

# News

## Behrend Briefs

**Good Friday Service** An ecumenical Good Friday worship service, with a reading of the Passion according to St. John and slides and music, will be held on March 24 at 9 am in the Reed Lecture Hall. Sponsored by Campus Ministry.

**Elementary Education Majors** Elementary Ed. majors are needed for student helpers at Diehl Elementary School on Tuesdays or Thursdays for one-hour sessions from 9-10 am or 1-2 pm. For more information contact Brenda at 864-5088 or M.C. at 898-6693.

**Eating Concerns** The Eating Concerns support group will resume weekly meetings at 7 pm on Thursdays (note change from last semester). Anyone concerned about eating behavior is welcome to attend this informal support group. For more information call Louanne Barton at ext. 6203 or Patty Pasky McMahon at ext. 6217.

**Health Center Hours** Physician hours are: Wednesday and Thursday, 1 pm-4 pm. Nurse practitioner hours are: Monday and Tuesday, 1 pm-10 pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 8 am-1 pm; Friday, 8 am-5 pm. The Health Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8 am-10 pm; Friday, 8 am-9 pm; Saturday, 9 am-1 pm.

**Fashion** The Association of Black Collegians will hold their annual spring fashion show at 7 pm on April 22. Persons seeking more information should contact any club member.

**Quality Sciences Scholarships** The American Society for Quality Control, Energy division, has two scholarships available. Students pursuing a career in the Quality Sciences, statistics, quality planning and management, etc. should apply. More information is available in the Financial Aid Office, 221 Glenhill. The deadline is April 30, 1989.

**Amnesty International** Amnesty International meetings are held every Tuesday in the upper Winter Green lobby from 4-5 pm.

**Counseling** Personal counseling and support groups are available. Stop in at 213 Glenhill Farmhouse Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm or call 898-6203. Appointments can be made in the Financial Aid Office.

## Salman Rushdie Reading A Celebration of Rights



Dr. Greg Morris reads from *The Satanic Verses* as students and faculty look on.

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A crowd of approximately 80 students, faculty, and staff - as well as a handful of Erie residents - gathered in the Reed Building's Winter Garden last Wednesday night to participate in a public reading of Salman Rushdie's controversial book, "The Satanic Verses."

The reading was organized by Dr. Colleen Kelley (associate professor of Humanities), Dr. Greg Morris (associate professor of English) and John Coleman (lecturer of English) as a show of support for the first amendment right of freedom of expression.

"We are not here tonight to try to club Iran to death. We are

not here to particularly praise Rushdie's work. We are here to simply say that we'll read what we please and we'll read it aloud if we please."

This opening statement by Coleman set the tone for what amounted to the reading of almost three chapters of "The Satanic Verses." This was accomplished by circulating the book throughout the crowd allowing anyone to read as much as he or she desired. The reading was followed by an open discussion about first amendment rights and how they must be protected.

The question of whether the book was, humorous adult fiction or an intentional attack on the Moslem religion was brought by

a participant of the reading. Dr. Kelley responded saying that, either way, "It is still censorship and it leads to suppression."

Another topic of discussion was brought up by Dr. Steven DeHart (associate professor of German studies), "Why weren't we doing this a month ago?" The consensus was that Americans (including most people on this campus) are generally apathetic about freedom of speech and that literature doesn't play a major role in society today.

Many participants in the reading stressed that their overall argument was that Americans have certain rights and if those rights are not protected now, there will be no recovering them when they are gone.

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