

Behrend briefs

Last chance for students who are receiving their first Stafford Loan this year to attend a session before signing their loan checks. You must attend on Tuesday, September 25 at 3 pm if you have not already done so.

Environmentally conscious? Then purchase one of the Wintergreen Cafe's special reusable mugs and buy your coffee at a reduced rate every time you bring in your mug. The first mug of coffee will be \$3.00 and every refill will be only 30 cents. Let's stop filling our landfills with paper cups.

The Women Today organization is inviting students to join them in attending a pro-choice rally and lobby day in Harrisburg, Tuesday, October 2. Contact Diana Ziemniak at 864-9866 or Behrend box 1486 for more information. Weekly Women Today meetings are held Wednesdays at noon in the first floor Reed Conference Room.

A T-Shirt Design Contest is open to all resident students. Drawings are due in the Joint Residence Council (JRC) office by Wednesday, October 3. Winners from each of the residence halls and the apartments will win pizza for themselves and ten of their friends. Residents can vote on designs in the residence halls and in the Wintergarden on Tuesday, October 9. For more information contact Mike Adams at 825-2725 or Wendy at 898-6735.

Battle of the Bands, sponsored by JRC and SPC, will be held on Saturday, September 29 at 1 pm in the Behrend Apartment Quad. For more details call Todd at 898-6914 or Tammy at 898-6888.

Graduate School Fair is scheduled to take place at Gannon's Hammermill Center on Tuesday, October 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. Representatives from more than 32 graduate and professional schools will be in attendance. The event is free to all college students.

Recovering Chemically Dependent Students will share their life experiences with others. A fifteen-minute video will accompany the discussion in the Perry Lobby on Thursday, September 20 at 8 pm. Any questions should be directed to Michael at 6568.

The Provost's Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, September 29 at 9 am at Gospel Hill Golf Club. Deadline for entries is Friday, September 28 at 4 pm. For more information contact Lisa Butch in the Intramural office at 898-6280.

Residence hall spaces are available immediately to both men and women. They are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone interested should contact the Housing Office in Dobbins Hall or call 898-6161.

A picnic sponsored by the Math Club will be held today at the Wilson Picnic Grove from 1 pm to 4 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks if they wish to.

Tour guides are needed for the Admissions Office. Please contact Dottie at 6100 for more information.

Newman Association meetings are on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 in the Reed Conference Room.

Police report:

Student arrested for DUI in Reed lot, Concert tickets, wallet stolen

Two thefts were reported during the past week to Police and Safety.

On Sept. 11, a student reported his wallet had been taken from his book bag while he was in the library.

The student had left the book bag unattended while he made copies and went to the cafeteria. Upon returning, he discovered his wallet was missing.

In a separate incident, a student reported two tickets for an upcoming concert were stolen from his person last Thursday. The Erie Police Department will make attempts to check the seat during the concert.

Prohibited Offensive Weapon

A student was arrested on Sept. 11 while stopped for a traffic violation. The officer made the arrest after noticing a black jack on the seat beside the student in plain sight.

Two Traffic Accidents

Last Friday an employee was involved in a minor accident at Dobbins parking lot while driving a university vehicle. The employee struck a parked car and caused minor damage to both vehicles.

A student vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in the Reed lot. An investigation is continuing.

Information

Also on Friday, an unidentified male was attempting to sell videos in Lawrence Hall. A Resident Assistant asked him to leave, which he did.

Criminal Mischief

On Friday, an unknown student in Lawrence Hall threw soap on the roof of a delivery vehicle for Grab-A-Bite Pizza while the driver was making a delivery. All attempts to locate the student(s) failed.

Driving Under The Influence

A student was arrested on Sept. 15 for driving under the influence, underage drinking and reckless driving at the Reed lot and Banks Blvd. An additional non-student, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested for underage drinking.

Criminal Mischief

On Sunday, a window on the passenger side of a student vehicle was found smashed out. The student had parked his vehicle in the apartment lot around 2 am. The damage was found by another student.

False Fire Alarm

A fire alarm sounded in Niagara Hall at 3:31 pm on September 16. Officials discovered the call was a false alarm and the cause could not be determined.

Maureen Finn joins Behrend staff as Coordinator of Program Development

by Cathie-Jo Olfano
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"Behrend is beautiful. It's a shame people feel there is nothing to do on weekends. We will help clubs if they take the initiative," said Maureen Finn, the new Coordinator of Student Organizations and Programming Development, who took office on June 1 of this year.

"Weekend activities are my number-one priority," said Finn. "The key to successful weekend programming is for student clubs and organizations to work together."

This year the Office of Student Activities will help clubs and organizations with weekend programming by matching

funding up to \$150 for a weekend event that is open to the entire campus.

"I would strongly encourage all student clubs and organizations to apply for this funding by coming to the office of Student Activities when planning a weekend activity," she said.

Finn received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Allegheny College in 1988. While attending Allegheny, Finn was a Resident Director and Advisor, a member of the Ambassadors, a tour guide, and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Finn received her master's degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green

State University in May 1990. While at Bowling Green, she was Unit Director for Residential Services-Greek Life and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the president of the university.

Preferring the small college atmosphere, Finn decided to take the job at Behrend and is glad she did.

"Behrend has all the resources of a major university, yet the personal quality of a small school," said Finn.

Finn is replacing John Downey, who was at Behrend for three years. She feels that Downey took the initiative to start many new programs. However, she says, "As Behrend grows its needs change, and I will change as needed."

Law requires professors to speak english

(CPS) Responding to student complaints that they sometimes have trouble understanding foreign-born college instructors, Pennsylvania has become the most recent state to pass a law requiring that all campus teachers be fluent in English.

"This law is not the first (of its kind) around, but I won't give the impression that such laws are plentiful. They're very, very sparse," said Jerry Sabol, spokesman for state Senator Vincent Fumo, who sponsored the bill.

Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, California, North Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma also have laws requiring campus

instructors to prove that they can speak English well enough to be understood by their students.

Some schools - Syracuse, Temple and Stanford universities, among others - hold courses to help graduate teaching assistants with their English.

Student complaints about having trouble understanding their instructors began spreading about 10 years ago, when foreign-born people began to account for a growing percentage of the graduate students on U.S. campuses.

Schools, of course, often employ grad students to teach lower-level courses and lead discussion groups.

"The loser in the whole thing is the (undergraduate) student," maintained Sabol, who said Fumo's office got "numerous" complaints from students having trouble with instructors in complex courses like the sciences.

Under the new Pennsylvania law, schools now have to certify to the state Department of Education that their instructors are fluent in English.

The grad students themselves do not seem to mind the new regulations.

"I think T.A.s should speak good English," said Jun Mie, a Chinese teaching assistant at the University of Pittsburgh's math department.