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Morris encourages conscious awareness of drugs

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Former Miami Dolphin running back Eugene "Mercury" Morris spoke of his experiences with drugs before a packed Reed Lecture hall on Monday evening, Oct. 6. Morris spoke of his past problem as not one of drug abuse, but one of an individual nature, "The problem was me, not the coke." Drug abuse is actually self-abuse and everyone is susceptible to such

By the end of his football career at the age of 29, Mercury Morris had the third best yards-per-carry average in history.

After Morris retired from football, he began to use cocaine heavily and, on Aug. 18, 1983, was arrested for selling an ounce of the drug to undercover narcotics officers.

In the following three months Morris was tried and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

In March of 1986, he was given a

"conscious awareness," that is the power of the drug user to make the choice, on his own, to quit using drugs.

Morris pointed out that if the drug user blames the drug for his

problems, as our society does, the problems will continue to exist. Once he acknowledges that it is his problem, he will be "consciously aware" of his predicament and able to begin helping himself.

Morris went on to talk of the deaths of the Boston Celtics' draft pick, Len Bias, 22 and Cleveland Brown's safety, Don Rogers, 23, both caused by cocaine use this past summer.

He mentioned the unpredictability of cocaine and compared it to Russian Roulette. "If it was in the amount (of cocaine done), then I

solution, it is part of the problem," said Morris.

He criticized the Reagan administration's "War on Drugs" as lacking in understanding and, thus, ineffective. "We all make wrong choices-compassion and understanding are the answers to our drug problem."

After Morris spoke, a reception

"The problem was (with) me - not the coke."

self destructive behavior, according to Morris.

While playing half back at West Texas State University, Eugene Morris earned the nickname "Mercury" for his displays of speed and agility on the football field.

As a Dolphin, Morris appeared in three Super Bowls and three Pro Bowls. The first backfield duo in history to rush for more than 1000 yards each in a single season consisted of Morris and Larry Csonka.

retial on the grounds that his lawyers had not been allowed to present evidence of police entrapment.

In June, the Florida court decided that Morris had been unfairly arrested, and acquitted him.

Since that time, he has been presenting his views on drugs to audiences across the country.

The solution to the problem of drugs in society is not forced obedience, according to Morris, but

"If it was the amount (of cocaine done), then I would surely be dead by now."

would surely be dead by now," he stated.

The former running back said that though he is not opposed to mandatory drug testing, it is not effective unless follow-up help is given to those found using the drugs. "If it is not a part of the

was held outside the Reed Lecture Hall.

Mercury Morris' appearance was the first in Penn State-Behrend's newly established speaker series in which Sir Harold Wilson, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, is the next feature.

Coffee with the provost informal and informative

by Steve Aller
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The Reed seminar room was the scene of this year's first Coffee With The Provost session on Oct. 1. Beginning at 4:00, twenty-four students and faculty members attended to listen to and voice comments and ask questions directed at Dean Lilley on random campus affairs.

Those attending ranged from on and off campus students of varied majors to representatives of several campus organizations. Among those representatives were Doug Gainor, SGA president, Jack Horner, Collegian editor, Jamie Grimm, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs and Dohn Harshberger, Dean of Student Affairs, and many other concerned students wishing to meet and converse with Dean Lilley.

Subjects discussed were brought up at random by student questions. Dean Lilley was very willing to discuss any topic and positive or negative comments on any issue. A major topic of discussion was current and future campus construction of both a new bookstore and office buildings. As we all know, the Reed roof repair has not been able to keep up with the Reed roof 'demise.' With falling tiles turning the Reed Building into a 'Hard Hat Area - Proceed At Your Own Risk' zone every time it rains, a three year old plan to replace some of the roof tiles this year has become one to replace all of the ceiling tiles, or at least what's left at that time. Dean Lilley attributed this change in plans, of course, to our recent monsoon weather and gave credit where credit is due, calling the rain, "an act of God." In the meantime, don't be surprised to see students

walking around covered in plaster tile 'mush' - it's not the new style, simply fallout effects from kamikaze Reed ceiling tiles.

Construction on Behrend's new bookstore is scheduled to begin in May of next year with possible completion in January of 1986. Drawing plans, which will be finalized in scheduled to begin in May of next year with possible completion in January of 1986. Drawing plans, which will be finalized in the near future, place the new bookstore adjacent and connected to the Reed building with a glass-roofed courtyard between them. If plans continue as hoped, the present bookstore will become a lounge and the new courtyard will become a gathering place for students, including those waiting for both EMTA and Behrend Blue bus transportation as the bus stop will be relocated to the Reed Building. This new bookstore is being constructed with profit revenues earned at the Behrend and University Park bookstores.

The two new office buildings constructed next to Turnbull and behind the Carriage House offices are not temporary and will contain needed offices for faculty, some of which share uncomfortable spaces now. First floor Turnbull faculty offices are scheduled for future renovation which will probably cause unavoidable disruption to second floor classes. The discomfort of the construction on campus is partially because of the attempt to open the Reed Building as the full-fledged Student Union it was intended to be. The Student Government offices would remain.

One might wonder if all the construction, future and present, is in continued on page 2

Cub yearbook put on the shelf

By Barb Byers
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For various reasons, the 1985-86 issue of the Cub Yearbook was neither completed nor published.

Beth Anderson, the editor, attributed it to a general lack of interest on the part of her staff. "Basically they disbanded me in February," she said.

