

Griesbach Resigns

by Ray Sines
Collegian Staff Writer

Pam Griesbach has left Behrend Campus Ministry after seven years of service.

On August 1, 1981, Campus Ministry was initiated jointly by Griesbach and Dean Donald Harshbarger. While working as a parish helper in the Messiah Lutheran Church in Wesleyville, Griesbach felt the need to extend her evangelistic outreach to the Behrend College.

Griesbach contacted Harshbarger in the summer of 1981 and arranged office space for an on-campus counseling ministry. She then solicited as many local ministers as were willing to volunteer their time to help counsel students.

These ministers volunteered to provide professional counseling during school hours.

From these ministers, along with Harshbarger and Griesbach, a volunteer Campus Ministry Board was formed. Griesbach stated that one of their first priorities of the board was to formulate a mission statement.

Their mission was: 1) to be a religious presence in an academic setting; 2) to provide students, faculty and staff with a broad scope of religious experience; 3) to provide worship, learning, service and fellowship opportunities; 4) to provide a support system based on listening, caring and sharing, and 5) to provide response to expressed needs.

After six years of coordinating activities, Griesbach enrolled at Behrend as a non-degree student.

After completing a class here in psychology, she felt urged to do more in the area of parish nursing. "I feel sure that this is what God wants me to do," Griesbach said. She immediately decided to try a microbiology course at Saint Vincent School of Nursing, sponsored through Villa Maria.

Griesbach found the nursing program to be very rigid and she felt that she could no longer do justice to Campus Ministry, her family of four, and the school simultaneously. "I feel that Campus Ministry needs someone who can devote a lot of time—a lot more time than I am able to give now. I love Campus Ministry too much to have them try to juggle their schedule around my schedule," she said.

She is now enrolled as a half-time student (seven credits) at Saint Vincent School of Nursing and "hitting the books very hard." Griesbach has a 16-year-old son named Todd and a 10-year-old daughter named Kira. She has their support as well as the full support of her husband, Walter, in her decision.

Sister Maria O'Connor, the Board's present chairperson, is temporarily acting as Campus Ministry Coordinator. The Campus Ministry Board today consists of Sister Maria O'Connor, Rev. Gregory Prince, Rev. Ronald Garret, Rev. Raymond Sines, Dean Christopher Reber, Dr. Zack Irwin, Mrs. Cathy Mester, Mrs. Bonnie Magee and Mr. Steve Sandbakken.

O'Connor, speaking on behalf of the entire Campus Ministry Board, said, "we're extremely grateful to Pam for the good work she has done. Continued on bottom of page

Behrend Enrollment Up

In spite of a drop in the number of new freshmen, Penn State-Behrend has reached a record-breaking fall semester enrollment for the seventh consecutive year.

The college's total enrollment (including both traditional students and students enrolled in for-credit Continuing Education programs) is up 9.7% over last fall's count. The increase brings the college's total enrollment to 2,813, according to unofficial figures from the Registrar's Office.

Individually, the number of traditional, full-time students has risen 9.6%, and the credit area of Continuing Education has recorded an 8.2% increase.

Perhaps most significant, according to Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley, are the shifts in enrollment for both the freshman class and the college's junior and senior classes.

While the number of freshmen enrolling at Penn State-Behrend has decreased from 772 in the fall of 1987 to 677 this year, the number of Behrend majors has increased by 8%. Students who are Behrend majors have chosen to spend all four years at the college, rather than transferring to University Park or Capital College campuses.

"We have consciously redistributed our enrollment according to the strategic plan for the college," explained Lilley. "We are increasing our admission standards and consciously cutting the number of students enrolling as freshmen each year. We're focusing our attentions on increasing our upper division enrollments."

"There are nineteen places where you can start a Penn State education, but there are only three where you can finish. We want to continue building our reputation as one of the best places for students to complete their Penn State degrees."

According to Lilley, just under 10,000 students who applied to Penn State for the fall semester named Behrend as a choice of location. "More and more students are finding that Penn State-Behrend, as the small college with the big degree, is the right choice for them," he said.

Lilley was also pleased with the 7.8% increase for the Penn State Masters of Business Administration program. "We created this program at the request of our region," he said. "Obviously, the people in this region are responding positively to the chance to earn a Penn State MBA in Erie."

