes do need repaired, but they are checked periodically to make sure that they work and students should not be worried about it.

Despite Amann’s confidence about the emergency boxes and the encouraging crime report, some students still feel a little wary about wandering campus at night. Freshman Allison Maino says she is a little uncomfortable walking back to her dorm from her night classes. “Anyone could jump out of the forest,” she said.

Though she did say that she believes Behrend is a safe campus, she still feels it’s a good idea, for girls especially, to walk in groups at night.

Amann attributes Behrend’s good crime report to other factors as well, including location. Because the campus is not located in the city, Behrend does not have a lot of the problems that inner city schools might encounter. First year student Hazel Tranquada, attended Gannon University in downtown Erie in the Fall of 2005. “Compared to Gannon, I feel pretty safe [at Behrend],” Tranquada commented with a laugh about her experiences at GU.

A few changes have been made, however, to help improve the police services on campus. Amann says that another cruiser has been added to the police force, which gives the officers more mobility and allows them to cover campus better. Other than that, however, Amann says, “Things have been about the same.”

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-Hazel Tranquada

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