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Hard at work: Maureen Finn, coordinator of Student Organizations and Program Development, works hard finishing up her last days at Behrend. What are you thinking, Maureen?

Student organizations programmer moves on

by Loretta Russ
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Behrend will be losing one of its most visible staff members this Friday.

Maureen Finn, Coordinator of Student Organizations and Program Development will work her last day at Behrend College.

Maureen, who has been employed here for the past two years, is leaving Friday in search of new opportunities and the chance to accomplish new goals.

Maureen will be missed by the whole college community.

David Shields, director of student activities, said, "Maureen was an asset to our staff, she is a top notch staff member and exceeded all our expectations."

Maureen was a confidante and counselor to all student organizations on campus and was involved in all aspects of campus life.

"Her involvement was strategic in developing the Panhellenic

Council and she established the new student orientation as a top-notch program," said Shields.

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"Maureen was really an asset to Student Organizations," said Greg Farrell, 7th semester BECON major. "We could approach her with any question and she'd always have an answer."

Joe Mycka, 7th semester accounting major, said, "Maureen

has done a great job laying out a strong foundation for all clubs, organizations and events on campus."

According to Shields, Maureen added a new dimension to the Office of Student Activities when she was hired, because the office had previously been male dominated.

"She brought a balance to the office," Shields said. "She added a female perspective."

"Maureen is always happy and bubbly and her enthusiasm rubs off on everyone," Shields said.

The Office of Student Activities is currently in the process of searching for a replacement. The list of applications is being narrowed down and interviews will begin soon.

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Taking a close look at alcohol abuse

by April Bogdanski
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Of the Big Ten universities, Penn State at University Park has the most drug and alcohol violations.

According to an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) survey, Penn State's violations totaled over 2,500 last year, which is a twenty percent increase over last year.

Behrend has drug and alcohol violations, but they are not as prevalent as at University Park.

According to Police and Safety, because two-thirds of Behrend's population are commuters, most of the drug and alcohol violations probably take place off campus.

There have been no reports from Erie police of any students who have violated drug and alcohol laws off campus this year.

On campus, it is the Resident Assistant's obligation to make sure students obey the drug and alcohol policy.

Alcohol is not permitted by anyone on campus unless they are twenty-one.

A student who is twenty-one can consume alcohol in their own residence or in the residence of someone else who is also of legal age.

No kegs are allowed anywhere on campus, violations of this rule could lead to a loss of on-campus housing.

On average, Police and Safety make four or five arrests per semester for under age drinking, and three students for driving under the influence.

Larry Silvis, manager of Police and Safety, said, "I feel that Behrend has an outstanding approach to controlling substance abuse on campus. We have some really great students here; I am proud of them."

"Between 50 and 75 percent of all our discipline cases are alcohol-related," said Patty McMahon, a nurse practitioner from the Health and Wellness Center.

"This relates to students behaving differently under alcohol than they do sober. This leads them into violating the codes of conduct."

Students caught breaking any drug and alcohol laws will either face Pennsylvania state laws or the Judicial Disciplinary Code.

When there is an alcohol violation, the administration has to make a decision on whether or not to contact Police and Safety.

In a drug situation, Police and Safety are always notified.

Minor violations warrant a trip through the Penn State Disciplinary system.

As an alternative for discipline, students are offered programs to enhance their involvement on campus.

According to Ken Miller, first time offenders can attend an alcohol awareness workshop. For a second offense, there is an automatic probation.

According to McMahon, the Behrend administration will look for a pattern of development within the student. They will encourage the student to get help.

"I am particularly interested in finding ways to help students who have a drinking problem and providing educational programs that promote responsible choices," said Chris Reber, dean of Student Affairs.

Students can go to the Health and Wellness Center to get help with any drug or alcohol problem.

"We not only help people with health problems, but we help them prevent future problems with drugs and alcohol," said McMahon.

"The Health and Wellness Center wants to involve student groups in supporting program efforts in not only drug and alcohol prevention, but also to

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