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Behrend professors contemplate elements of gender

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Despite insecurities in pursuing this career, she chose to major in chemistry/biology during the beginning of her college education. A lack of interest with laboratory work and research led her to pursue psychology.

Having initial presumptions that psychology did not conduct laboratory experimentation and research, she switched her major to psychology due to its involvement with people and discovered that laboratory experiments and research were a significant aspect in the major.

Her prior experience and skills with laboratory work only benefited her advancement within this career, even though her ulterior motives for switching majors were driven by the gender stereotype that women have more skills in the area of communication and working with others.

Blasco emphasized fixing these problematic attitudes by eliminating gender stereotyping in grade school. In an interview after the conference, she stated that the Feminist movement aims towards equality between the

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male and female.

She noted that the movement has progressed significantly in achieving its goals of equality;

however, there are still injustices and inequalities present today.



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Professor Sarah Whitney discussed the issue of gender at a Behrend conference.

What's Inside

Lecturer in Economics Edward Miseta examines the causes of the economic crises in *Perspectives* on page 6.

Penguins and Sabres push to earn playoff spot down regular season stretch

With just over 20 games left to play in the regular season, things are heating up in the NHL's eastern conference in the race for the playoffs.

Hockey works off of a points system. When a team wins a game, they get two points, a loss earns a team zero points and if the game goes to overtime, the winner gets two points and the loser gets one point.

The top eight teams in each conference get a spot in the playoffs and it looks like it's going

to go right down to the wire in the eastern conference.

Spots fourth through eighth are currently separated by three points or less. One win could move you up two spots, but one loss could move down two spots.

The Buffalo Sabres are currently sitting in the eighth spot with 66 points. Their record is (30-22-6), and they are third in their division, but only one point out of second.

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They never thought they'd be on a boat: comedy troupe The Lonely Island sailing through an ocean of media

What happens when three creative and very imaginative childhood friends grow up together watching movies and aspire to create their own?

First, they have to make it big in the mainstream media (with the help of the Internet and YouTube). Then, they have to audition for *Saturday Night Live*, hoping their talent is good enough; from there they have to

sign contracts and basically sell themselves to different agencies. Finally, they have to sit through a year or so of *SNL* to finally be able to produce and write their own scripts.

Technicalities aside, the comedy troupe known as The Lonely Island has gone from nothing to everything in a typical fashion.

The Lonely Island (TLI) was officially created in 2001 when

founding (and still only) members and life-long friends Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone, and Akiva Schaffer lived together in Berkeley, California. The group now resides in New York, where it has produced numerous comedic short-films, song parodies, YouTube videos and music videos.

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