

Behrend briefs

Yearbook Committee Meeting will be held in the Student Government Association Office at 7 pm on Thursday, February 22. If anyone is interested, please attend or call the SGA office.

"Why Believe Anything At All?" will be the topic of a discussion led by Dr. James Sire, author and editor of InterVarsity Press. During the discussion, which will be held at on Thursday, March 8 at 8 pm in the Winter Garden, Sire will encourage students to examine Christianity's claims.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is holding a meeting in the Reed Conference Room at 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 22.

The Student Government Association Budget Committee will be accepting budget requests for the 1990-91 school year until March 16, 1990. For more information contact David Mahoney at 6452 or stop by the SGA office.

A weekend trip to Toronto, Canada is being sponsored by the Behrend College Honors Program. The \$66 cost includes bus transportation, lodging and admission to the Ontario Science Center, and is open to all faculty, staff and students. Saturday afternoon and evening are free for sightseeing. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until February 26. For more information, call the Provost's Office at 6160.

Diehl Elementary School is looking for student volunteers who would like to help teach Diehl students how to use software programs and to work with a computer. Students will work one-on-one with Diehl children. If you are interested contact Mari Trenkle at 6160 or stop by the Glennhill Farmhouse to sign up.

Mocktail Hour at Dobbins will be held from 4 to 6:30 on Monday, March 5. This event is in recognition of National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week. They will be featuring popcorn, BBQ wings, cocktail meatballs, potato skins and toppings, vegetables and dips, breaded mozzarella sticks, nachos and cheese and a sundae bar.

Students who park in the Reed lot without a permit: Police and Safety is advising that there will be additional surveillance efforts Monday through Friday from 8 to 5 due to complaints by staff. This lot is reserved for staff and visitors only. If you have any questions, call Police and Safety.

"Preventing Burnout" will be presented as the first Emerging Leaders Series lectures. It will be presented by Ms. Charlene Shoemaker and Mr. Luis Mongil in the Reed Seminar Room at 5 pm on Thursday, February 22.

"Mock Interviewing - A Trial Run," will be presented by the Career and Placement Office in the Reed Conference Room at 4 pm on Thursday, February 22.

If you have lost anything lately, please contact Police and Safety at South Cottage to request a search for the item.

New commuters: Stop by the mailroom in Reed to get your on campus mailbox number and combination. Please bring your student I.D.

Collegian members: There will be a meeting in Hammermill 17 at 7 pm on Thursday.

Police Report:

Male student caught in parking lot trying to break into vehicles

Campus police respond to commuter accidents

by Carol Mandera
Collegian Staff Writer

A male resident student was charged by the Penn State-Behrend's Department of Police and Safety with attempted theft.

According to Randy Hoffman, Manager of Police and Safety, a student auxiliary member of the Department of Police and Safety observed a suspect attempting to enter several vehicles in the Perry Hall gravel lot on Thursday, February 15 at approximately 1:30 am.

The student auxiliary member maintained surveillance until officers arrived and apprehended the suspect.

Hoffman said he believes this represents the first time an auxiliary member has contributed to an arrest and that the SA followed established procedures.

Two commuter students suffered minor injuries Friday morning, February 16, when the vehicle in which they were traveling left the road at the intersection of Station and Saltsman Roads and overturned into a drainage ditch. Campus police responded to the accident and maintained the scene until

Pennsylvania State Police arrived. Hoffman said the State Police are continuing to investigate the accident.

Also on Friday morning, campus police responded to a vehicle fire on Shannon Road. Hoffman reported that a commuter student was driving her Volkswagen Bug when it ignited. The car was fully engulfed in flames when campus police arrived. Officers remained at the scene until the fire department arrived to extinguish the flames and the Pennsylvania State Police arrived to investigate.

A male resident student was injured Sunday while playing football on the soccer field. Hoffman reported that the student complained of severe back pain. Officers arranged for the student to be transported by Brookside Volunteer Fire Department to St. Vincent Health Center. No additional information regarding the current condition of the student was available.

The Financial Aid Office reported the theft of the video tape "Entrance Loan Counseling" from the Reed conference room Monday afternoon, February 19. The tape is valued at \$12. According to Hoffman, the

conference room was unlocked and unattended at the time of the theft.

A fire alarm in the Hammermill/Zurn Building on Monday evening, February 19 may have been triggered by a mechanical failure, according to Hoffman. His department responded to the alarm and evacuated the building. He reported that officers found no evidence of fire or smoke in the building and that an investigation revealed no evidence that the alarm was intentionally set.

Also on Monday, police investigated an incident of criminal mischief in room 8 of the Nick Building. According to Hoffman, three tables were damaged and numerous others were rigged to collapse. Police are continuing to investigate. Anyone with information is asked to contact Police and Safety at Extension #6101.

In an update of last week's counterfeiting case, Hoffman reported that agents of the federal government's Secret Service have taken the counterfeit bill as evidence. Hoffman is unsure what action the Secret Service plans to take.

Undergraduate research beneficial for both students and faculty

Biology major to present abstract in Italy

by Lea Gotch
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Many undergraduate students at Behrend are actively involved in research with faculty members.

Research is currently taking place in all three divisions on subjects ranging from biology to physics to political science.

Vicki Kohlmeyer, a sophomore majoring in political science, is presently doing research with Dr. John Gamble, political science professor.

She is conducting her research by using microfiche to look at college catalogs and graduate school catalogs to find out which universities and colleges have a law school program.

This will be worked into a project funded by a Ford grant.

"He just received the grant a couple of months ago. Before that I was helping him revise the political science book that he wrote," said Kohlmeyer.

She plans to stay at Behrend for all four years and then continue on to law school.

Two other Behrend students, Pat Finn and Louise Steele, are involved in research in the field of neuroimmunology.

The research that Steele and Finn are doing is the first of its kind to be done anywhere.

Finn, a sixth semester biology major, began doing research while still in high

school.

He spent the summer of 1986 doing research at the State University of New York with Dr. George Stephano, a prominent person in the field of neuroimmunology.

Last summer, Finn went back

to SUNY to do more research with Dr. Stephano and produced an abstract that he will present at the First International Congress of the International Society for Neuroimmunodulation. This

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