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Local colleges form coalition to decrease drug and alcohol related problems

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Representatives from Penn State Erie, Mercyhurst College, and Gannon University have come together to form a coalition focused on "reducing alcohol and other drug-related problems," according to the group's website.

The Campus Community Partners Advocated for Safe Students website states, "We believe that by creating a community environment supportive of safe and healthy behavior, we can significantly reduce alcohol and other drug-related problems. We are particularly committed to reducing underage and high risk drinking among college students."

Many techniques used by C-Compass revolve around educating students. Behrend's program does this in two forms: individual and group strategies. The individual techniques, according to the C-Compass website, are tiered and counseling interventions. Group strategies range from campus speakers, events, marketing campaigns, late-night alcohol-free events, and a continuous evolution of campus policies. Various pledges are also available for students to make.

Severe winds damage campus and surrounding area

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Sustained winds of up to 43 m.p.h. tore through the Behrend campus Thursday, causing structural damage to buildings and knocking down trees. According to the National Weather Service, Erie saw gusts as high as 61 m.p.h.

At University Gates apart-

ments, the high winds formed wind tunnels in the hallways of buildings, tearing carpet from the floors. In one building, the entire carpeted floor in front of four apartments had been completely dislodged from the concrete and pushed up against a stairwell.

At the Behrend Apartments on campus, metal siding had been ripped away from several roofs, with some large pieces hanging

down to head level.

The new building at Hungry Howie's also sustained structural damage, with a good portion of the freshly-shingled roof peeled up and blown into the construction area next to University Gates.

Chainsaw crews responded to a large tree that was uprooted near the entrance to campus.

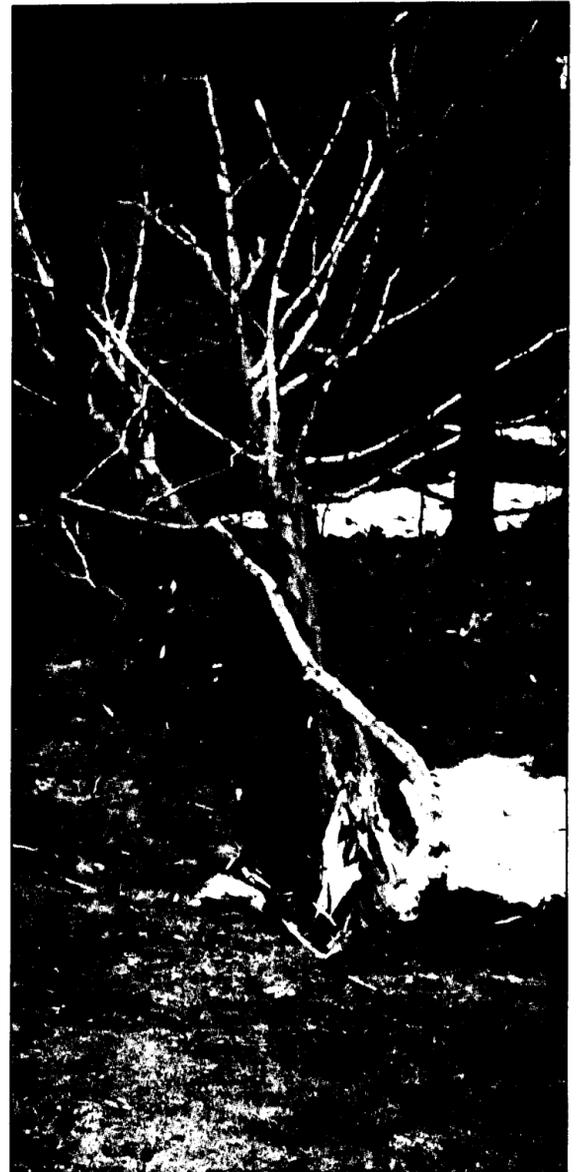
The Erie area also saw several streets lose power; over 10,000 people reported losing power in Erie and Crawford counties, according to the *Erie Times-News*.

The storm also brought flooding to some areas of Erie, though no areas of Behrend were significantly affected. Peach Street saw several sections shut down due to low-hanging traffic lights, a Kwik Fill sign that had been blown down, downed wires, and flooding, according to the *Erie Times-News*.

Students found the gusts were worse at the REDC and at the top of the hill heading down to campus. Throughout the campus, large branches cracked loudly and fell from trees, littering the lawn outside of Reed. "I was afraid the trees were going to fall on me," says Behrend senior Pat Shambaugh. "I was glad I was not Mary Poppins."

