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Pursuit of trivia: Jay Hauser and Marlyn Tomlin were winners of this years Behrend trivial pursuit contest, sponsored by the Intramurals department.

Police Report

Police crackdown on parking violators

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As part of a plan to crack down on parking violations, campus police have ordered a resident student to remove his vehicle from campus property and surrender his parking sticker.

Records indicate the action was taken in response to the student's repeated violation of parking regulations. According to Randy Hoffman, Manager of Police and Safety, the student was cited at least nine times for violations this semester and was referred to the Student Disciplinary Board for further action.

Patricia McClellan, the department's secretary, reported similar action is pending in several other cases. "Some students don't pay their own fines," McClellan said. "Tickets are charged to student accounts which are often paid by parents. Revoking the privileges of habitual offenders is our only recourse."

The Behrend Bookstore registered complaints against two students to campus police.

Records indicate the students ignored notices from the bookstore regarding bad checks. After being notified by campus police, one of the students paid his charges. He has been referred to the Student Disciplinary Board for further action.

The second case is still being investigated and action is pending.

Officer John Harrington and a Student Auxiliary Officer recovered Halloween decorations stolen from private property on Station Road. According to department files, the officers were patrolling near the campus apartments on October 27 and discovered the decorations after they were dropped by two persons observed fleeing from the approaching police cruiser.

The department turned the decorations over to the Pennsylvania State Police after learning they'd received a report of the theft from a resident of Station Road. McClellan reported the State Police have jurisdiction in the case.

Officers on patrol near the campus apartments discovered the theft of three no-parking signs and one stop sign on October 27.

One of the missing signs was later recovered near the maintenance parking lot. The theft is under investigation, and anyone with information is asked to contact the department at 898-6101.

Officer Todd Allen presented two separate information and awareness talks last week. Allen

visited Diehl Elementary School on October 24, where he spoke with children about Halloween safety, pedestrian safety and drug prevention.

On October 25, Allen spoke at Niagara Hall to students about satanic cults.

On October 22, campus police were notified of a sick raccoon found along the gorge fire trail.

Department logs indicate the animal was shaking violently and growling. The department was unable to obtain assistance from the Regional Game Commission.

Wesleyville Police were contacted and assisted in destroying the raccoon. The animal was not submitted for laboratory testing because no human contact had been made.

ROTC goes rappelling despite the weather

On October 21, Behrend ROTC held its Rappelling Leadership Lab.

The exercise took place at Twenty Mile Creek in Stateline, Pennsylvania at the Conrail overpass. The site, prepared earlier that day by the Ranger Club, featured a 100 foot freefall rappel lane. Freefall rappellers rappel down a rope in free air. Beginner and intermediate lanes ranging from 20 to 80 feet were also open.

During the course of the day

students were not only instructed in the finer points of rappelling, but were also instructed in camouflage, first aid, movement under fire and land navigation, skills considered important to the infantry soldier for survival in the field.

The day ended with a lunch served at 1:30 pm. The lunch consisted of MRE's (Meals, Ready to Eat), hot chicken soup and hot chocolate.

James Gleick is making sense out of Chaos

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complexity such as a greatly increased fertility rate.

The same concept applied to convection and boiling water shows similar results; a precise order to it until the temperature is increased by such an amount as these predetermined beliefs were overcome, science recognized that not only order, but chaos as well, obeys universal laws.


Some of Gleick's examples included the rate of population growth and the boiling of water. The population increases or decreases at an ordered rate that can be defined with a simple equation. This equation, however, can compute chaotic behavior with the introduction of a

to induce chaos.

Other illustrations to show order in chaos included the Great Red Spot of Jupiter—"a stable vortex amidst complete chaos"—and the flocking of birds, where hundreds, even thousands of birds rise up and move in synchronization as if somehow predetermined. Once again, it is order in chaos.

Gleick concluded his lecture by asking the audience to bear in mind that not every idea proposed by science is correct and that science is not intended to explain, define, and answer every last detail.

"The important laws - the creative laws - lie elsewhere," said Gleick.



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