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## Penn State fans harass Ohio State fans before football game

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A video, that was posted on YouTube.com showing Penn State students throwing objects at two Ohio State fans before the Oct. 27 football game, has prompted police to take action. Both university officials and fans from both schools have reacted in outrage against the video and further investigation has revealed several details on the individuals involved in the crime.

The video features a large crowd of Penn State fans, most wearing all white, throwing full beer cans at their passing Ohio State rivals. One college-aged man ran after the Ohio State fans as they walked away throwing more cans at the OSU fans.

According to *The Daily Collegian*, the man featured in the video was not a Penn State student. He was a University of Pittsburgh student who was visiting State College for the weekend.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Grant Miller said that fraternities know they are responsible for anything that happens at their houses, even in this case when at least one student involved does not attend Penn State.

The Penn State fans appeared on video screaming obscenities and telling the Ohio fans to leave. This is a "terrible impression to give the world about Penn Staters," Tom Poole, associate to the president for administration, said.

The video was filmed behind the off-campus Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house in State College, PA. The Ohio State fans were members of the Ohio State chapter of the fraternity. They had attended a party with the fraternity on Friday night but were apparently not welcomed to come back on Saturday, when the Buckeyes defeated the Nittany Lions. Pi Kappa Alpha's national headquarters has suspended the fraternity's Penn State charter. The fraternity was also placed on suspension by the university.

Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity said in a statement that the "international fraternity teaches its members that sportsmanship extends beyond the playing field. The actions of the individuals involved with this incident do not live up to that ideal."

Sgt. Keith Robb, the lead investigator in the case, said that the fraternity would receive a disorderly conduct citation. The video and the account have since been deleted from YouTube. The account screen name was the same as Pi Kappa's Vice-President's AOL instant messenger account name, according to *The Daily Collegian*.

Miller added, "We apologize for the negative light that this has brought to Penn State fans."

## Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin brings the wild to the Junker Center

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On Thursday zoologist and Emmy-winning television celebrity Jeff Corwin shared "Tales from the Field" at the Junker Center in the latest Speaker Series presentation at Penn State Behrend. He was welcomed by a full crowd of Behrend students, faculty and community members in the Junker Center at 7:30 p.m. Corwin is most widely recognized as the host of "The Jeff Corwin Experience" and "Corwin's Quest on Animal Planet." The Jeff Corwin Experience is one of the highest rated cable television shows and is seen in more than 70 countries worldwide. In 2004, Corwin won an Emmy for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series for "Jeff Corwin Unleashed."



A student volunteer helps Jeff Corwin handle one of the many animals he brought to show the audience.

The presentation began by introducing Corwin with a series of clips from his television shows. When he came onto the stage he was welcomed with a respectfully loud applause. Corwin talked about various environmental topics, but most notably animals.

He even brought along several reptiles that had been rescued from various dangerous situations, such as being illegal pets. Corwin made the presentation interactive by allowing a volunteer to come up and hold a few of the animals. The first animal that was brought out was the largest species of toad in the

world. The toad, which was from South America, was over a foot in length and was said to be poisonous if eaten by predators. The next animal that was brought

Alligator, his next animal was a perfect example. Not too long ago this creature was on the brink of extinction but today there are millions that live in fresh water places throughout our country.

He finished his animal presentations with two snakes. The first, a poisonous viper snake from South Africa with unique camouflage markings and two-inch fangs, which is the longest fangs of any snake, and second, a Burmese python from South East Asia, one of the largest snakes in the world. Corwin finished his segment by opening up a question and answer session followed by autographing copies of his new book *Living on the Edge: Amazing relationships*

in the *Natural World*. Corwin holds a degree in both biology and anthropology from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries conservation from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and an honorary doctorate in public education from Bridgewater for his work advocating conservation and sustainable use of the world's natural resources. Corwin has traveled around the world studying endangered species.

out was introduced by Corwin as "one of the greatest celebrations of the natural heritage of our country" which, was the alligator snapping turtle, once destined for soup but rescued just in time. Another once-rescued pet that was shown was the crocodile monitor, a huge lizard. The lizard from South East Asia was the largest lizard in the world next to the Komodo dragon.

Corwin talked about endangered species and made the point that it is possible to help save an almost extinct creature if we just care. The American

## Police and Safety step up Gorge patrol after flashing incident

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Penn State Behrend Police and Safety officers have started patrolling the Wintergreen Gorge after an Oct. 20 incident when a man exposed himself to a female student.

All students were notified of the Oct. 20 incident in which a woman jogging through the gorge encountered a middle-aged man on the trail, pants down around his ankles, openly exposing himself. The woman changed direction, ran away unharmed, and reported the incident to the police.

This report caused two other women to come forward with a similar story. On Sept. 19, the two friends were walking along the gorge and encountered a man exposing himself in the same manner. They apologized and walked away, also unharmed.

The campus police have compared the two reports, and are confident that it was the same man in both cases. The man is described as a middle-aged Caucasian. He is of medium build, roughly five foot, eight inches tall, with a light-colored beard.

Upon hearing about the Oct. 20 incident, most students believed that the man was simply urinating during a long walk in the woods, and the jogger came upon him at the wrong moment. However, with the two incidents occurring in one month, this theory has

become very unlikely. Dr. Surawski, a professor of psychology at Penn State Behrend, says that exhibitionism is often confused with public urination. "Actually, when exhibitionists are caught, public urination is the most common excuse," she says.

