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Vandalism Plagues Behrend Campus

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Walls kicked in, chairs missing, tables smashed, ...the list goes on and on. Behrend has been plagued with a recent wave of vandalism. Many items have been destroyed including wooden horses that were burned at the first bonfire, wooden platforms at the second bonfire, and the men's room in the Reed Union Building during the Friction concert.

Who pays for the mounting bill? Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs states, "Unless the people are apprehended, it is the club or

organization sponsoring the event." The bill was described as "too much, probably into several hundred dollars."

Vandalism occurs when events are cancelled. A few Fridays ago, on All-U day weekend, the toga dance was rescheduled, the SUB movie was cancelled due to equipment failure, and the RUB desk closed early because there was just no one around." That night saw a RUB wall kicked in and a table smashed outside of the Reed Union Building.

The Reed Union Building has not been the only victim of vandalism. The residence halls have also been vandalized. For the first

few weeks of school, residence hall vandalism is estimated at well over \$1,000 with several additional costs still pending.

Bill McCartney, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, says, "There have been some accidents, but the big problem is intentional vandalism." He also noted that vandalism generally increases during the winter months because there are fewer outside activities and sports to occupy time and energy.

"The punishment," says McCartney, "depends on the dollar amount and the intent of the vandalism. It can range from a simple

warning to suspension from school."

Alcohol also affects the distribution of vandalism. McCartney states, "The majority of vandalism is done by people after they have been drinking. One of the prime motives behind enforcing the alcohol regulations is the lack of responsible behavior."

Steps have been taken to counter the increased amount of vandalism. The steps include tighter general security and a greater effort to apprehend the people involved. Though declining to discuss specifics, Grimm

says that "People have been apprehended and fined."

Harshbarger states that, "If students want to be treated like children, we can arrange that; tighter controls on activities may have to be imposed due to damage. (We hope) that students want to be treated like adults."

In reference to vandalism prevention, McCartney says, "We can't place guards everywhere. It is really everyone's responsibility to protect our environment. The only people who can prevent vandalism are the students themselves."

State Senator Attends SGA Meeting

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Who has the greatest possibility of getting the tuition cost at Penn State down? The answer was found on Monday, Nov. 13 when State Senator Anthony "Buzz" Andrezeski attended the Student Government meeting at Behrend College.

When asked what changes in education he has seen during his first term in office, Andrezeski replied, "Tuition increases! These increases are largely due to education being a low priority on the state and national levels." He added that, "This is also due to people not wanting to pay higher taxes, which would supplement to an enormous extent the amount of funding that the Federal and State governments allocate for education." He said the reason for this is that, "Public education is viewed much like an American phenomena."

In an attempt to change this situation, Andrezeski has put together a plan to increase tuition funding at Penn State and other state related schools. When asked to elaborate on this plan, Andrezeski was unable to give exact specifics of the plan but said that, "It would greatly aid in the tuition funding that is presently in effect."

He noted that he is pushing for a program that would appropriate approximately \$160

million into the center county region of Pennsylvania, part of which would go to Penn State and its branch campuses. "This can only be done by not cutting salaries, but by using tax revenue," he said.

He added that, "If we cut corporate income taxes from 10.5 percent to 9.5 percent, than we can address a pool of people that are trying to get higher education, and give more aid to those that are presently in college but are having a tremendous time paying to stay in."



Senator Andrezeski sat in on recent SGA meeting.

"There are ways for people to go to school with the help of workstudy programs and incentive programs," said Andrezeski, "but for those that

don't qualify for these programs, they get left out. They are then faced with the alternatives of 'student loans' that can amount to \$15,000 or for returning older students, this could mean a 'second mortgage' on a house, usually more than their parents paid for their first house," he said.

Sensitive to the alternatives that face higher education, and especially the cost of tuition, Andrezeski encourages students to find out who their district representatives are or to contact their congressman and make an appointment to see him. Andrezeski stated that, "If we don't act and show how we feel about the issues of higher education, tuition funding will go on as it is - underfunded. In addition to education being viewed as an American phenomena, it is also referred to as the 'Big Sleep'."

Andrezeski emphasized that, "We are a result of our product, and if we don't voice our opinion and give some input, matters will get worse. Like any other problem, the longer we let it continue, the worse it will get."

Andrezeski, a life-long resident of Erie, was re-elected to another term on Nov. 6. With a B.A. degree in Political Science and a Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling, Andrezeski said, "I have taken on the job as a full-time position and will give it total professionalism."

Enrollment Reaches All-Time High

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Behrend reached a record enrollment figure for fall semester 1984 with 1,989 students, while the other 22 Penn State campuses experienced a 1,738 drop in the overall number of students.

"The largest increase this fall was in students enrolling in Behrend majors," said John Burke, Associate Provost of Behrend College.

Burke said that 26 percent of Behrend students are now enrolled in Behrend majors. He noted that some of the enrollment increase can be attributed to student transfers from other Penn State campuses. "Our goal has been to increase the number of four-year students here," Burke stated.

Burke said that the 1985 additions of the Hammermill and Zurn Buildings, in addition to added living facilities, will provide a balance of academic resources to the student body size. Burke commented, "The additional buildings will not accommodate an increase of more than 150 new students next year without difficulty."

The two buildings will match academic resources to the number of students at Behrend and are not designed to greatly increase Behrend's enrollment capacity.

Burke projected an increase of 50-60 students next year in the evening graduate program.

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