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Professor's Position Dropped

Many students, particularly History majors, are deeply concerned with the news of Dr. Lorraine Lees' position being dropped from the History department. Some people have expressed the fear that this action will result in the termination of the current four-year History major at Behrend, while others are mainly concerned with losing what, in their minds, is a valuable instructor. However, those who are advocates of retaining the History major need not be concerned as yet, and those who are supportive of Dr. Lees' teaching may be comforted that the decision was an administrative one having little or nothing to do with Dr. Lees' qualifications. Dr. Archie Loss, Division Head for the Division of Arts and Humanities, explained that he had been told that he must eliminate two people hired on noncontinuing contracts, and that the reason for this decision was based on financial considerations. Since there are only two people in the division hired on a noncontinuing basis, the decision to eliminate Dr. Lees' position seemed inevitable. Dr.

Loss stressed that this decision was not a reflection of Dr. Lees' abilities, but rather an unfortunate administrative decision created by financial hardships.

Regarding the History majors, Dr. Loss emphasized that this decision will not affect those majoring in History outright. Some reorganization may be needed, since the current program was designed for four faculty members, each specializing in different areas of the History discipline. However, there is a possibility that the administration will decide to reinstate the fourth History position, which means, of course, that Dr. Lees' will have another opportunity to regain her position.

Whether the program will need to be redesigned, to accommodate three instead of four faculty, or the position will be reinstated is not known yet. Dr. Loss added, however, that in the event that the program is redesigned, provisions will be made for current History majors so that they will not be drastically affected by the change in curriculum.

Rape Prevention

How To Say No And Survive

Ladies, you are out late at night, walking home from a party. The street is dimly lit and there is no one around except someone behind you, who had been following you for the past few blocks. You hear the footsteps behind you draw closer. What do you do?

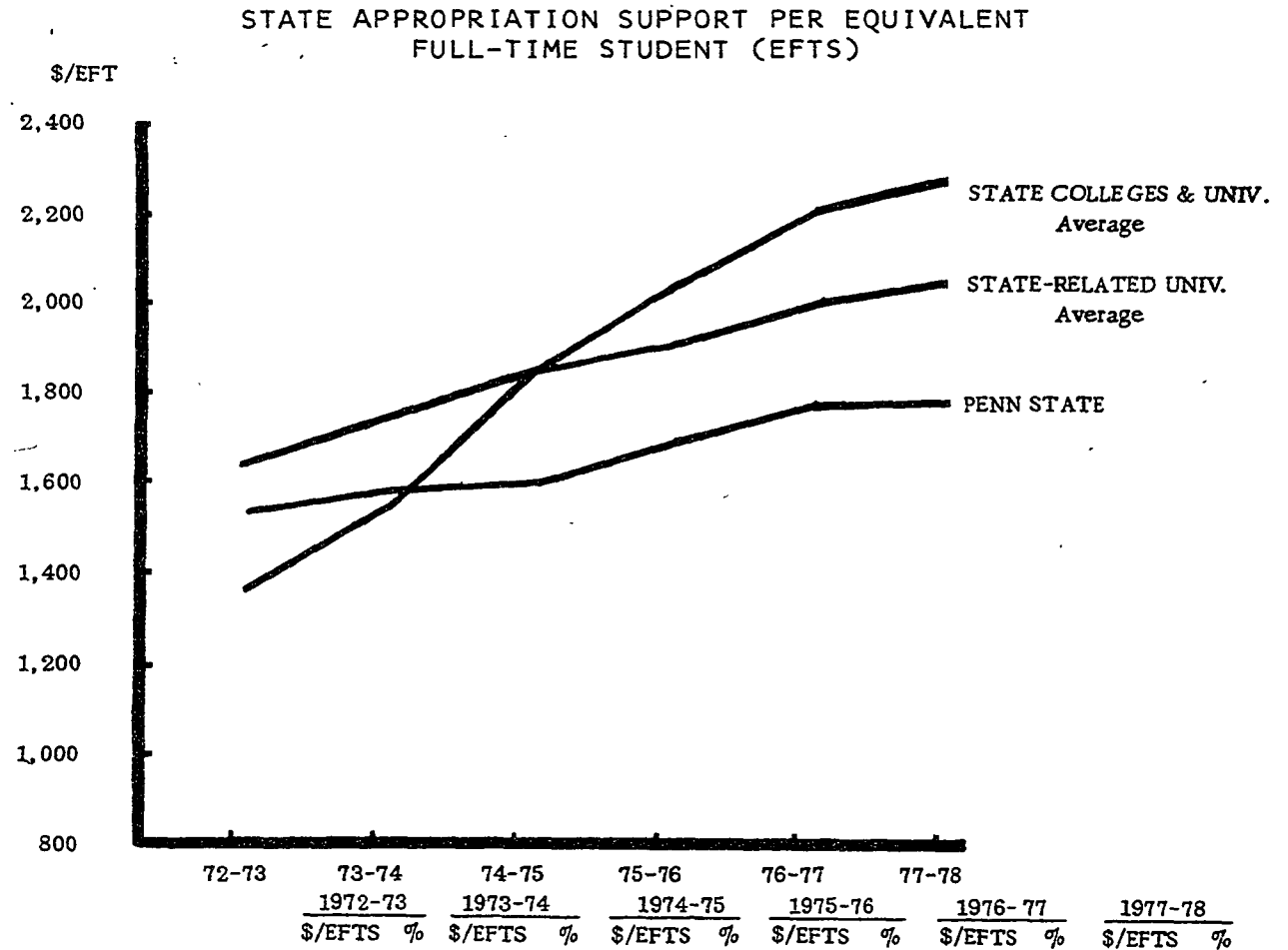
In reality, most rapes don't happen like this. In an article for University Park's Daily Collegian, State College police officer, Darlene May, was quoted as saying, "It's a myth that women are raped by a stranger in the street. Most rapes occur in the home, by someone the victim knows, or on a date." Regardless of the validity of that statement, rape can occur almost anywhere, even here, on Behrend's quaint little campus. The Rape Crisis

