

# The Collegian

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## SOC rebirth

New system to  
include club  
representatives

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A previously small Student Organization Council has shown signs of growth with a newly elected president and appointed officers holding Council meetings.

This is the first semester in two years the SOC has invited one representative from each of the 61 clubs and organizations on campus to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

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The first item for the Council this year will be revising the constitution.

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A special meeting to vote on the constitution will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. It is open to the public.

SOC vice president Lori Royer said, "Student organizations collectively are the largest group on campus. Any suggestions, ideas, and comments that we decide to relay to the Administration, to SGA, or to the Budget Committee will be a voice too big to ignore."

Royer said the Council will work with the Budget Committee to "make a more amicable process for all involved. There is a need for better communication between student organizations and the Budget Committee."

Co-sponsoring student activities  
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Bradying out: James and Sara Brady at a reception before their speech at Erie Hall as part of last weekend's Homecoming events.

## Thumbs Up! Brady's pack Erie Hall

by Eric Dinter  
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Jim Brady, former press secretary for President Ronald Reagan, spoke to about 600 people Saturday night at Behrend's Erie Hall. Among other subjects, Brady spoke about the injuries he received in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan. In order to keep others from the same fate, Brady and his wife Sara put an extensive campaign for new handgun control laws. The recently enacted laws are known collectively as the Brady bill.

Despite Brady's injuries, for which he has spent ten years receiving therapy, Brady has not lost the sense of humor he is so well known for.

"I still go to therapy two days a week," Brady said. "It's not as difficult as it used to be. This time it's hydrotherapy. They put me in a very warm swimming pool, with potatoes, carrots and celery," said Brady. "When I'm medium-rare, they take me out and you have New England boiled dinner."

As one of the first networks to carry news of the assassination attempt, ABC television mistakenly

reported Brady had been killed. "Whenever I go by (ABC anchor) Sam Donaldson, I still say Boo!" he said.

In his presentation Brady talked about the perils of being disabled. He was particularly upset about being labeled as 'confined' to a wheelchair.

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- James Brady  
Vice-Chairperson,  
National Organization  
on Disability

**"I always look down to see if there are chains. The wheelchair is a mobility tool,"** Brady said. "They should say 'Mr. Brady is a wheelchair user.' I'm not confined to this thing. I can get out of it with a cane. But we've grown up with a generation of people who  
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## Behrend gears up for Blood Drive

by Anne Bonner  
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Erie Community Blood Bank will be on campus collecting blood from donors on October 16 and 17, as part of Behrend's Wellness Week.

"In previous years we've been in competition with Mercyhurst and Gannon to see which school could donate the most blood, and last year Behrend won," said Campus Health Nurse Nancy Warzyniak. "As an incentive to achieve the same goal this year, Pizza Hut will sponsor a pizza

party for the organization with the most donors." In addition, every person that donates one pint of blood will receive a complimentary water bottle courtesy of the Erie Blood Bank.

For an added twist this fall Robert Sauers, a representative from the Erie Runners' Club, will run one mile for every pint of blood that is donated on the 16th. Sauers, a maintenance mechanic at Behrend, has competed across the country in several marathons, including the prestigious Boston Marathon.

"First of all I want to point

out that this is not a one man race," he said. "Every year the Erie Runners' Club holds an endurance race in October, and we usually incorporate it with a blood drive to pay the community back for everything they do to help us all year long."

The endurance run will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., so Bob will have 12 hours to run off his challenge.

"I was told that the average

amount of blood donated per day is about 60 to 70 pints. I want the student to accept the

challenge to give more than I can run - and I can run a lot of miles. They better get out and donate or I'm going to beat them!"

The blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Wednesday and Thursday in the Wintergreen Cafe. Free refreshments are available for all donors.