

Behrend briefs

The AIDS Council of Erie County will be presenting a program at Behrend on Tuesday, February 13 and will provide free literature, speakers and condoms in Lawrence.

The Health Center is assisting the AIDS Council of Erie County by selling "special" greeting cards in the Reed building for \$1.50. The cards are on display in Reed and the Health Center. Orders for Valentine's Day are due in by February 6 and the all occasion cards can be ordered until February 28. All profits go to the Council.

Pocket Billiards Club meeting today at 5 pm in Reed 117. 8-ball and 9-ball leagues are now forming.

Track Club meetings will be held Monday, February 5, at 3 pm and 5 pm in the Reed Lobby in front of the Bookstore.

The Newman Association will be holding another organizational meeting on Tuesday, February 6 in Reed 116. Election of officers for the Christian-based organization will begin at this meeting.

A book drive for Eastern Europe countries is being sponsored by KDR. Because of previous censorship many books were unavailable. If you have any books you no longer want or need please contribute them to us to send to the University of Bucharest.

Diehl Honor Roll students will be honored at a luncheon in Dobbins Hall on Tuesday, February 6, from 11:45 - 12:45. Behrend students are encouraged to visit to make the students feel very special.

Financial Aid deadline for next year is February 15. Mark this important date on your calendar.

Alpha Phi Omega would like all staff, faculty and students to place Campbell Soup labels, Giant Eagle and Loblaw's receipts in boxes in each division office and at the Rub Desk. Proceeds will go toward buying computer equipment for Diehl Elementary School.

Workshops for Academic Success will be held for the next ten Sundays beginning January 28 from 2 to 3:30 pm in Lawrence Hall, Room 101. See Bidy Brooks in counseling and advising if you are interested or have any questions.

Omikron Delta Kappa honor society will be holding an open house on Wednesday, February 7 in the Winter Garden from 10 am to 2 pm for interested freshmen and sophmores in a four-year Behrend major. Refreshments will be served.

Graduation will be held on campus Saturday, May 12. Caps and gowns are \$14 and must be ordered from the bookstore no later than March 16.

WPSE will start to play music this Saturday at midnight.

Collegian Staff: There is a meeting this Thursday in Hammermill 17 at 7 pm.

A limited amount of space is available in residence halls and on-campus apartments. They will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. contact the Housing Office in Dobbins hall or call 898-6161.

Police Report:

Driver cited for hitting patrol car

by Carol Mandera
Collegian Staff Writer

A student was cited after he ran his vehicle into the back of the campus police cruiser on January 23.

The accident happened at 9:46 pm while the cruiser was stopped at the stop sign on Aquarius Drive at Jordan Road, according to Randy Hoffman, Manager of Police and Safety. Hoffman stated that the suspect, a 23-year-old resident student, was given a field

sobriety test and subsequently arrested for driving under the influence.

The suspect was transported to Metro Health Center for a voluntary blood-alcohol-content analysis. DUI charges were withdrawn based on a low BAC reading of .056, and the student was cited for driving a vehicle at an unsafe speed. Damage to the vehicles was minor, and there were no injuries reported in the accident.

A false fire alarm forced the

evacuation of Lawrence Hall shortly after noon Sunday. Hoffman reported that a smoke alarm was triggered at the East end of the building's second floor. After evacuating the residents, police inspected the building, finding no evidence of smoke or fire. The alarm system was reset, and students were allowed to return to the building within 20 minutes. Anyone with information in this case is asked to contact the Department of

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Company donates lab equipment to engineering department

by Cristin Hayes
Collegian Staff Writer

A California-based computer firm has donated \$104,000 in computer equipment to Behrend's engineering graphics lab.

Silicon Graphics, of Mt. View, California, has donated three computer workstations to the computer center's engineering graphics lab. The Silicon Graphics workstations provide engineering, science and technology students with a chance to work with Computer Aided Design (C.A.D.).

"Silicon Graphics are faster than anything they have at state college and they represent state of the art technology," boasts Paul Koch, assistant professor of Engineering.

The C.A.D. equipment allows students to design projects in full-color, three-dimensional images and test engineering theories without building costly mock-ups.

"This gift rounds out what we feel is the most sophisticated computer engineering graphics lab in the tri-state region," said Dr. John M. Lilley, Provost and

Dean. "This is an outstanding opportunity for our undergraduate students and we are very grateful for the generosity of Silicon Graphics."

Behrend offers two-and four-year degrees in engineering with options in electrical, mechanical and plastics technology. The new computer equipment helps to accommodate the growing number of students enrolled in Penn State-Behrend engineering programs. They are located in the Silicon Graphics lab in the Nick Building.

Provost eager for Behrend's future Lilley gives insight on upcoming campus projects

by Daniele Sadres
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Dean and Provost John M. Lilley expressed great expectations for the future of Behrend College at a recent session of Coffee With the Provost.

Over twenty students attended the meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 3:30 pm.

Much of the group's discussion was focused on the many improvements scheduled to begin this summer. These include the construction of a \$10 million library and three new residence halls. Also in the works are the million dollar revamping of Erie Hall this summer, repairs to Behrend's parking lots and the possible addition of three new lots.

Dean Lilley seemed confident these projects constitute only the beginning of what will be an on-going program to enrich the educational environment at Behrend.

Lilley is looking toward future improvements in the quantity and quality of Behrend's faculty. Addressing an inquiry concerning the college's faculty-student ratio, Lilley replied: "It's approximately 18:1. We're really forced to be pretty efficient." He stressed the importance of the quality of instructors.

Behrend strongly encourages professors to have students write

term papers and take written exams as opposed to multiple choice tests.

Responding to the issue of undergraduate research funding, Lilley expressed his hope to expand funds for research programs in the future.

"It's one of the things we're

emphasizing and we're trying to put money into it more and more," he stated.

The next Coffee With the Provost session is scheduled for February 15. Dean Lilley invites and encourages both regulars and newcomers to attend.

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