

A change in season

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Numerous changes have been incorporated in the Wintergreen Cafe.

Cindi Pander, assistant manager of Food Service, is optimistic about the many changes happening.

"Students will find what they have been asking for during lunch," Pander said. "Student Affairs has expressed the students' interest in having ice cream; we just made it a little healthier."

However, the yogurt machines haven't arrived yet. Other new choices are soft pretzels and pizza.

"College students love pizza," Pander said, "so the decision was made to have pizza served during lunch instead of only during the night hours."

These decisions were made when University Park representatives visited Behrend over the summer.

"They believed that the snack bar should be a snack bar, so the grill that made the hamburgers,

cosmos and fries is no longer there. This space will be used when the yogurt machines arrive. It is such a small space that it made it very difficult for us to do the job."

She said that diminished sales were a big reason for many of the decisions.

"Even though the amount of sales so far this year is near the amount at this time last year, students will start to see the changes once they know about them."

Other changes include the sub buns that are baked daily, larger sized sandwich bread and a sandwich of the week.

"We wanted to make a larger variety for the students and be more serviceable," said Pander.

The deli is still available, while the burgers, fries and cosmos are being prepared in the grill area. The hot food line has been terminated, which made items such as stir-fry and chicken taco salad available.

Prices haven't fluctuated much.

"The price of a small coffee, sandwiches and subs went up



Photo by Tracy Gordon

Come and get it! The Wintergreen has taken on many changes such as offering soft pretzels and frozen yogurt.

slightly, whereas the price of a fountain drink has gone down," Pander said. "Other than that, everything has stayed the same." Continental breakfast is

available from 7-10 a.m., and regular breakfast is served from 8:30-10 a.m. These times have been set to compensate with the customer flow.

Pizza is served anytime from lunch until closing, and sandwiches are made from lunch until 4:30 p.m.

Gray visits NASA awards grant

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He does not see his new job as a step down. Gray said, "I was raised in a family that believed that if you were able to give someone the power of education than you were giving them the best."

As President of the UNCF, Gray is responsible for raising money for 41 private colleges that provide educational opportunities for minorities.

"For years, colleges and universities have been making diamonds more brilliant. We try to take a lump of coal and turn it into a diamond," Gray said.

Gray's lecture received rave reviews by many students.

Conchita Dixon, a third semester accounting major, said, "I enjoyed his speech. He used relevant examples and his tone was conversational."

Prior to Gray's lecture, he held a press conference in the Glenhill Farmhouse. The main focus of the press conference was Haiti.

Gray was certain that military action in Haiti was imminent. He said, "there is a high probability of change in U.S. policy from sanctions to military action."

He added, "our forces are ready and awaiting a presidential decision."

Gray was asked whether Clinton's decision may be influenced by his recent drop in public opinion polls.

He said, "I don't believe foreign policy should be set by putting your finger to the wind."

Gray continued, "Besides Dec. 8, 1941, Americans have never been anxious to go to war...but evil tyranny must be stopped or else it will grow and spread."

The last thing Gray discussed was three possible choices in dealing with the crisis in Haiti.

According to Gray, one choice is to walk away and leave the message that we will do nothing.

Gray said, "The second choice is to leave sanctions in place and let the country grind to nothing. Finally we could go there and follow the United Nations' resolution to restore democracy and legitimate government."

Early this year Penn State-Behrend was awarded a grant by National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA).

The award, comprised of two three-year grants totaling \$240,000, has only been given to Northern Arizona State University and Behrend.

Behrend's project will be headed by Dr. Roger Knacke, Dr. Maria Womack and Dr. Sergio Fajardo-Acosta.

Knacke, head of the Division of Science and professor of

physics, submitted a proposal in favor of Behrend to NASA in the hopes that the College would receive funding.

"It takes an outstanding scientist to write a proposal that's so good the funding agency would have complete confidence in him," said Dr. Jurgen Rahe, chief scientist in NASA's Solar System Exploration Division.

Womack held the position of postdoctoral research associate and adjunct associate professor in the physics and astronomy department of Northern Arizona State University.

Womack will be continuing her work as a sponsor for the physics observations and data analysis at Behrend.

Fajardo-Acosta is the research associate for the NASA program. He will be studying the atmosphere of Jupiter and the planet-forming regions.

This grant has enabled the college to purchase a silicon

graphic computer and two pentium class computers. The program advisors also hope to purchase the most sophisticated data analysis software available.

Knacke said, "This program will strengthen the planetary science and astronomy courses offered at Behrend. The program will also be hiring students to do research. One student, Brian Ramussen, has already been hired for research, but other students may receive the same opportunity."

Womack directed a number of public astronomy programs while at Northern Arizona State University.

Knacke and Womack hope to continue Behrend's open houses in the astronomy program.

Knacke said, "We've had to add extra showings and dates to increase the number of open houses we can hold each year because there's an enormous interest in astronomy in the Erie area."

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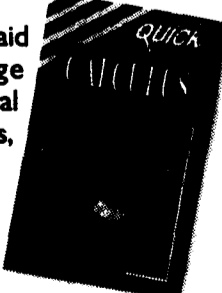
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