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## CAMPUS SAFETY

### Student rescued from Wintergreen Gorge

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A week after being rescued from a cliff in Wintergreen Gorge, Behrend Junior Kyle Reilly is still feeling the effects of his harrowing experience.

Last Sunday, Reilly, a psychology major, got stuck climbing a steep section of the Wintergreen Gorge cliff called the Devil's Backbone. Emergency crews were called to the scene and Reilly spent over an hour and a half on the cliff side before he was rescued.

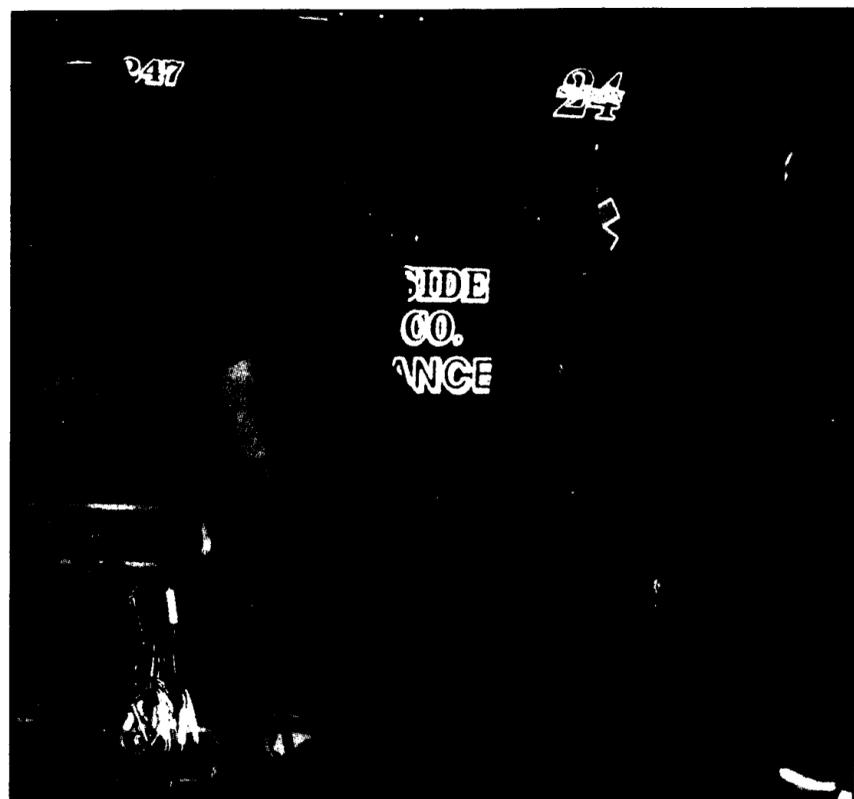
Reilly was hiking through the gorge with two friends and his girlfriend, Julia Kanaitis, when he decided to climb one of the steeper parts of the hill known as Devil's Backbone.

"I've climbed a ton of the hills and cliffs back there before," Reilly said. "I've gotten to the top all the time. This section of the cliff looked doable, but I got to a point where there was a ninety-degree cliff. It would have been literally impossible to continue, without ropes."

Looking back, a steep grade and sharp rocks prohibited him from backtracking. After roughly 20 minutes of trying to find a safe way out, he decided the safest option was to call 9-1-1.

He did so, and was instructed to stay calm and stay put. The crews got to him after about a half hour, and shortly, a rescuer rappelled down to him and fitted him with a harness. At that point, Reilly had been on the cliff for over an hour.

Rope crews at the top of the hill pulled Reilly and his rescuer to the top. Since he had no major injuries, Reilly was cleared to leave after a few checks of his vitals and some paperwork.



Firefighters in the Ohio parking lot following the rescue of Behrend student Kyle Reilly

"If I could do it again, I just would have chosen a different route."

Kyle Reilly  
 Junior/Psychology

Perhaps a larger challenge than the cliff, though, has been dealing with fellow students.

**Online:** Visit us online for more pictures of the gorge rescue

Since the incident, which was covered on several major news outlets in Erie, some classmates and friends have been less than kind following the event.

"Some people have been pretty immature, rude, laughing at me and making fun," he said.

Already, though, it has

calmed down some, and he is returning to regular life at school. He says that prayer was a major force in keeping him calm on the cliff side, and that his faith will play a big part in moving onward.

"In retrospect, I overestimated my abilities," he said. "People have climbed that cliff before, but not on that section. If I could do it again, I just would have chosen a different route."

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Seven Behrend students test positive for type A influenza

School waiting for H1N1 test results; no "swine flu" yet

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Seven Behrend students have tested positive for Type A Influenza, according to a Behrend press release. Additional testing is underway to determine if these students have the much-publicized H1N1 "swine flu" virus.

According to the press release, four students tested positive for Type A Flu at the Health and Wellness Center, and three additional students reported that other physicians tested them.