Anderson was on the staff of her high school yearbook for two years, she said, and felt that with a supportive staff she would be able to put one together at Behrend.

There were some problems inherent in beginning the 1985-86 issue. First, the staff was put together in mid-November, losing a month-and-a half of work time, and the deadline for publishing was set for February 17. With Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, time was significantly limited to put the desired 64-page publication together. Also, a debt of \$1779.38 was assumed from the previous year's issue. The Student Government Association then allocated them \$1056.00 for publishing as well as the \$1779.38 to remove their past debt.

"I'm not totally blameless but I'm not completely to blame" for the failure of the yearbook, Anderson said. There was "total apathy" within the staff, she said, and specifically with the two staff members responsible for soliciting advertisements.

Andria Sullivan was one of the ad solicitors. Her job, she said, was to call local businesses and describe the sizes and prices of ads they could purchase. A few ads were sold, she said, and the money went into the Cub Yearbook account with S.G.A. However, "After around January 1, when it seemed there wouldn't be a yearbook, we basically stopped soliciting ads. A

few more calls were made, but now we couldn't give these businesses any definite answers concerning the book and it was getting harder and harder to sell space," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also attributed the fate of the yearbook to lack of leadership. "There was a total lack of organization on her (Anderson's) part," she said. "The editor does have a certain responsibility to delegate work to the staff. At first, the interest was really there, but the editor was just never around to give us directions," Sullivan said.

Beth Anderson views the demise of the yearbook differently. "Because the ad solicitors weren't raising the needed funds, we couldn't continue working on the book," she said.

Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs said, "The issue is not why the yearbook didn't get published, but whether Behrend can even support a yearbook or not. Traditionally, yearbooks have always had a troubled history here. "University Park has offered in the past to include a section in its yearbook for Behrend, but it has never been done," she said.

Fifteen pages of material were submitted to the publishing company, Herff-Jones. "The yearbook could be finished with a more dedicated staff and more money; we need people who know what they are doing," Anderson said. "Anyone could put a yearbook together if it was just photographs," she said. "Typing, being creative and thinking of neat things to do—that's the hard part, and we just didn't have people who were capable of doing that," she said.

Anderson offered a suggestion to remedy this situation in the future. "Ideally," she said, "Behrend or any other college should have their

yearbook come out in the fall. That would mean the deadline for gathering material would be late spring, which would give us a lot more time to put the book together. A fall yearbook would also cover a whole school year instead of just one semester (because of the February deadline), she said. Although the fate of the Cub Yearbook is still largely unknown, those who wish to have their money refunded can do this by contacting Jamie Grimm in Student Affairs.

Wintergreen Café a class act

By Holly Lew
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The snack bar, once called "The Gorge," has been renamed "The Wintergreen Café," because of changes made during the past year in the transition from cafeteria to snack bar.

The Cafe once served as the dining hall when the only residence halls were Perry and Niagara Halls. According to Mike Ryan, head of Housing and Food service here, it was "The main dining hall for resident students. Everybody was eating out of cafeteria operations."

When the Lawrence residence hall was built, Dobbins Hall was constructed, and the cafeteria operation was moved there. The original cafeteria was utilized as a

snack bar, but "Taking a cafeteria line and calling it a snack bar just doesn't work," said Ryan.

"Basically it's the same operation we had last year, a year ago last summer, we renovated the entire kitchen and eating areas. We have changed our pizza shop hours and brought our pizza and snack-type foods out earlier than we did in the past," said Ryan. Another new feature is that students can use their meal passes at the snack bar. The grill area and salad bar were added, and "When we were putting the apartments on line, we saw a need for convenience store items to support the apartment residents," said Ryan. The convenience store was not intended to be a main source of groceries, but rather as a

place to buy "the types of things people run out of or can grab on the way to class," added Ryan.

Convenience store prices are slightly higher than supermarkets like Loblaw's or Giant Eagle charge. The convenience store buys from a convenience store supplier in smaller volumes than large grocery stores would. Consequently it does not get as good a deal as a grocery store would.

Ryan also said that one reason for changing the name of the snack bar was because, "The Gorge," isn't very "classy," and some students misunderstood "Meet at The Gorge," for "Meet at the gorge," and ended up in the woods.

Mercury Morris brings his anti-drug crusade to Behrend.

Photo by Paul Duda

Amnesty International opens chapter

By Craig Altmire
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Behrend students will soon have an opportunity to join an Amnesty International group that will meet on campus.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who work for the release of prisoners of conscience—those imprisoned for their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence.

The organization also works for fair and prompt trials of prisoners as well as the elimination of executions and torture.

The Behrend group's first meeting will take place Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

A short video outlining Amnesty's efforts and ways in which groups can help was shown at Behrend on Oct. 7.

307 communities and over 200 campuses across the country have groups that support Amnesty International.

"All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to consider becoming active members in Behrend's Amnesty group," said Barb Pastwa, Behrend student and the group's organizer. Support for Amnesty Interna-

tion is widespread. Several rock musicians support the organization in the form of concert fundraisers.

In 1981, "The Secret Policeman's Other Ball" featured artists such as Sting and Phil Collins and again this past summer many musicians joined together to benefit Amnesty. This tour included artists such as U2, Peter Gabriel, Bob Geldof, Don Henley, and Tom Petty.

Members of the Behrend community wishing to join or obtain information about Behrend's Amnesty International Group may go to the meetings or contact Barb at the Veterans' Affairs Office, 898-6335.

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