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Liberal, conservative clash in annual debate

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It was liberal against conservative Saturday night during the second installment of Behrend's 1989 speaker series.

A debate featuring William Rusher and Morton Kondracke was held Saturday evening in Erie Hall as part of the school's annual Parents Weekend.

Their debate, entitled "The Bush Report Card," was presented to a near-capacity crowd.

Kondracke, who calls himself a cold-war liberal, is currently the senior editor of *The New Republic* and appears frequently as a panelist on "The McLaughlin Group," "This Week with David Brinkley," and "Point-Counterpoint."

Rusher, a conservative Republican, has been the publisher of *National Review* since 1957. Presently, he writes a column syndicated in over 200 newspapers worldwide and has

spoken professionally across the nation.

Kondracke, who won a coin toss to see who would open the debate, began with a 15 minute discussion in which he talked about the recent coup in Panama, before moving on to his views on Michael Dukakis and Ronald Reagan.

Kondracke brought home his liberal viewpoint with an example to which his audience could relate.

"If it were up to the conservatives, most people in this room would not be having a college education," he said.

He continued by saying that President Bush has been neglecting the fundamental problems of debt, the underclass, and education.

Rusher began his introductory speech by suggesting Bush is a cautious, rarely original president with a relaxed touch.

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Annual debate: Liberal Morton Kondracke argues a point while his debate opponent, Republican William Rusher looks on. The debate was held in Erie Hall last Saturday night as a highlight of Parents' Weekend.

Police investigate four alcohol-related incidents; stop prank caller

by Carol Mander
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Behrend's department of Police and Safety investigated four separate alcohol-related incidents over the weekend.

Driving under the influence and underage drinking charges were filed Friday against the driver of a vehicle stopped in the F parking lot by Officer Chip Sanders.

Underage drinking charges were also filed against a passenger in the vehicle. Records indicate both the driver and the passenger were Behrend students.

Numerous charges, including driving under the influence, underage drinking and resisting arrest, were filed against the younger brother of a student on Sunday. The arrest was made by Sanders after the driver was seen leaving the Dobbins parking lot at night without headlights.

The suspect attempted to leave the scene on foot following his arrest. After a brief scuffle,

the suspect was handcuffed and taken to the State Police barracks for an intoxilyzer test.

Additional charges for giving false reports to law enforcement authorities were filed when it was learned that the suspect had presented false identification.

A student seen entering an unlicensed vehicle on campus Sunday was arrested for underage drinking. Department files indicate the vehicle's owner is a part-time Behrend student. He was ordered to have the vehicle removed from campus.

Police arrested two non-students for underage drinking Saturday. The suspects were stopped after they drove their vehicle into a restricted area.

A Behrend student was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$52 in court costs after he entered a guilty plea to a charge of harassment by communication.

According to Patricia McClellan, the department's secretary, the student had used a computer with a modem to make

as many as 2000 nuisance calls to random numbers. The case was heard by District Justice Peter J. Nakoski on October 2.

Campus police officers arranged to transport a female student from Perry Hall to Saint Vincent Health Center. The student suspected she had broken her ribs. No additional details were available.

The theft of tennis rackets from the storage shed near the tennis courts was reported on October 4. No charges have been filed and the investigation is continuing.

A second case of reported theft was closed when it was determined to be an unfounded report. Initial reports indicated that money was removed from a vending machine in the Reed Building. Further investigation showed the machine had been inadvertently left unlocked by the vending company's service person, and no money was missing.

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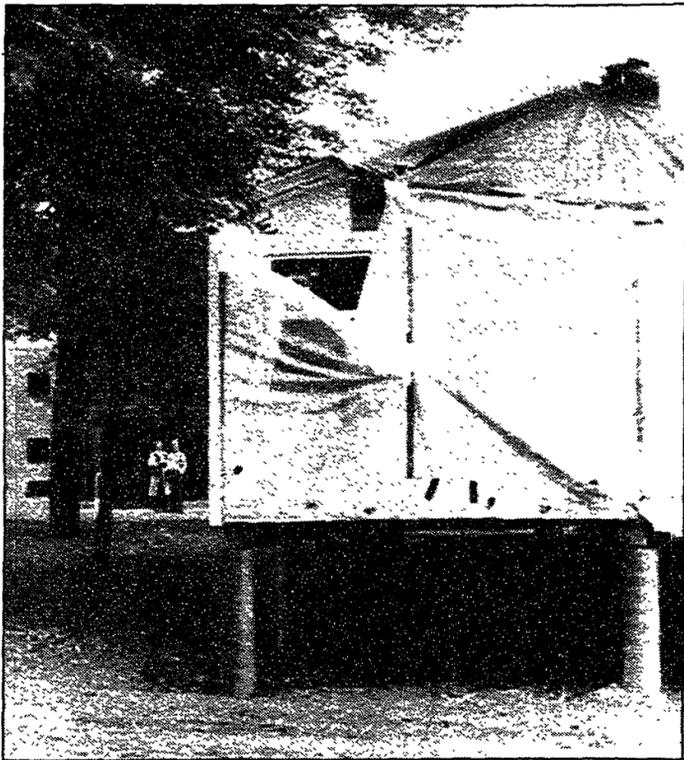


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New office space: A new temporary office building, located west of the Hammermill Building, will provide office space for 10 faculty members, most of them members of the Division of Science Engineering and Technology.