

Changes at Police and Safety

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On Tuesday, December 14, Larry Silvis will resign from the position of Behrend's manager of Police and Safety to become a district justice of Mercer County.

He will be replaced by William Donahue, the current Police and Safety manager at Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

Silvis' previous experience includes managing Police and Safety at Allegheny College for seven years. He also worked for the state police for eleven years.

Silvis was the manager of Police and Safety at Behrend for three and a half years. He believes his experience has been a positive one.

"I feel that 99% of the students at Behrend are outstanding individuals because there is a meaningful interaction between them and us."

Students call Police and Safety to alert them of suspicious people, vehicles and uncommon occurrences.

Silvis said, "The biggest help the community gives us is the registering of their cars. This makes our job easier since we know who belongs in the lots and makes suspicious vehicles

easier to identify." During Silvis' time as manager, Police and Safety has worked toward improving student life at Behrend.

"We listen to the students' needs. With our help, the students can now park in the Reed lot after 5 p.m., which was changed from 8 p.m. We also opened Dobbins Hall parking lots for commuter students to park in."

During Silvis' tenure, parking violations have decreased. About half the number of tickets have been issued at Behrend since 1991.

The parking fines are given back to the community through the Student Government Association to help organizations defray costs. So far, this is the only fundraiser outside of organizational fundraising activities.

Silvis said, "I'm glad that parking fines are used to help student organizations, but I don't like the idea that a ticket is the only means of doing that."

Along with the Behrend community, police from Erie, Westleyville, Lawrence Park, Millcreek and the Pennsylvania State Police work with Police and Safety.

Students help solve crimes

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The streets of Erie and the Behrend campus are safe once again thanks to the help of Michael Brenneman, Gail Senoski and Barbara Welton.

The three students, along with the Student Activities office, were recognized by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with the Governor's Award for Citizen Crime Prevention Volunteering.

Brenneman helped Police and Safety by starting a bicycle registration program. He received funding for the project through SGA and LOC (Living Off-Campus, formerly Commuter Council).

"He worked with officer David Leshner in registering and recovering bicycles," police services officer Tod C. Allen said. "The effort he put in was above and beyond what we asked for."

Senoski and Welton both played a part in the arrest of an obscene phone caller. The caller had been making obscene calls to

Behrend, Erie and Edinboro residents before his arrest.

Senoski helped the case by giving Police and Safety a list of past victims and educating other residents in her suite.

"Gail gave us a list of past victims from her floor," Allen said. "We put taps on their phones. This helped us out immensely."

Senoski said she was glad to get recognition for what she did.

"It's nice to know something that Residence Life does gets recognized. A lot of things we do go unseen," she commented.

Welton had received numerous obscene calls at 3 a.m., so she let Police and Safety set a tap on her phone. It was through this tap that the caller was caught.

"I let Police and Safety set up the phone tap because the calls were affecting my grades and off-campus employment," Welton said. "I shouldn't have my work negatively affected by someone's sick phone calls."

After the caller was apprehended in September, the prosecution originally intended to give a minimal sentence, but

Welton thought that was not enough.

"I wrote a letter to the Court of Common Pleas saying how it affected my grades and work. They were going to give him just a slap on the wrist, so I felt I had to do something," Welton said.

"The worst part was that he knew he had a problem, but he wasn't sorry."

Student Activities received a certificate of merit as an organization. It set up crime prevention exercises.

According to the qualifications for the award, Student Activities had to sustain crime prevention activities for five years.

"They've done all kinds of things from calling us with help on investigations, to asking for our assistance, to sponsoring crime prevention programs," Allen said.

Allen said these award recipients epitomized how police investigations have evolved.

"Studies have found that community assistance in investigating has helped to solve many more crimes than the police alone."

How much TV violence?

TV Guide counted 1,848 acts of violence during one 18-hour period of TV programming on 10 different channels. Some highlights of the survey:

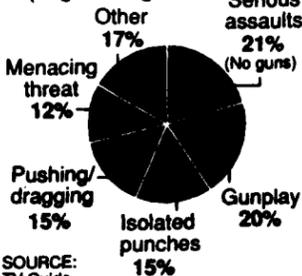
Cartoons most violent

Violent acts in 18 hours of programming by program type

Cartoons	265
TV show promos	221
Movies	188
Toy commercials	123
Music videos	121
Movie promos	69
TV dramas	62
News	58
Reality shows	52
Sitcoms	34
Soap operas	

Types of violence

Types of violent acts in 18 hours of programming



SOURCE: TV Guide

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