

Behrend professors study Erie economy

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Behrend economics professors Dr. James Kurre, Dr. Barry Weller, and Dr. Kenneth Louie make up a group called the Economic Research Institute of Erie (E.R.I.E.) and are taking on several projects.

The first, according to Kurre, is to build a price index for the Erie economy. Most large cities have their indexes set up by the federal government, but smaller areas such as Erie are left out of such benefits. These economists hope to develop an index with Erie as its base and share ideas with others in academic conferences throughout the year.

The second project that Kurre has been asked to work on concerns the property tax reassessment in Erie. The value of properties in the city and county has not been assessed since 1969. This means that some properties have gone up in value while others have decreased substantially. Depending on which situation affects a taxpayer, he or she could be paying too much or too little in taxes. The reassessment is very costly, so County Council has asked Kurre to study the problem in depth so cost-efficient arrangements can be made to remedy the situation.

Kurre and Louie are also working on another project for GTE. General Telephone has sent out surveys to business communities. The surveys are then sent back to Kurre and Louie to be analyzed, compiled, and published. The businesses and people in the community can look at the publication and to see what the benefits and pitfalls of various types of enterprises are. The two professors are hoping that a survey of this kind will someday be done on Erie.

Rotc holds annual fall awards ceremony

University Park Lieutenant Colonel speaks

On November 29 the Behrend Army ROTC held its annual Fall Awards Ceremony. This year's guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Schatz from University Park.

Awards given were for participation in varsity and intramural sports, Ranger Club, Drill Team, Rifle Club and public information.

Academic Achievement Ribbons were awarded to Larry Corr, Todd J. Irwin, Mike Reulbach, Tony DeMarco, Dana

Another aspect of the interview centered on the papers compiled and presented to area businesses and citizens as well as at academic conferences. Kurre explained that the ultimate goal of an economist is to get his or her paper published in a professional journal. Kurre, Weller, and Louie have all been published, most recently in June of this year in "Environment and Planning."

The Economic Research Institute of Erie also provides experience for students. Research assistants are needed to help gather data, enter it into a computer, and analyze it. The hands-on experience has proven beneficial to students in the past in acquiring decent jobs. Neal Cheskis is Kurre's present assistant and anyone interested in finding out more should talk to him.

Sigma Theta Chi sorority holds clothes drive

November 30 and December 1, Sigma Theta Chi Sorority held a clothes drive in the Winter Garden of the Reed Building. The clothes went to the Red Cross disaster relief.

According to Mandi Shandor, a Sigma Theta Chi sister, the drive was a success as the group acquired a fair amount of clothes.

This drive was one of the sororities' required service projects and they received no funds.

Grudzien, Brian Taylor, Mike DeMarco, Andy McConnell and Quinn Solem. This award was given to new students for a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the Spring 89 semester.

The Academic Insignia, awarded to students in the top 10% of their class, was received by Andy McConnell, Larry Corr, Tony DeMarco and Todd J. Irwin.

A reception followed the ceremony where students were treated to punch and a congratulatory cake.

Collegian will have new editor for spring semester 1990

Pending approval by *The Collegian's* board of advisors, the newspaper will have a new editor next semester.

Todd J. Irwin, presently *The Collegian's* assistant editor, is expected to be named to the paper's top position beginning in the spring semester.

A third semester sophomore English major, Irwin served for one semester each in the positions of sports writer, sports editor, and assistant editor.

A native of South Park in

Pittsburgh, Irwin says he doesn't predict any major outward changes in the newspaper and plans to continue the weekly format.

"I plan to continue the high standards of journalistic excellence *The Collegian* has established during the past couple of years," said Irwin.

"If we can maintain the quality of newspaper that we have been producing despite losing a number of top staff members then I'll be satisfied for now," he

said.

Irwin did note he hopes to see more students become actively involved in the actual production of the newspaper.

Another area of concern for the incoming editor will be filling the shoes of departing business manager Stan Lefes.

"Stan has been a key to the success of *The Collegian* as a weekly newspaper," Irwin said.

Irwin is in the Army Reserve and is active in Behrend's ROTC program.

Exploring racial diversity on campus

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seemed optimistic that any such development could be resolved promptly.

He noted Behrend's unique position. According to Lilley, given the wide range of backgrounds and diverse opinions that Behrend has because of its size, there is the possibility of tension. Yet, at the same time, the college is small enough so that problems can be recognized quickly, and therefore, it can effectively apply means to solve disputes.

Race relations is not limited to campus life but is a reality that society must confront in the 1990's. According to Lilley, two points must be met. Society needs "to recover the lost moral high ground" and recapture the "unity" that was pervasive in the 1960's.

Racial concerns also can be seen in business dealings. Murphy conceded the ability to

understand different perspectives has become important in the world of business. Those who can relate to others are at a greater advantage. With the changing demography, contact with people of different backgrounds will become more frequent in the work place, he said.

A survey in *The Wall Street Journal* reinforces this. In 1986, white non-Hispanic men made up 45% of the work force. In comparison, by the year 2000 this group will constitute only 9 percent of the labor force.

"They (society) themselves can gain from understanding about race relations," said Murphy. "Hey, I'm still learning," he added.

Lilley noted we can learn from example. Martin Luther King, according to Lilley, taught others by his ideas. Lilley also stated society needs "to get back moral and ethical rightness."

To commemorate Martin Luther King's Birthday, the Office of Human Relations has arranged a campus wide celebration. Between 4 pm and 5 pm on January 15. Campuses statewide will close.

The ceremony marks the start of a series of events at Behrend to celebrate Black History Month which is February. Most notably, Martin Luther King III will give a lecture on January 16.

"It's an effort to help diversify Behrend," stated Ala Stanford.

According to Reber, recognizing diversity should not be limited to one month. Rather, it should be a continuous process.

For this reason, a proposal has been sent to EOPC (Equal Opportunity Programming Committee) requesting financial assistance for some programs next semester.

Dealing with finals anxiety

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With finals week fast approaching and the holiday season right around the corner, students may be facing an increasing amount of stress.

There are, however, effective methods to deal with stress. Dr. Louanne Barton, psychologist, suggests these ideas to help deal with stress.

"One way of dealing with the situation is to implement effective methods of time management," said Barton. "When those bouts of tension reappear, it is important to unwind. Listen to music, contact friends, and veg for a while. A final step for the truly stressed out is medication."

The reappearance of stress is often effected by nutrition, exercise, fitness, smoking, alcohol, and drugs. Proper nutrition, exercise and fitness will insure individuals with the energy needed to deal with stress.

However, smoking, alcohol, and drugs are ineffective methods of dealing with stress that often

leads to more serious problems.

Stress is a non-specific response to various situations. Whether it is positive or negative, lies in the individual's perception of incident.

Ever increases stress on a daily basis. Daily incidents such as parking problems, tensions in relationship, and even deciding what to wear brings about an amount of stress.

The minor situations that bring forth stress can function as a positive influence. It is this type of stress that motivates individuals to deal with daily situations.

It is vital to understand methods of stress management. When stress occurs individuals are unable to separate the mind/body aspects of stress. For example, heavy breathing and rapid heartbeat are sign of stress. There is a change in mental or emotional state that is conscious or unconscious relating to the physiological change.

Preventive measures of dealing with stress should be implemented before it becomes a prolonged problem.

Learning how to relax and take care of one's self is the first step towards a less stressful lifestyle.

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