

# Undergraduate research grants

ERIE--Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, has awarded \$10,963 in spring semester research grants to twenty-one undergraduate students. Students will use the money to offset research expenses including travel, library loans, materials, and photocopying.

"These students are better prepared for graduate school or the work place because of the experience they have," Dr. Robert

Light, associate dean for research, said. "It's highly unusual for undergraduates to have these kinds of research opportunities. At most universities, research is dominated by graduate students."

Grants of \$500 have been awarded to each of the following students:

Jotham Austin, II, a sophomore biology major from Philadelphia, for "The Study of Tumorous Growths Formed on Interspecific

"Nicotiana" Hybrids;" Linda Betz, a junior biology major from Erie, for "French Creek Water Quality Analysis;" Lisa Borgia, a sophomore communications major from Erie, for "Evaluation of Relationship Between Shorebird Abundance and Invertebrate Densities on Presque Isle, Erie, Pennsylvania;" Sandra Dineley, a junior biology major from Ford City, PA, for "Interactions Among Chironomid Larvae During Case Construction;" and Douglas Dombkowski, a junior management major from Erie, and Melissa Roberts, a senior business major from Girard, for "The Impact of Resume Format on Managers' Screening Decisions."

Additional students are receiving grants of \$500 are Keith Fish, a sophomore business major from Erie, for "A Comparative Analysis of the Advantages of Using Bar Coding for Allocating Overhead in Job Shop Environment;" Laura Gifford, a junior history major from Harrisburg, for "Diary, Journal, and Memoir: The Migration of Lord Kimberley's Memory, 1862-1902;" Evan Midcap, a junior physics major from Erie, for "The Study of Ants' Search for Patterns as a Nonlinear Phenomenon;" and Benjamin Patterson, a junior biology major from Hadley, PA, for "Effects of Zebra Mussels on the Abundance and/or Species Composition of Other Benthic Invertebrates in Presque Isle Bay, Erie County, Pennsylvania."

Grants of \$500 have also been given to Brian Schaeffer, a junior

biology major from Kittanning, PA, for "Study of cdc2 Gene Expression in Eastern White Pine from RNA and Genomic DNA Analysis;" Lori Springer, a junior biology major from Mars, PA, for "The Antimicrobial Effects of Spider Web Silk;" Kevin Stank, a junior chemistry major from Whitehall, PA, for "Determination of the Impact of the Aroma Volatiles Resulting from Yeast Spoilage on a Chambourcin Wine Using Gas Chromatography-Olfactometry;" Jennifer Sycalik, a junior biology major from Reynoldsville, PA, for "Complementation and Isolation of the Potato cdc2 Gene by Functional Expression in 'Saccharomyces cerevisiae';" and Michael Vavrek, a junior physics major from Hermitage, PA, for "Dynamics of Stress Chains."

Additionally, Daryl Clemente, a senior communications major from Erie, was awarded \$700 for "Behrend College Admissions Video Production;" Vicky Colbert, a senior psychology major from Pittsburgh, and Elizabeth Spesser, a junior psychology major from McKeesport, PA, received \$490 for "Commercials and their Sex-Role Stereotypes;" and Anthony Honick was awarded \$455 for "Determination of the Small Mammal Populations of Erie County by the Analysis of Owl Pellets." He is a junior biology major from Ford City, PA.

in 'Dreissena polymorpha' and 'Dreissena bugensis' Populations;" junior biology major Jennifer Kathman of Erie won a grant of \$459 for "Parasitoid Survey of Grape Berry Moth;" Melissa Obmann, a senior biology major from Erie, received \$416 for "Investigation of the Rdl Gene Locus for Insecticide Resistance in 'Drosophila melanogaster';" and for his study, "Shrew Populations Inside and Along the Edge of an Erie County Vineyard," junior biology major John Sweka of Reynoldsville, was awarded \$443.

