

NEWS

State Trooper Stresses Alcohol Awareness

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On Wednesday Dec. 5, Trooper Joe Schaaf from The Pennsylvania State Police spoke at a workshop on Alcohol Awareness. The workshop is part of a disciplinary program for Behrend students who have abused the alcohol rules and regulations on campus.

During the lecture, Schaaf stressed the seriousness of drinking and driving. "Each year 55,000 people are killed on our nation's highways in alcohol-

related accidents," he said. "Compare that figure to the 48,000 Americans who died during the ten years of the Vietnam War."

Schaaf also explained the meaning of "blood alcohol content" (BAC) and the new laws concerning drunk driving. A BAC of .10 or above constitutes a legally drunk driver. The amount of alcohol consumed before reaching this limit varies from person to person depending on one's size, their tolerance to alcohol and how much food the person has in their

stomach. For an average 175 lb. man with average tolerance, this is about five ounces of alcohol.

Schaaf stressed the fact that a BAC will continue to rise for one hour after the person has stopped drinking. "If you are out drinking and you start to feel the effects of the alcohol, your BAC is probably around .07 percent. This is below the legal intoxication level," stated Schaaf, "but, even if you quit drinking at this point, your BAC will continue to rise until it peaks." He continued, "It can easily peak well above the legal in-

toxication level. So, if you get stopped driving within an hour after you stop drinking, you will probably register as a legally drunk driver."

Because of the new drunk driving laws pushed through legislation by an organization called Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), getting arrested can be embarrassing, time-consuming and expensive.

A first offense drunk driving charge with no accident and no property damage carries a minimum jail sentence of 48 hours

and a \$300 fine. One may also be required to enroll in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Development program (ARD). This program includes a psychiatric profile, lectures and expenditures that can amount to as much as \$1500.

Trooper Schaaf urged everyone to use caution when drinking. Drink moderately, on a full stomach, and know your limit. Do not drink if you do not have a sober ride home and if a ride is not available, stay where you are. "It's just not worth the risk to drive drunk," he said.

BCCA Requests Funding

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The Behrend College Christian Association is a chartered club at Behrend College. However, unlike other campus organizations, BCCA exists without university funding.

The fellowship is ineligible for university funds because of a restriction in the "Policies and Rules for Students" that says, "No university funds may be used to support...activities...which discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, physical handicap, sex or religion."

Steve Johnson, an active member of BCCA, feels that this clause is not really pertinent to BCCA since the group does not exclude anyone from meetings because of Christianity. "We're not excluding people who are not Christian. We are a fellowship and everyone is welcome," said Johnson.

The group is informal with nearly 40 interested members. Meetings are held at 7:30 each Thursday evening at 5031 Jordan Road. Noon prayer is held daily.

Johnson said that funding for BCCA now comes from members, interested parties and co-

sponsorship, but the dollar amounts received leave them very limited for activities. Johnson said, "Some other groups use money for dances and other social events that we cannot afford."

Dann Johns, Student Government Association president, expressed his concern and said, "If I could, I would fund this organization. I think they do good things and certainly have some value in the development of philosophy and old religion, but we receive funds in a different way than other campuses and in light of student policies and regulations, our hands are tied."

NACA Announces Competition

The National Association for Campus Activities announces its first Prize Papers Competition offering cash prizes totaling \$1,200, according to Chairman of the Board of Directors, Max V. Vest.

Open to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty or staff of a business related to the college entertainment market, the competition is designed to recognize outstanding research and opinion papers in the field of campus activities. "It demonstrates NACA's increasing interests in educating current and future campus activities professionals," Vest said.

He also stated, "The Prize Papers Competition represents an important step toward realizing one of NACA's long-range goals of strengthening our educational offerings to membership. This competition will further enhance the image of NACA as an organization interested in innovative ideas and research in the

field," he added, "while offering staff and students an opportunity to write, be judged by peers and receive a cash award."

Competition papers must be original, unpublished works on a topic about or related to campus activities programming, such as management, volunteerism, leadership training and development, fine arts, film and video, contemporary entertainment, travel, recreation and leisure, professional development, and special constituencies. Papers must be eight to fifteen pages, typed and double-spaced.

Cash prizes of \$250 and \$150 will be awarded for first and second place winners, respectively, in each of the three categories of undergraduate, graduate, faculty or professional staff. Papers will be judged by an anonymous panel on these criteria: originality and research, usefulness and applicability to the field of campus activities, content, composition

and writing style, and thoroughness.

Entry deadline for the competition is July 1, 1985. Winners will be announced on or about Sept. 1, 1985, and winning entries will be published in a Prize Papers Competition issue of *Programming* in Dec., 1985. For further information, contact NACA, P.O. Box 6828, Columbia, SC 29260, (803)782-7121.

Attention Seniors

In order to be pictured in the 1985 Behrend Yearbook, you must submit a professional wallet-sized picture of yourself by Jan. 18, 1985. Place the picture in a sealed envelope marked with your name and submit it to the yearbook at the RUB Desk.

A Place to Study

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Have you ever been on campus and felt a certain need for privacy? Maybe you want to get away and study for a test, or just stretch out and relax. If this is the case, then perhaps there is an answer for you.

Recently, Commuter Council Treasurer John Biggie in conjunction with the Joint Residence Council submitted a proposal for a quiet study lounge to be open to all Behrend students. Biggie submitted this proposal to Residence Hall Supervisor Bill McCartney and Housing Director Mike Ryan. The bill was voted upon and approved.

The study lounge, located in Niagara Hall basement, is open from 8 a.m. until midnight Monday-Saturday. These facilities have been revamped to better accommodate the private study atmosphere. New lamps have been installed in the lounge, along with new furniture, and a ventilation system for the smoking and nonsmoking sections of the lounge.

According to Biggie, "Everyone has been a tremendous help. Housing provided us with the furniture and we had volunteers who helped us move it in."

The upkeep of the lounge will depend upon each individual who uses the facilities. If you eat in the lounge then you clean up after yourself, it's that simple. Volunteer monitors will also be appointed to "check in" on the lounge from time to time to make sure that proper care and conduct of the facility is maintained. The liabilities of this area have not been decided.

The lounge hours during final exams are questionable. The Commuter Council wants the hours to be extended to 3 a.m. They feel that this would be more beneficial for those students who "need to burn the night oil."

Currently, the quiet study lounge is temporary. Whether or not it will be administered on a permanent basis will be decided. Biggie commented, "I would like to see it be more than a temporary thing. It is definitely needed. The students come first."

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