

Behrend Briefs

The Collegian has a new advisor. Dr. Mike Simmons, a long-time member of Behrend's communications department, has replaced the newspaper's former advisor, Nancy McGartland. In addition to his work at Behrend, Simmons is an outdoor writer, writing regularly for both Field and Stream and for Erie's Times Publishing Company.

Loan Counseling sessions are available by appointment in the Financial Aid Office, located in the Glennhill Farmhouse.

MillCreek Art Show will be held September 16 and 17 at Asbury Barn at 4106 Asbury Road. Millcreek residents are eligible to register their work.

Art 110 Students - Portfolios from spring and summer semesters are available to be picked up in Mr. Charney's office during posted office hours. His phone number is 6450.

Tenure Status has been granted to Dr. James Kurre, associate professor of economics, and to Dr. Ralph Eckert, assistant professor of history.

Tequila Sunrise, SPC's movie of the week, will be shown at midnight Saturday in Reed 117.

Our Mistake. Art instructor Ed Charney was incorrectly identified last spring in The Collegian's final edition. Charney was mistakenly identified as Art Charney.

Free Condoms and answers to your questions on birth control and sexually transmitted diseases. 7 pm tonight in Lawrence Lobby.

Lynn and Friends comedy and ventriloquism act 8 pm Sept. 9 in Reed 117.

All U Day. Watch Penn State Square off against Boston College on Saturday, Sept. 23. Check in the SGA office for details.

Crime Watch Campus - Check in the office of police and safety for details on participating in Behrend's program.

Can't Find Your Mailbox? All commuters now have on-campus mailboxes. If you need to know which one belongs to you or how to get in it, stop in the mailroom. They can help.

Behrend's Policy on Sexual Assault Expanded

by John Sweet
Collegian Staff Writer

Patty McMahon, Behrend's Nurse-Practitioner, has been a key figure in expanding the school's policy on sexual assault.

Numerous services have been implemented including: emergency transportation by taxi or ambulance to a hospital for treatment if someone has been assaulted, costs of exams, routine testing, and rape care.

McMahon states that it is best to have someone other than a friend or relative to provide emotional support. She is willing to accompany any victim to deal with the details and procedures involved after a rape has been committed.

She reports rape is best averted through insight. Some suggestions for prevention include double dating, avoiding drugs and alcohol, staying away from any activities that make you feel uncomfortable at a party or on a date, and if all else fails, screaming or running away.

"Education is our biggest ally," said Randy Hoffman, manager of the Police and Safety Department. He believes that people aren't aware of what acts constitute rape. Since 1985, the earliest date in his files, there have been no reported cases of rape on campus.

However, Dr. Louanne Barton, Personnel Counselor in the Reed Building, had a different view.

"Over the four years I have been here I have only been aware of two instances." She went on to say that the victims are there, they just are not coming forward for the help and treatment they may need.

If you are a victim of rape, recently or in the past, contact Patty McMahon at the Health Center (898-6217) or the Rape Crisis Center of Erie (870-0787) for help. If you or your friends, sorority, fraternity, or residence

hall is concerned about receiving more information, contact McMahon at the Health Center to set up a meeting to talk about sexual assault.

Orientation Week Was a Long Time in the Planning

by Chris Dyne
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August 19 marked the official start of Orientation Week 1989. The events that took place that week were devised to familiarize new students with the college environment, to introduce them to the academic side and co-curricular activities at Behrend.

The planning and preparation of Orientation Week ran from the beginning of Spring semester through the end of summer, and proved to be worthwhile.

The Coordinator of Student Organizations and Program Development, Kevin Downey, was Chairperson of the Orientation Program. Beth Buck and Ray Van Dusen were the intern co-chairpersons. This was Kevin's first year working with

"Because of the time and effort put

in by Beth and Ray, this year's orientation week was the best ever."

There were also 56 student orientation leaders who "did an excellent job of welcoming the students, and making their transition to PSU smooth," added Downey.

Highlights of the week included "Playfair", small group meetings, and a visit from "The Astonishing Neil."

Playfair, billed as "The Ultimate Ice Breaker", was comprised of audience participation, group exercises, and comedy routines. Students had varied opinions to how it affected them.

In the planning of the small groups, the entire Freshman student body was broken down into groups of 15 to 20 people. This was done to make it easier for the new students to get to

know each other. Although this was supposed to be one of the better activities, many students found it to be "boring", "stupid", and "a waste of time"; and didn't bother showing up for their second meeting.

Probably the most remembered event that week was a visit from "The Astonishing Neil", a psychic entertainer and hypnotist. Throughout the night Neil did everything from reciting your social security number to making the hypnotic volunteers fall to the ground in a deep sleep.

All in all, the orientation week was a big hit, and all who attended benefited from it. Co-chairperson Beth Buck comments, "This year's orientation week went exceptionally great, and the orientation leaders and faculty helped a great deal."

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