

Lawson active in drug awareness programs

by Vicki Sebring
 Collegian Staff Writer

Lucien Lawson, maintenance and operations supervisor at Penn State-Behrend, was the guest speaker for the January 20th meeting of the Erie County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Lawson, the state chairman for the drug and alcohol program for the Pennsylvania Elk State Association, discussed the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks' Drug and Awareness Program, which he has been actively involved in since its inception four years ago.

The Elks program is a widely spread prevention organization which relies on concerned community members such as Lawson. As a volunteer he has devoted 15 years as a district chairman and more recently has been upgraded to a state chairman position. While serving in the Vietnam War, he saw several colleagues turn to drug use as a way to escape; however, they were in fact pushing themselves toward destruction. This reason, and his understanding of the pressures that kids have to deal with today, provoked him to get involved in this program.

Prevention is the Elks' main objective; they want to stop drug use before it starts. They do this by focusing their attention on the youth in the fourth through ninth grades. This age group is targeted because it has flexible attitudes and behaviors and can still be influenced against drugs. "Our program is aimed at prevention, and we feel that anybody, or most anybody

that is beyond that age falls more into rehabilitation," says Lawson.

The idea is to make them aware of the consequences of using drugs so they can make the decision themselves to stay clear of drugs. The Elks do not claim to be professionals in dealing with the treatment of users; what they do claim to be is the catalyst which can bring the community's professionals together to bear upon the problem. They are the facilitators who activate everything. They provide financial help and provide a place for everyone to gather for meetings. They distribute informational pamphlets and brochures to the public. Their target drugs are marijuana and cocaine. "Other organizations are out there for alcohol abuse and rehabilitation. We work with these organizations, but we deal mostly on the prevention of marijuana and cocaine use." The Elks work with other community-centered establishments as allies. Cooperation with existing programs is imperative. It keeps from duplicating, counteracting and convicting programs.

Lawson is an active supporter of President Reagan's campaign against drug abuse. He will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the 3 day International Conference of the National Parents' Resource Institution for Drug Education, Inc. (P.R.I.D.E.) on March 18, where First Lady Nancy Reagan and Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D., deputy assistant to President Reagan, will be featured speakers for the conference.

Representing the Elks at the conference will be Mr. Lawson along

with 49 other state chairmen. More information combatting the fight against drugs can be obtained April 1st on campus.



Lucien Lawson, maintenance supervisor.

Photo by Holly Lew

Campus club report

Inter-club council

by Matt Farkis
 ICC President

The Inter-Club Council, on Feb 3, held the first in a series of workshops that will be conducted this semester. Tuesday's workshop was presented by Major McDavid and it was all about a "New Concept in Leadership." These workshops will be held every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Reed Seminar Room (R116). The next workshop will be on Feb. 17.

The Inter-Club Council has also reviewed some club constitutions and they are now ready to be picked up by the respective clubs applying for charters.

Also, the Inter-Club Council would like to remind all the clubs that they MUST send a representative to the regular meetings of the ICC.

Pre-med advisor, cont. from page 1

courses. We don't want to do that, and the reason we don't want to do that is that students who take this pre-med curriculum don't end up with a major: that is, they take a bunch of physics, a bunch of chemistry, a bunch of biology, a bunch of math, a bunch of other stuff, but they don't have a 'major' in any of the above areas. Now nationwide, about half the students who apply to medical school get in; the other half don't. That means that, on the average, fifty percent of students who take the pre-med curriculum have nothing, or very little, to fall back on...so if you don't get into medical school they have other avenues open to them...but what we want to do is make sure that students have the right courses and all the information they need. We don't want to put them into some box called "pre-med" from which, four years from now, they may find it difficult to get out."

Dr. Baldwin's recommendations for courses other than ones prescribed in the blue book included "any work in a hospital or doctor's office" to find out if "you can stand the sight of blood." He also recommends at least some extracurricular activities, "because the student who applies to med school and has nothing on his record by way of extracurricular activities is not likely to get in...the directors of admission of all Pennsylvania's...medical schools...see students with terrific grade-point averages who have done nothing outside the classroom, and they're always suspicious of these students. They want...well-rounded people who have some leadership qualities."

Having only about seventeen students officially advised by him, Dr. Baldwin commented that "we don't have enough students that have gone from here into medical school to be able to point and say 'We've had so many students who've gotten into medical school in the past ten years.' We have had students who have gone from here and gotten into some very fine medical schools, but the numbers are not large because up until very recently, most students either wanted or had to go to University

Park. What we're trying to do is establish a reputation as a good place to prepare yourself for medical school...the only way we can do it is by having students who are willing, in a sense, to entrust themselves to us. It has nothing to do with a problem at Behrend. We can offer as good an education as any other college. What we don't have is a record to point to."

Are there any points to stress to the students in the Behrend community who might be interested in pursuing a pre-med curriculum? "Yes. One thing I would like to get across is that I am the repository for information about medical schools and about procedures. For example, if anybody wants to take the MCAT exam, I have the applications. Also, many students, in order to prepare for the MCAT exams, take a special course offered by the Kaplan people...it's available at Gannon. Cost of the course is \$400; so it's not only an intellectual and emotional commitment, it's a financial commitment...that's why I have lots of information here. One other thing is that next fall I hope to offer a one-credit course for pre-med students, and bring in some medical people - doctors, nurses, med students, hospital administrators - so that students can not only find out whether medicine is right for them, but also what branch of medicine...and to find out what doctoring means in the twentieth century."

