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### Kovach for NCAA diving

Sophomore diver Krystal Kovach has accomplished something that no swimmer or diver in Behrend's history has ever done, compete at the NCAA championships. Kovach finished seventeenth in both the women's three meter and one meter events with scores of 381.75 and 351.70 respectively. The championships were hosted by Macalester College at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center in Minneapolis on March 18-21. "I think that I did well for my first year at nationals," said

Kovach. "I would have liked to place better but competition was tight. There were a lot of good girls there." Kovach had to prepare physically by practicing every day. She was dedicated and determined throughout spring break as she practiced when most students returned home or headed to the beach. "Physically, I stayed on campus during break and practiced every day," said Kovach. "I didn't try to do anything drastically different, just keep myself healthy and rested." Not only physically, but mental preparation was needed going into the NCAA championships.

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### Professor Performing at Jr's Last Laugh

Joe Falocco is not only a professor at Penn State Behrend but also an aspiring stand-up comedian. Dr. Falocco will be performing this Saturday night at Jr's Last Laugh, a comedy club on State Street. Falocco will be opening for comedians such as Andy Woodhull and Joby Saad. The admissions fee will be slightly under 13 dollars and people under the age of 21 are welcome. The comedy club not only offers entertainment but one can also purchase food and drink. There will be a show at 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm. An interview with Dr. Falocco reveals an edgy man with a humorous background and upbringing. When asked why he

got into the comedy scene and what age he started at, he replied, "I started doing comedy in my 20's. It was the 1980's: everyone was doing it." He started out as follower and grew up to be a leader as a teacher and a comedian with his own material. His first performance "bombed" he said, but he didn't stop trying to make people laugh. He used to try to do political humor in his acts, but now gets his material from "apolitical observations." Dr. Falocco's icon in comedy is either the late George Carlin or more recently Lewis Black. In Dr. Falocco's "inart" comedy class the students watch DVDs about different concepts and views of comedy.

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## Student receives multiple charges

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A Penn State Behrend sophomore has been charged after a string of bizarre crimes on Friday night. The incident began at about 12 a.m. when Citriniti drove his Subaru Forester into a Pontiac Firebird that was backing out of a parking space in the lot of the 300 building at University Gate Apartments. "Once the collision happened, the back end of the Pontiac flew in the air and debris was all over the asphalt," said Behrend Sophomore Chris Chovan, who witnessed the crash. "The Forester looked like it was totaled." Nick Kniseley, a sophomore at Behrend, was the one who made the 9-1-1 call. "I was just walking from the one hundreds to the four hundreds. We couldn't see it at first, but we heard a loud crash and saw a car's tail lights shine into the air like its back end

went up," said Kniseley. "A bunch of people came outside to see what was going on. As I was walking up to the crash, I called 9-1-1." After the accident, Citriniti entered an apartment in the 300 building of the complex. The residents of the apartment had witnessed the crash. "At about midnight we heard this loud crash and thought it was thunder," said a resident who wished to remain anonymous. "Literally twenty seconds later this guy comes in our place and puts his hands down the back of my friend's pants." None of the residents of the apartment were familiar with Citriniti. "We told him to leave, but he wouldn't," said the resident. "He went and sort of rested his head on our island and my roommate went to get a security guard since they were all down by the crash." When security arrived, they told Citriniti to leave or they would contact authorities, but Citriniti "wasn't phased." At that point, security notified the State Police of the situation.

"Finally, he just ended up leaving," said the resident. "We went back to watching the crash, and we noticed the same kid down there and he was trying to get into this car that was locked, threw something on the ground, and then I noticed him coming back to our building. So I flew off the couch to make sure our door was locked." "Literally, before I made it back to the couch, he busted our door down. He broke the entire door frame, lock and everything. The entire side of the door was broken off." Once inside again, Citriniti went after the same girl he had assaulted before. "He came back to my same friend and tried pulling her pants down again," said the resident. "We told him he had to leave. The security guard heard the door getting knocked down and came running up. The kid sat on our couch, just sat, and stared at us, and wouldn't leave for anything. The security guard told us to wait downstairs to get a state trooper when they come." The residents of the apartment waited at the scene of the car accident for the State Police to come. When the authorities arrived, they walked back to the apartment and noticed the security guard was outside, holding the door shut. "The security guard said he was trying to leave so he was holding our door shut to stop him," said the resident. "As soon as the State Trooper opened the door, the kid pulled down his pants and started urinating on our floor, right in front of him."

Soon, more State Police arrived and tried to apprehend Citriniti. "We were waiting outside while four State Troopers and two paramedics were wrestling with him, unable to restrain him," said the resident. "Eventually, they told us to come back in when they had him wrestled to the ground so they could get our statements, but he kept fighting back so they had to taser him. He still wouldn't stop moving, so they ended up tasing him about four or five times. They finally had to strap him to a gurney to get him out." A resident of the apartment in which the incident occurred was impressed by the speed at which University Gates management responded to the damages. "By 10 o'clock the next morning, maintenance came and had our door fixed," said the resident. "[University Gates Manager] Wendy [Hull] came up and checked on us later that afternoon and made sure we were all ok, gave us her cell phone number in case we needed anything or if anything went wrong. Even more maintenance came and checked on us to make sure our door was ok. They were very quick to respond, they double-checked and triple-checked." The charges against Citriniti were filed at the office of District Judge Mark Krahe. The police investigation of the incident is still underway.

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