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Police cite 17 students for underage drinking at Perry Hall party; two face criminal charges

Hosts face fines of \$36,000 each; and University disciplinary action

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Two Behrend freshmen could each be facing fines of \$36,000 after Behrend police officers broke up a party in Perry Hall last Thursday evening.

Officers issued 15 citations for underage drinking and filed criminal complaints against roommates Chad E. Bridge and Gregory M. Brauser.

Acting on a tip, police officers entered Room 102 on the men's side of Perry Hall. They were armed with a search warrant, which allowed officers to search for evidence of alcohol and marijuana.

While no other drugs were found, police confiscated quantities of beer and hard liquor.

The party was broken up at approximately 10:30 pm when four officers and one student patrol arrived at Perry Hall.

Officers waited outside the room's window to guard against students leaving the room, according to Randy Hoffman, Behrend Police and Safety manager.

To help guarantee good behavior on the part of both police and students, the arrest procedures were videotaped, according to Hoffman, who notes videotaping often has a calming effect on everyone involved and discourages irrational actions.

Of those attending, three Behrend students and one non-student were not cited. Each of the 15 students cited faces fines of up to \$300 for first offenses, and up to \$500 for additional offenses.

Underage drinking also carries with it a suspension of driver's license for 90 days for the first offense, one year for the second offense, and two years for subsequent offenses.

Hoffman notes Police and Safety has learned at least two of those cited are on their second or third offenses.

The freshmen allegedly hosting the party face third-degree misdemeanor charges for furnishing alcohol to minors. If found guilty they face a minimum penalty of \$1,000 for the first underage guest and \$2,500 for each guest thereafter.

Bridge and Brauser say they have retained lawyers in the matter and offered no public comment.

Charges were filed against the two before District Justice Peter Nakowski of Harborcreek, where the Collegian learned their identities.

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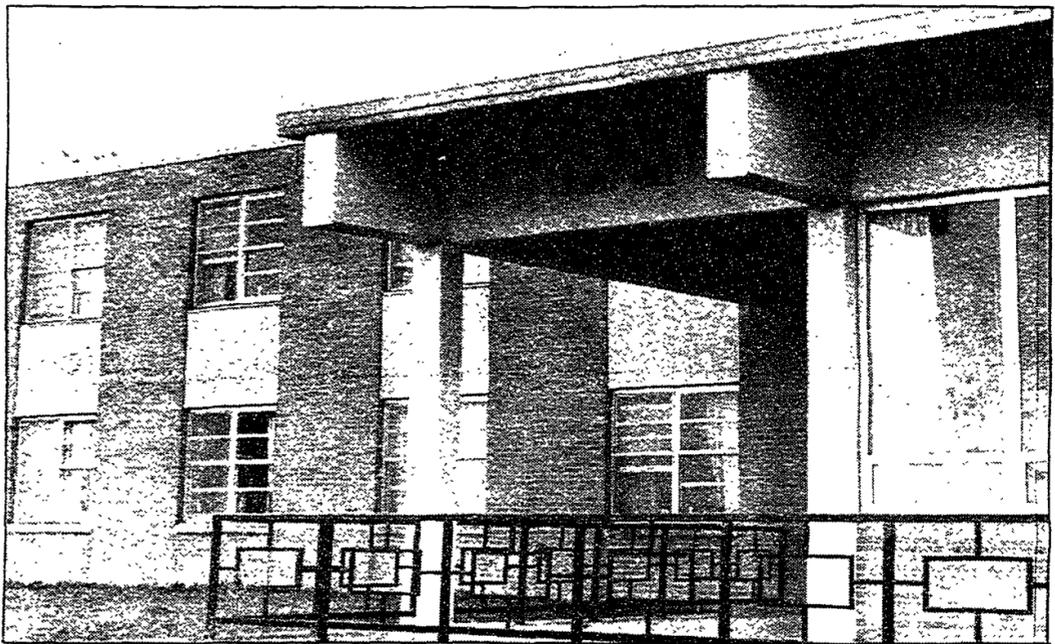
Penn State policy does not permit campus police to release names of students charged in on-campus crimes.

In addition to criminal charges, all students involved in the party could face disciplinary action from the University, according to Associate Dean of Student Services P.J. Brown.

Brown explains that in determining disciplinary measures, she must follow an established policy of progressive disciplinary action.

"Hopefully this makes a statement to the college community," said Hoffman. "The laws are out there and we're paid to enforce them."

The 15 citations issued at Perry Hall last week compare to a total of 16 citations for underage drinking issued by campus police in 1988.



Perry Hall: Site of recent party, raided by campus police.

photo by Julie Tibolla

Inter-Greek Council rejects new fraternity, appeal filed

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Behrend's Inter-Greek Council has rejected a constitution proposed by fraternity hopeful Zeta Beta Tau.

The action was taken at last Wednesday's IGC meeting.

Although rejected by IGC, it is possible for ZBT to be accepted by Student Government. The fraternity's appeal goes before SGA at their meeting on Wednesday and will be voted on within two weeks.

"We're disappointed but we haven't lost hope," said Mike Ondish, vice president of ZBT.

There have been several new additions to Greek life in the past year, and members of IGC feel that the Greek system is too unstable to facilitate another fraternity right now, according to IGC President Dave Johnson.

Shields is currently working

IGC consists of 26 voting members and a non-voting president who decides in the event of a tie. All members come from the five fraternities and three sororities presently on campus.

According to Johnson, ZBT is a good organization with strong leadership, but the council feels that there is not enough room right now.

"Personally, if it would have come down to me, I would have voted for ZBT. They could have brought a lot of stability to the Greek system," said Johnson.

David Shields, assistant dean of student services, who advises the Greek system, echoed IGC's sentiments.

"We have to concentrate on infrastructure development as opposed to growth at this time. I would like to have two years without any new groups," said Shields.

on a guide to Greek life for Behrend. It would help with policies, information, and future plans.

Marty Cunningham, SGA vice president and IGC member, feels the fraternity's chances for SGA acceptance without IGC's approval are slim.

"It usually doesn't happen," said Cunningham.

"I can see some real problems if we (SGA) start doing that."

Cunningham further explained that SGA respects the decisions of all the smaller councils within the student government and relies heavily on their recommendations.

IGC's current stance of not expanding might also affect another new fraternity hopeful, Kappa Alpha Psi, which submitted its constitution last Wednesday. IGC votes on it next week.