Behrend is a Crime Watch Campus, with hundreds of student's, faculty, and staff. This program is aimed at reducing vandalism and theft and has been an effective deterrent of these crimes on many campuses. A participant in Crime Watch agrees to report suspicious activity or crime to the police. Physical confrontations or following a suspect are forbidden. The Behrend Crime Watch Program has six groups: one for each residence hall, one for the campus apartments, one for commuter students, and one for faculty and staff. Meetings with crime prevention themes are held each semester for each new group, but attendance is voluntary. Call 898-6101 if you would like more information.

Voter Registration Drive

This year, 1988, is an election year. However, little over half of the 27 million people in the 18-24 age group are registered. Plus, only 41% of the registered voters exercised that right in 1984. This has not gone unnoticed.

The National Student Campaign for Voter Registration, headquartered in Washington D.C., has set up an effort to register more students and get them to come out and vote on November 8.

The Political Awareness Club, a non-partisan group on campus, has decided to join in this effort. They are looking for volunteers to assist in planning and implementing a registration drive at Behrend. The club also plans to follow up the drive with a "Get-Out-the-Vote" effort.

Volunteers are needed to design and post signs around campus and

man tables where registration forms would be distributed and explained.

A debate on the platforms of each presidential candidate is also planned, and volunteers are needed to help with logistics.

All of these plans, though, need your input. If interested in any aspect of the registration or voting drive, please contact David Friend in either the S.G.A. or Collegian office.

Drug Abuse Drops

Drug abuse is down on campuses around the nation. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, cocaine use among college students dropped from 17% in 1980 to 13% in 1987.

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and for making the transaction easy. This year we hope to increase the connectedness of the Campus Ministry and Campus, so that every student knows we're here and why."



Freshman Kellie Jordan demonstrates her tie-dyeing expertise.

photo by M. B. Zowistowski

Computer Center

by Carolyn Dudas

The Behrend College Computer Center can help ease the tension and pressure of typing a paper. How? The Computer Center has several word processing packages available to students: MacWrite for the Macintosh and IBM Writing Assistant, Microsoft Word, and WordPerfect for IBM PC's and compatible computers.

These packages range from the simple to the complex in both the features offered and in ease of use. For example, IBM Writing Assistant and MacWrite are easy-to-use, no frills software packages. If you're new to computers or to word processing and require nothing more than the standard features used on a typewriter, then these packages may be what you need.

More advanced users who need to perform more complex functions such as automatic footnoting, column formatting, and mail-merges (commonly used to send out "personalized" cover letters to prospective employers), then you might want to consider using Microsoft Word or WordPerfect.

So whether you are a novice or a more advanced user, one of these

Student Senators Elected

Ten new senators joined the Student Government Association this fall.

Two Freshman Senators were elected by freshmen during voting held on September 7 and 8 and eight Commuter and Resident Senators were elected by the Senate at the August 31 S.G.A. meeting.

Freshman Senators are Meggan Iverson and Patrick Head.

Elected Commuter Senators were Randy Eadie, Brian Kowaleski, Dave Kravetz, Tom Lepovsky, Tina McGinnis, and Beth Wilson.

The new Resident Senators are Ala Stanford and David Friend.

The new Commuter and Resident Senators were elected to fill vacancies caused by residency changes of senators elected last spring.

Eating Concerns

An eating concerns support group is being formed on the Behrend campus.

The first meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, at the Student Health Center. Anyone interested in more information about anorexia, bulimia, or compulsive overeating is invited to stop by or call the Health Center at ext. 6217 and ask for Patty. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Left untreated, an eating disorder leads to serious physical complications. These may include high or low blood pressure, malnutrition, fatigue, heart damage, stroke, lack of menstrual periods, hyperactivity, and loss of hair (head).

Homesick Help

by Dr. Louanne Barton

Most students experience some degree of homesickness when they first come to Behrend. A college setting is different from most students' previous experiences.

Homesickness can be manifested by feelings of anxiety about separation from loved ones, anxiety about performance, feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as in a number of other ways.

While homesickness can be painful, it also presents us with an opportunity to take charge of our lives and learn new skills for dealing with our emotions and with others. When we work to master homesickness we can increase our range of comfortable emotions which usually leads to increased self-esteem and a sense of independence.

First, you must accept that you are experiencing a feeling of loss and discomfort. It may take some time for you to feel as comfortable here as you do at home. But you are capable of surviving these feelings if you allow yourself to calm down and get oriented.

