

# New Greek Guidelines Cause Stir

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Starting this year, Behrend's fraternities and sororities are subject to certain guidelines for recruiting, pledging and existing on campus.

Mike Libidinsky, the new Greek Coordinator, said the guidelines were implemented "to provide the students with a better academic scholarship."

The guidelines principally cover the rules of registration, expansion, recruitment, grade point requirements, scholarship requirements, and financial affairs.

Changes in the guidelines include: the exclusion of provisional and/or nondegree students from pledging and/or rushing, the exclusion of local fraternities/sororities, and more direct control from the Interfraternity (IFC) and Panhellenic Councils. Particularly, IFC is in control of the fraternity system instead of SGA.

Freshmen are prohibited from rushing/pledging in their first semester so they can establish the required cumulative grade point average of 2.5. These changes will be applied in the spring semester.

"The guidelines were long overdue and the responses have been positive," Libidinsky said.

Some Greek organization members are not so happy about the changes.

Mark Sigmund, member of Sigma Kappa Nu, was disturbed by the elimination of anymore local fraternities.

"On a small campus, local fraternities are just as workable as national ones. Maybe even necessary for we are more affordable," Sigmund said.

Markus Rodriguez, a member of Kappa Delta Rho, is upset about the exclusion of first-semester students from the Rush.

"The freshman concern is legit, but I got one of my best GPAs while pledging, thanks to mandatory study hours," Rodriguez said. "With improved standards, I don't have to be the exception."

The guidelines were initially created by David Shields, Director of Student Activities/Unions.



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## Behrend Gets New G.A.'s

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This semester Behrend College has three new graduate assistants on campus. Mike Libidinsky, Lori Korman, and Patrick Smith are here to fulfill their internship requirements, help students adjust to college life, and prepare for their future professions.

Mike Libidinsky, Coordinator of Greek Affairs, works closely with Dr. Chris Reber and David Shields. His duties include advisor for InterFraternity Council, making the new Greek guidelines, GPA reports, organization of Alumni board, and Greek Life handbook programing.

"At University Park I would just be a lackey - a glorified secretary. Here at Behrend I get hands-on experience in working with Greek affairs. Everyone on the staff is great to work with and so are the students," said Libidinsky.

Libidinsky graduated from University Park with an undergraduate degree in psychology. He is working towards a graduate degree in College Administration.

While at University Park, he was a member of ZBT Fraternity and held many committee positions within the fraternity. He was also a student counselor and on the UP concert committee.

Lori Korman, Coordinator of Student Union Program, works closely with Teryl Anderson on advising the Student Programing

Council, Bruno's Night Club Schedule, and assists with the restructuring of the Student Programming Council.

Some of her other duties include co-chair of the major concert committee, Parents and Families/Homecoming Weekend, supervising Reed night managers, and working with David Shields on several projects.

"I struggled with deciding on this or business. Since I got accepted to a masters program I figured I would continue. I really enjoy what I am doing now," said Korman.

Korman received a BA in Policy and management studies from Dickinson College in 1991. She wishes to complete her MA in College Student Personnel at University Park and her MBA at the University of Baltimore.

At Dickinson College, Korman was involved in a Senior Women's Honor Society.

Patrick Smith, Coordinator of Special Events, organizes all the special event at Behrend like Homecoming, the Poundstone concert, the speaker series, and Thanksgiving Dinner for Six Strangers.

Smith graduated from Behrend last year with a General Arts and Sciences degree. He plans on going to Indiana University to obtain a Masters in College Student Personnel.

"This is a natural progression for me. It gives me a chance to give something back to Behrend College."

While at Behrend, Mr. Smith participated in Psi Chi and Lion Ambassadors.

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10. Rainforest chainsaw operator.
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4. Javelin catcher.
3. Someone in express checkout line with eleven items.
2. Chain-smoking gas station attendant.
1. Drug users.

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