A true psychological disorder, exhibitionism is categorized as a paraphilia - an obsession with unusual sexual practices or with sexual activity involving non-consenting or inappropriate partners. An exhibitionist is the official term for the slang "flasher," and is a person, almost always male, who has the urge to expose his genitals to an unsuspecting stranger, according to the psychology diagnostic handbook, the DSM-IV. Exhibitionism is a misdemeanor in the state of Pennsylvania, and one of the most commonly reported sexual offenses.

The causes of exhibitionism are yet unknown, although studies have linked it to higher than usual levels of testosterone, childhood emotional abuse, head trauma, and even childhood ADHD. There are treatments available, like therapy and medication, but most psychologists suspect that exhibitionism goes underreported. Most exhibitionists do not seek counseling on their own free will, and only undergo treatment as a result of arrest.

Exhibitionism is classified as a "hands-off" paraphilia, which means that the impulse does not involve any contact or physical harm to victims. Since all three of the women got out of the gorge without being harmed, it can be assumed that this particular exhibi-

tionist is nonviolent. However, it does not mean that the situation is not dangerous.

A person with one paraphilia could easily have more paraphilias, possibly dangerous and violent ones. Also, a college campus is a prime target area for someone with this kind of mental disorder. "Paraphilic men seek out situations that allow them to act on their urges. If this person wishes to expose himself to young women, then a college campus is a place where young women can be found," says Dr. Eric Corty, an associate professor of psychology at Behrend.

Campus Police Chief Jim Amann recognizes the Wintergreen Gorge as the most dangerous location of Penn State Behrend. Being separated from campus and very isolated, it is a risky environment. "Someone could just pull you right into the woods, and no one would know," says Amann. Behrend's gorge is the perfect spot for an exhibitionist, with an isolated area in which being caught is unlikely, and yet a high, condensed population of young women.

Extra safety precautions are now being taken in light of this potential danger. Campus police officers patrol parking lots and walk the gorge trails regularly. Amann again urges female students to never walk alone on campus, especially at night and in the gorge.

This exhibitionist, although perhaps nonviolent, is nonetheless a sexual predator, and the women who have encountered him are his victims. He is an unstable, unidentified man in an isolated area, and that is not to be taken lightly.

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## Student voters decide Behrend's development

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The morning of Nov. 6 is expected to see people lined up to vote at the Brookside Fire Station to have a say in who wins the general elections. On the ballot, there are positions for State Senate, House of Representatives, and Harborcreek town supervisor. While the other positions are on a national level and seem more important, the town supervisor has more impact on what happens in our community as a college campus. For example, the supervisor could put more stores and restaurants in our area or even put a sidewalk in on Jordan Road. But these improvements probably will not happen as many college students do not vote in local elections.

Whether it is that many students are not registered, not sure how to vote via absentee, or simply do not care, the number of young adults voting in local elections is very low. "What many students don't realize is that the local officials affect them more directly than the national level officials," says political science professor Robert Speel. With the 2004 election, more college-aged adults voted in that election than ever before. Students may have felt a need to vote due to all the advertisements and excitement that surrounded

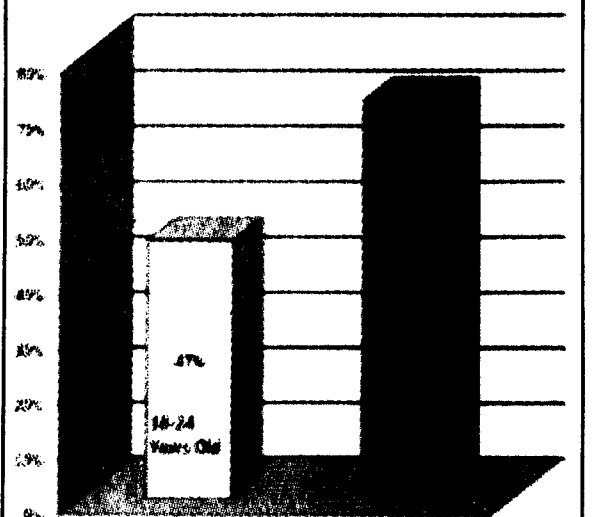
that election, but without all that excitement the need to vote wavers and the number of voters decreases for local elections.

Because of the lack of younger voter turnout, the officials campaign to the senior citizen population as they are the ones with the highest voter turnout. The changes that students would be mostly like to see such as the sidewalk on Jordan Road and stores/restaurants will not top the agenda as many senior citizens do not reside near the Behrend campus.

These kinds of improvements are the kinds that directly affect the campus. Still, students do not vote or continue to have a low voter turnout. So if students want to see improvements made that surround the campus, they need to get involved. It's as simple as registering and Speel adds that, "students can even register at college so they can vote locally." By learning how to vote absentee and making the effort to get the forms in on time, students can even make a difference in their local government and have a say on what will affect them near the campus.

Also, by keeping up with the local news and learning more about the candidates in the election, students can better learn about the community and the changes that are about to take place. Really it's about realizing that every vote counts and even on the local level, student voters can make a difference.

Percent of Eligible voters who voted in 2004 Election by age



Source: The USCensus Bureau