Secondly, analyze yourself—what experience, thing or person are you missing the most. For some it is a parent or friend who will listen. For others it's a role as a school leader. It can be the presence of children, people of similar values, or a tropical climate.

Ask yourself how you can begin to experience these things. Who else can listen to you? How

can you get involved as a leader here or find people of similar values?

Take action. Structure your time. Participate in orienting activities (both formal and informal).

Limit the amount of time you consciously think of home. Focus on what you can do now at Behrend. Examples: decorate your room, learn where to play your favorite sports, go to a movie, visit the mall, find out about clubs on campus and go to a meeting.

Focus on things that relax you: deep breathing, listening to music, going for a walk, exercising, talking with a friend.

Try to make new friends by talking with those on your floor or in class.

Plan trips home and contacts with family by phone or letter. A continuing connection with home exists even when you are physically here.

Remember that, believe it or not, the pain of homesickness does ease with time.

Finally, if you need help, support groups are available.

Personal Counseling Services is located at 213 Glennhill Farmhouse. The phone number is 6203. Students are free to either drop in from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday or to schedule appointments.

Health Bulletin

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Are you curious about high-level wellness? Do you wonder what holistic health is? Do you have ideas about how to improve the Health Center and/or the health of the Behrend Community? Can you write, draw, organize people or events? Are you interested in becoming involved? If you are a student, faculty, or staff member and can answer YES to any of the above questions, the Health Advisory Board needs you. The Board plans wellness programs throughout the year and addresses health issues specific to the Behrend College. This year some of the projects will include sponsoring a Blood Drive Competition, promoting a Living Organ Donor Program, and planning a spring Wellness Awareness Week. If you are interested in joining, please call Patty at 898-6217.

Wintergreen Cafe & Convenience Store

Fall Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

7 am - 11 pm

Friday

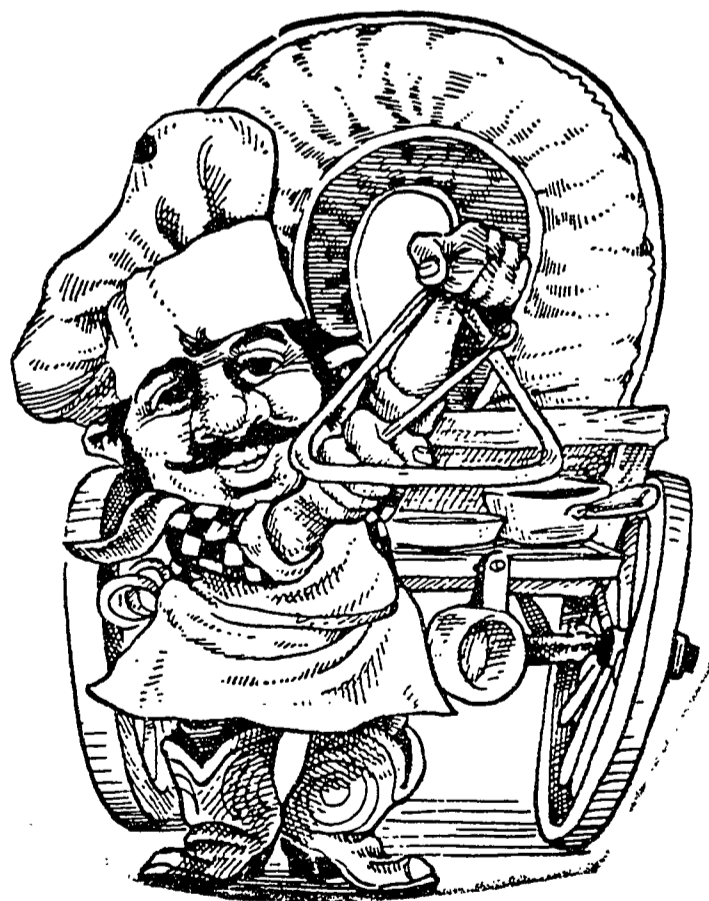
7 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday

11 am - 4 pm

Sunday

6 pm - 11 pm



Breakfast served from 7 am - 10:30 am
Lunch served from 11 am - 2 pm
Pizza shop opens at 5 pm Mon. - Thurs.

A La Board* and Diners Club Welcome
(also good for convenience store)

* not valid from 11 am - 1 pm (Mon. - Fri.)