"The main thing I would like to stress is that: one, at Behrend pre-med is not a curriculum, it's an advising system; and two, there is no magic curriculum that will get you into medical school. All the med schools tell me they don't care what you major in, but they do care about your grades, your MCAT scores, and that you do show some demonstrable commitment to people."

Students interested in medical school and who are not presently in contact with Dr. Baldwin may contact him at the West Carriage House Annex, room three, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:25 am to 10:40 am or on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. His phone extension is 6273.

Dr. Dale hosts talk show

by Holly Lew
 Collegian Staff Writer



Dr. Sharon Dale, Asst. Professor of Art History.

Dr. Sharon Dale, assistant professor of art history, is hosting "Major League Issues," a monthly television program on CTV-13.

The show, sponsored by Meadville's League of Women Voters and C-Span, "presents an interview with an area legislator or a forum on a single issue of interest to the local community," said Dale. C-Span, having previously covered Congressional forums, worked with CTV-13 (a Meadville television station), and "Major League Issues" was created.

"Essentially we're trying to give politics a more broad appeal and to create an informed electorate—people who know who they're voting for and why they're voting for this person rather than just on the basis of looks or on the basis of where their name appears on the ballot," said Dale. Studies show that candidates whose names appear at the top of the ballot do better than those whose names are at the end.

Dale interviewed Erie's Congressman Tom Ridge for last month's show, which was broadcast three times on cable vision, and she taped an interview with Roy Wilt, state representative from the 50th district (which includes Crawford and Mercer counties). The Wilt interview will not be broadcast in Erie but Dale plans on interviewing Senators Hines and Spector which will be shown in Erie. Broadcast days and times vary monthly.

Dale first became interested in educating the public about the legislature last year when she was a delegate moderating candidates' forums at a state convention in Harrisburg.

Besides aiming at educating the public, Dale would like to see more involvement and more people running for legislative positions. Dale also would like students, both male and female, to become involved in the production of "Major League Issues."

Encyclopedia donated to Behrend library

Dr. J. M. Davis, associate professor of English at Penn State-Behrend, represented the Canadian Consulate General as he presented a complimentary copy of a new three-volume *Canadian Encyclopedia* to the college's library on Feb. 3.

Because of his continuing study of Canadian history, Davis was asked by Sydney Harris, the Canadian Consul General, to present

the gift on the consulate's behalf.

Davis recently received a 1987 Canadian Studies Faculty Research Grant through the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D. C. The grant is designed to promote the United States' studies in Canadian literature, culture, and society.

The award helped the Behrend professor continue his travels to Canadian libraries to complete research for his book, *Conversa-*

tion with Robertson Davies. The book, anthology of interviews with the well-known Canadian novelist, was contracted by the University Press of Mississippi to be part of a series of similar books of interviews with leading writers, including Edward Albee, William Styron, Walker Percy and Eudora Welty.

Davis' book will be at the publisher's by September 1988.

The donation of the *Canadian Encyclopedia* by the Consul General is to recognize Davis as a recipient of the research grant and to further interest in Canada and Canadian Studies at Behrend.

Davis presented the encyclopedia to Penn State-Behrend Librarian Robert Rose at 11 a.m. in the Reed Building library.

A reception followed.

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Center as a supplement to classroom instruction.

Students wanting to know more about the services of the center should stop by Turnbull Hall, Room 205. Tutors are available most hours Monday through Friday. Check the appointment board for specific times.

Hours: Math - Monday 9:00-4:00, Tuesday 9:00-12:00 and 3:00-9:00, Wednesday 9:00-4:00,

Thursday 9:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00, and 4:00-9:00, Friday 9:00-3:00.

English - Monday 1:00-7:00, Tuesday 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-6:00, Wednesday 1:00-7:00, Thursday 10:00-2:00, Friday 1:00-7:00. Spanish - Monday 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00-12:00, Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m. Business - By appointment only. (See ASC appointment board.)

S.G.A. Minutes



* President Doug Gairor called the Wed., February 4th Government meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Reed lecture hall, instead of the seminar room, in order to allow the student body a chance to view an SGA meeting in progress. Attendance was minimal.

* The Joint Residence Council is still continuing it's Valentine's Day Rose Sale. Longstem roses are being offered for \$2.00 and sweetheart roses are available in yellow, red, pink, and white and cost \$1.50.

* The Student Programming Council announced this weekend's movie as "The Color Purple." They also voted to accept SGA's Donny Iris ticket price recommendations of one dollar for activities card holders, \$3.00 for non-card holding students, and \$7.00 for the community. Both SGA and SPC will share the credit and expenses for the planned future performance.

* Plans are being discussed for a possible SGA dinner dance in the spring at Peek 'n' Peak.

* President Doug Gairor presented information on future Penn State recruitment positions for students. Two meetings will be held here and one at University Park for students interested in returning to their high schools over the summer to recruit future Penn State students. More information and details will be provided in the future.

New scholarship offered

University Park, Pa.--The Joseph H. DeFrees Scholarship has been established at the Behrend College of The Pennsylvania State University to recognize outstanding students from Warren County, the Board of Trustees was told on Jan 16.

The initial principal of \$50,000 has been established with gifts from the DeFrees Family Founda-

tion, Allegheny Valve Co., and Allegheny Coupling Co., all of Warren.

Consideration for the scholarship will be given to students whose home address is Warren County and who are enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Behrend. Candidates must possess superior academic records. If there are no eligible students from Warren

County, consideration will be given to other Penn State-Behrend students.

Recipients will be selected by the Behrend College Scholarship Committee. The number and amount of scholarships will be determined by the selection committee. Each scholarship will be awarded for one year but may be renewed if recipients continue to be eligible.

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