center in Erie reports that over the past few years there have been several members of our college community who have come to them for counseling of some sort or another. The sensitive nature of rape makes it a difficult problem to handle and even more difficult to report.

In an effort to educate the students (both male and female) of this campus about the rape crisis and how to deal with it, the Department of Safety and Security (the same old gang that brought you the Bust Line) will present the film HOW TO SAY NO TO A RAPIST ... AND SURVIVE, at 7:30, Monday evening, April 17th. The film, which will be shown free of charge in the RUB lecture hall, is based on the book of the same



Paul Bailey looks on as Cindy Donhauser selects her prize during the "I'm a S.I.S. Watcher" contest.



	1976-77	1977-78
	\$/EFTS	%
State Colleges & Univ.	2175	60.6
State-Related Univ.	1990	21.3
Penn State	1750	15.7

NOTE: Percentages are cumulative.

Budget Crisis At Penn State

by Robin Baulding

Did you know that Penn State University has the lowest State appropriation per student? Well, it does. Penn State is the largest institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. However, on a per student basis, Penn State's appropriation is the lowest of any four-year public college or university in Pennsylvania. The

appropriation per student for Penn State in 1977-78 was \$1750 or 16.6 per cent less; whereas the overall average State appropriation per student for Pennsylvania's four-year public colleges and universities was \$2,100. For Penn State to equal that of the rest of the colleges, an additional \$350 for each student would be required.

The chart above shows how

Penn State is underfunded in comparison with other state-related and state-owned institutions. Note: Penn State is a state-related university; it is not state-owned. The above chart was taken from the April 6, 1978 issue of the "Penn State Intercom" newsletter.

Mathematics Major

Recently, a new four-year major in Mathematical Studies was approved by the Board of Trustees at University Park to go into effect Fall term, 1978. This program, created by faculty members in the Division of Natural Science and Engineering, combines the classical studies of mathematics on the philosophical level with studies based on application, as with computer science or statistics.

Dr. Braude, Assistant Division Head for the division, explained that there might be two options a student may choose if he or she should major in Mathematical Studies, but these options, Applied Statistics and Systems Analysis, have not yet been approved. Braude added, however, that regardless of the decision to incorporate these options into the major or not, the general emphasis would be the same: applied statistics, and systems analysis, which is mathematical techniques in computer programming and computer analysis.

Because of the growing demand for math graduates who have a "working knowledge" of both the classical and the applied aspects mathematics, this new baccalaureate degree major should serve as a practical option for those who want a comprehensive mathematical education behind them when looking for a job.

Career Outlooks

by Sue Wartman

Each year many pamphlets and newspaper articles try to predict the job outlook for college graduates. Often, these articles steer a student away from fields with poor job forecasts even though these fields interest the student most. Behrend students finding themselves in doubt about their future careers are encouraged to talk to Tim Burke, counselor at the Career Development Center, Turnbull Building.

Mr. Burke explained that job forecasts often vary from article to article, and some authors even intentionally bias their forecasts. Furthermore, although a certain career does not look very promising, sometimes a special branch of that career or a closely related career does.

The Career Information Area, which is within the division of undergraduate students, 116 Turnbull, is available to help students find careers suited to their interests. The center updates its material this year and added much new information. It also tries to keep its information as unbiased as possible to give students an accurate outlook.

So if you're confused about your future career, stop in the Center and browse through their information. Tim Burke is available to help.

title by Frederick Storaska. The film attempts to establish confidence in women and their ability to cope with a rape situation. Both mental and practical procedures are stressed.

Following the film, a speaker from the Rape Crisis Center in Erie will be available for comment on the film and to answer any questions. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

S.I.S. Successful

by Dave Jordan

The "I'm a S.I.S. Watcher" contest is now over, however over fifty people will have a sweet remembrance of it. These people are the ones who were fortunate enough to win prizes.

"It was a big success," claims Paul Bailey, head of the Instructional Communications Center, who sponsored the contest. Mr. Bailey was especially pleased with the interest that all the students showed in the contest, and was thrilled by the excitement the winners showed, no matter how large or small the prize was.

The contest was a big success, and Paul hopes to be able to have a similar contest in the future. In the mean time, keep being a S.I.S. watcher; you never know what might be flashed.