

# FEATURE

## Nygaard Expounds On Law and Justice

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Justice, defined by Judge Richard Nygaard, "is the fair and evenhanded application of the laws." Nygaard, who teaches a class at Behrend, "American Constitutional Law", plans to break down the constitution into its separate amendments. Then, through discussion, the class will analyze case studies to determine if justice was indeed done.

judge was left with the impression of his undergraduate studies that "not enough attention was paid to the court system in this country." He believes "the constitution is misunderstood by a lot of people...including lawyers and judges. They don't think in common terms."

Nygaard, noted for his wearing of western style boots and hat, graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science degree in



Richard Nygaard  
Common Pleas Judge

talked about something he termed "the western atmosphere or attitude"; something lacking in the east.

The judge used the words "honor" and "self-reliance" to describe the old pioneer spirit. "People," he said, "were quicker to take care of business themselves, without interference from the law. Cases tried in courts here in the east would've never made it that far in the west. People would have just handled it."

*"The law's face has no color, Its collar doesn't have a color, there's no social status in the law"*

-Judge Richard Nygaard

Nygaard, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 6th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, makes time in his schedule to teach because, "I enjoy teaching." The

Public Administration. He earned his law degree from the University of Michigan. The judge brought more to the east with him than his degrees and western clothing. He

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Patrolman Thomas "Chip" Sanders' letter to the editor in the Feb. 1 issue of the Behrend Collegian incorrectly stated: "Students with parking permits are not allowed to park in the Reed lot (either upper or lower) except Monday through Thursday 6:30-6 a.m. and Friday 6:30 p.m. to Monday 6 a.m." It should be noted that these hours hold true for the Reed lower lot, but students are not to park in the upper area of the lot at any time.

The letter also incorrectly

stated: "Students with parking permits are not to park...anywhere behind Perry and Niagara Halls." It should be noted that parking is permitted in the Perry lot.

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