Freshman Brian Barker, a chemical engineering major at Behrend, said that the weather played a large factor in the start to his day. "I decided to skip my class, because it was too cold and windy," he says. "I decided I would rather stay in bed and play video games."

To see if the extreme winds will continue, see Beacon meteorologist Matt Alto's weather forecast on page 2.



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Winds upwards of 60 m.p.h. caused damage throughout campus



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Maintenance workers cleaning up debris caused by the wind.

Ruckus, JuicyCampus no longer available

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The popular student-oriented websites Ruckus and JuicyCampus were shut down this week, according to statements on their home pages.

This weekend, the music downloading website Ruckus.com was replaced with a message stating the service was no longer available. Users at-

tempting to reach any section of the Ruckus site or accompanying pages are greeted with a message that simply says "Unfortunately the Ruckus service will no longer be provided. Thanks."

The site was unavailable as early as 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, and is currently still offline.

Students with the Ruckus service installed are finding that they are unable to log in to download or re-acquire licenses for their

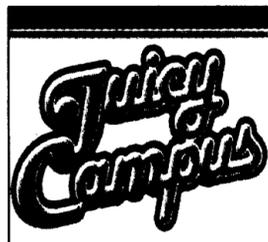
music. Music already downloaded, however, will still be available for about thirty days until the license expires. Many students on-campus know that means that massive music libraries assembled over the past year will disappear the first week into March.

Matt Alto, a sophomore meteorology major at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College, will be losing a substantial amount of his library now that the music service is offline.

"I use it pretty much daily," he says. "Usually just to preview some CDs or songs before buying them so that I know what I'm buying. But a lot of my music collection is on Ruckus."

Web blogs and technical reviews are buzzing with rumors as to the reasons behind the closing of the website, ranging from economic woes to the inability to stop massive pirating attempts.

No change has been announced



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The JuicyCampus logo.

yet from Penn State University on a possible alternative to Ruckus. The music website had been gaining popularity amongst other college campuses in addition to Penn State: Clemson, LSU, and the University of Kentucky.

Some students have expressed frustration at not having a ready-to-use alternative. "I guess I'm just going to have to find some other website to download from," says Steve Monnie, also a sophomore at Penn State Behrend. "I'm

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Ordinance: no more than three students per house

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Mon. Feb. 9, The Home Rule Borough Of Edinboro passed a new ordinance. The new legislation says that no more than three students are permitted to live in the same house.

This rule builds off another ordinance passed in Aug. created to prevent too many students from living in the area. Ordinance 563 says, "the proliferation of student rentals in traditional family dwellings puts a substantial burden on our police zoning and code enforcement staff and on all volunteer fire department." The ultimate goal is to keep "the borough to a manageable mix to reduce frustration and the changes for conflicts that happen between student renters and their retired and/or family oriented neigh-

bors." The Erie County Department of Planning approved this law. The Department said that the ordinance was congruent to the Erie County Comprehensive Plan, which was published in Oct. of 2008.

According to the latest housing update in 2001, Edinboro has 64 percent of residents renting instead of home owning, which is the highest in all of Erie County. The Plan says, "This is not surprising, considering that Edinboro is a university town and many of its residents are students who are unlikely to remain after graduation."

The Plan then goes on to describe a method to build sustainable community in Erie County. One section describes the negative effects of discriminating

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Ruckus began to display this image on their website on Feb. 6.

Battle of the branches ends with Behrend beatdown

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The Penn State Behrend Lions were looking to stay in first place in the AMCC as they prepared to battle sister school Penn State Altoona on Sat. Feb. 7.

Penn State Altoona beat the Blue and White earlier in the year, so they came into the contest fired up and looking to take

yet another game away from the Behrend Lions.

The two Penn State schools gave quite a performance in the Junker Center in front of 876 fans.

The Altoona Lions jumped out to a quick start, going up by six points in the first six minutes of the game.

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The Lady Lions defeated Penn State Altoona after a hard fought, back and forth action packed second half on Saturday afternoon in the Junker Center by a final score of 82-72.

"I think the team played very well on Saturday," said sophomore Rachel Richardson. "We

were really excited to get another chance at them because they beat us so bad at Altoona. We knew we could play better and compete with them. We played together as a team, shot well from the floor, and had fun."

Sophomore Amy Oldach started off the scoring for Behrend when her steal resulted in a layup.

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Steve Piotrowicz of the Behrend men's basketball team.

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Friday



High: 31°F
Low: 27°F

Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow.

Saturday



High: 32°F
Low: 19°F

Snow likely, but otherwise mostly cloudy.

Sunday



High: 30°F
Low: 19°F

Partly cloudy.

Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto

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