## Behrend Briefs

Human Relations Programing Council wants you to become a part of our organization. HREC is about providing diverse programming to Behrend students. Please attend our first meeting Mon. Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Reed Seminar Rm.

"Tempus" the Penn State-Behrend literary magazine is looking for art work, photographs and original poems and or short stories. Deadline for all entries is Jan. 25. Please submit work to Box #1020, c/o RCCIII; Tempus Literary Magazine or Mr Dubbs office in Academic Building.

Auditions for the studio theatre spring production, *The Imaginary Invalid*, a comedy by Moliere, will be held on Tuesday, Jan 31, from 6-9 p.m. in the Theatre. Scripts are available at 145 Academic. Call Mr. Elliot at x6279 for more information.

The Erie County Diabetes Association is sponsoring a live radio program exploring timely topics related to Diabetes management. The program is broadcasted every Thursday from 7-8 p.m. on WPSE .1450 AM. Callers are encouraged to phone in their questions at x6491.

PSU Education Aboard: see the world and earn PSU credits while attending a semester, year-long or summer program. Informational meetings will be held Thursday, Jan. 26 and Friday Jan. 27 from 12:15-1 p.m. in Reed 116. For more information call x6160.

The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides an annual stipend of \$10,000 for a graduating senior to pursue public service anywhere in the world. Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 15. Call x6160.

John Hopkins University Centers for Talented Youths seeks RA's, TA's and Lab Assistants for summer 1995 employment. Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 1. Call x6160.

The Returning Adult Students Organization (RASO) meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. in room 12 of the Library.

The Erie Philharmonic Association Mystery Dinner Theater: Menu Mayhem "Recipe for Murder" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Siebenbuerger Club Ballroom. Call Maureen Brennan at 474-2836 or Wanda Salvia at 866-0259.

Free tutoring is available for writing, study skills, math, physics, chemistry, and many other subjects. For more information call Bob Patterson at x6014.

Attention student clubs and organizations: are you running out of time to fulfill your community service requirements? The Behrend/Diehl Elementary School Adopt-A-Class Program has just the project for you. Call Caryl Unsend at x6014.

Make a difference. Tutors are needed for the Penn State-Behrend/Diehl Elementary School Adopt-A-School Program. Give 1 hour a week and you'll build your resume, and make a difference in a child's life. Call Caryl Unsend at x6014.

Enchanted Forest Children's Theatre will be performing *Jekyll & Hyde* at the Warner Theatre 811 State st. on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Call 864-8488 for more information.

Budget Request: To assist clubs and organizations in preparing their 1995-1996 budget request forms, the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Activities are having the first meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Reed Seminar Room.

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## Police & Safety Report

January 8: A male was issued a non-traffic citation for driving over the grass in "K" lot.

January 8: A complaint of Terroristic Threats is under investigation after a student reported receiving threats from another student at the RUB desk on 12/14/94.


January 9: A complaint of Harassment By Communication is under investigation after a student reported receiving harassing telephone calls in her room in Lawrence Hall.

January 10: A complaint of Theft is under investigation after a student reported having several items of clothing taken from the Perry Hall Laundry Room sometime between 12:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on 1/7/95.

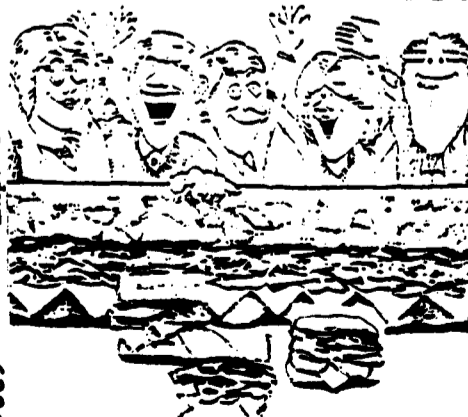
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January 12: A male was issued a non-traffic citation for Public Drunkenness after he was found passed out in the lobby of Lawrence Hall.



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