

## Wanted: Donors

### Dogs & pop for participants

Have you been looking for a reason to get rid of some of the excess liquid in your system? If so, the Community Blood Bank has a relief option for you.

According to Lisa Graff, Donor Group Coordinator, the Bank will be holding a drive on Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Reed Building Wintergarden.

All donors will receive a hot dog and soda after donating.

"Behrend College is one of our outstanding supporters. During last fall's drive 127 pints were drawn from 142 students," said Graff. "We expect to see even more students at this event."

Community Blood Bank serves

the needs of Erie's hospitals. Today, transfusion patients rarely receive whole blood. Instead they receive the blood component that will best treat their condition. This is called Component Therapy. It allows for better management of the blood supply and provides the most effective treatment for the patient. Burn patients receive plasma, while cancer patients receive platelets, and trauma patients receive red blood cells. A fourth product called cryoprecipitate helps hemophiliacs.

All donors must be between the ages of 17 and 65, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general health and should eat well within four hours of giving blood.

## TGIFF

### That last F is for "Fiesta"

Friday Fiesta!, which first took place in 1990, will return on Friday, April 2 for its fourth year.

This celebration of Hispanic culture, food, music, and dance will begin at 9 p.m. at Bruno's, Penn State-Behrend's non-alcoholic night club and should continue until 1 a.m. Local salsa band Impacto Boricua will entertain, and the Organization of Latin American Students President Vanessa Mangual hopes to have Tiano restaurant, which features Puerto Rican foods.

Friday Fiesta! is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by Behrend's OLAS, the Office of Student Activities, and the Penn State Equal

Opportunity Programming Committee.

OLAS was founded in 1990, with a membership of 12 students; of which only Manguel and Elise Mongil remain. Membership now is 12 students.

"The purpose of OLAS is to educate not only the non-Latin American community but also the Latin Americans on campus. We have students from Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico...there are so many cultures that go into Latin America," said Manguel.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 898-6171.

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