All seven students chose to leave campus and recover at home, following self-isolation guidelines most teachers included in their syllabi this year. The Health and Wellness center has been seeing students who have Influenza-like illness, but have tested negative for Type A

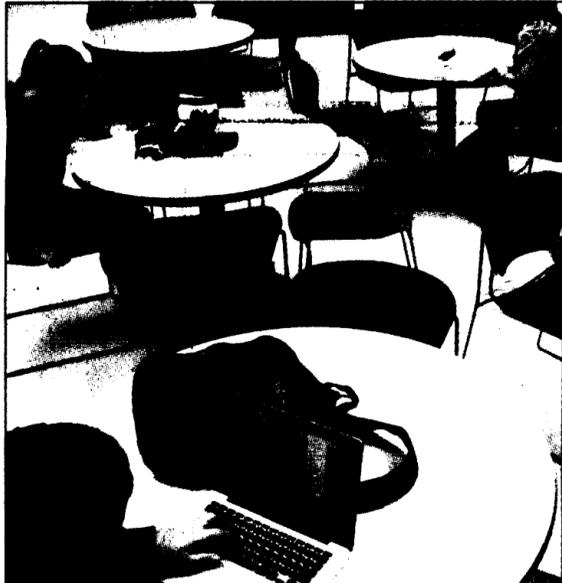
Influenza, according to the press release.

"We are encouraging Penn State Behrend students to come to Health and Wellness for treatment rather than self-diagnosing," said Pasky McMahon, of the Behrend Health and Wellness Center. "It started this past weekend, we saw a couple yesterday and we've seen more today and according to the CDC has stated, we're probably going to see more in the next couple of weeks as far as to what those numbers will be, it's a guessing game."

"We're prepared to help students who need medications to help them feel better," McMahon said, "even though a lot of the stuff that we're using is OTC, the items we have here are less expensive; a lot of students can't get off campus to get medications."

H1N1 Influenza is one of several types of Type A Influenza, according to the CDC website. Among the others of this type are Avian Flu and the Annual Flu.

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION



Ashley Bemis / The Behrend Beacon

Students will soon have a new lounge in Reed in which to study.

### New Reed lounge to offer relaxation, entertainment

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This Spring, the bottom floor of Reed will transform into the next hotspot for students to hang out. The computer kiosk area, which was recently filled with tables and chairs, will become a lounge with TVs, game stations, and couches.

Brad Kovalcik, SGA President and co-chair of the Student Facility Fee Committee on SGA, says, "the renovation is not going to start until May [2010], and it will be done over the summer so it will be done before students return from summer vacation."

The lounge will occupy the space between where the computer kiosks used to be and the Student Activities office.

According to Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs, the existing radio station, WPSE, which is a commercial station, is moving out of the building

next year. It will be demolished over the summer.

Kovalcik says WPSE is going to be relocating to Erie Hall or Knowledge Park. The walls of the current radio station will be torn down to create a larger area for a lounge.

According to Miller, the current area of the radio station will hold three large screen TVs with seating around each.

"[TVs] would be locked up for students' use so if you wanted to kill some time in between classes, you can come in, go to the RUB desk, give them your I.D. and check out the Fast and Furious or whatever game you want to play," says Miller.

Kovalcik said that the RUB desk will become more of a student resource center instead of a place where people go to get directions when they first arrive onto campus.

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## WOMENS'S TENNIS

### Lady Lions win Behrend invitational

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This past weekend at Behrend's tennis invitational, the women's tennis team (6-3, 2-1) went on an undefeated home stand to defend the

Behrend Invitational title. Five teams traveled to challenge the Lady Lions on their home court and five teams went home with their tails between their legs.

Behrend defeated Geneva 5-0 and Bethany 3-2 to advance to

the championship match to battle against Alfred University. Behrend beat Alfred 4-1.

"Alfred played well and beat Frostburg [State]," said head coach Jeff Barger. "[They] did not carry that over to our match. We did lift our [playing]

level and played, for the most part, like I feel we can play."

Sophomore Arica Christman led the women's team with an 8-1 win in the first single's match.

"I was really glad I won this year, because I lost to the same person last year," said Christman. "We did really well defending our title at the Behrend Invitational, and it was great that we could keep our record going."

"As a whole unit, I think we did ok," Barger said. "I tried to play all 15 players at some time during the week, and it worked out ok."

The women's tennis team is expected to roll through the AMCC Conference. There are still some holes in the Lady Lions' game, though.

The team's biggest competition in the conference will be Frostburg State, who beat Behrend 5-4 a day before the Behrend Invitational.

"We expect to win the rest of our games," said sophomore Megan Noschese. "Frostburg State is our biggest competition, now, because they beat us. We expect to beat them the next time around, as long as we stay focused and don't play sloppy."



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The Lady Lions took first place in their own invitational with strong play from all of its athletes.

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