

## Behrend Briefs

**Women's Support Group** meets confidentially every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Counseling & Advising Office. All women are welcome. Bring a friend! Call Sue Daley at x6164 for more information or just show up.

**Attention freshmen and sophomores:** Learn how to prepare yourself for National Competitions such as Truman, Fulbright, Rhodes and British Marshall, Javits, Mellon, Goldwater and others on Today, Feb. 9 from 12:15-1 p.m., Student Activities Conference Room.

**Don't Forget tomorrow (Fri)** is the last day to sign up for the 2nd Annual Behrend Bake-off. Entry forms are in the Student Activities Office. Enter Now!

**"For Your Health"** ECDA in cooperation with WLKK presents a weekly, one hour live radio program on Diabetes. It will air on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2-3 p.m. Our host will be Judy Halcom, R.N., C.D.E. Direct questions to Judy on the air at 451-1400.

**"African-American Women Speak Out"** Three generations of women, Ellen Curry, Judy Spangler and Nicole Miller, express their views on such questions as feminism, gender relationships, radical issues. The forum will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

**Learning Assistance Center Workshop Series** Continues. Introduction to Library Resources will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14 from noon to 12:45 p.m., and on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in room 12, in the Library.

**Student Government Association** has scheduled Community Forums with a guest from different departments within the College. This is an opportunity for students to voice questions, concerns, or problems. Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs will be at the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 5:15 p.m. in Reed 117.

**Friends and Allies:** Trigon, Behrend's lesbian, gay, and bisexual organization, will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. to discuss upcoming activities. All are welcome. For more information contact Sue Daley at x6164.

**The Returning Adult Student Organization (RASO)** will be meeting in room 12 at the Library on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 1-2 p.m.

**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.

**ECDA Support Group:** The next meeting of the Erie County Diabetes Association's Support group will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Battersby Convalescent Center 2686 Peach St. Call 864-5794 for more information.

**Classes got you down?** The Learning Assistance Center can help. Free individual tutoring is available at flexible times. Contact 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.

**Spring Commencement** will be held on Saturday, May 13 at noon on the Reed Lawn, weather permitting. The deadline to order caps and gowns from the Bookstore is Friday, March 17.

**Free HIV/AIDS Testing** is offered at the Health and Wellness Center located in the Carriage House. For an appointment, call the Health and Wellness Center at x6217.



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# Patton presents speech on AIDS

by J. Henry  
Collegian Staff

Dr. Cindy Patton, from Temple University, gave a speech Thursday, February 2nd in the Reed Lecture Hall on the topic 'Media Representations of Young People's Risk for AIDS.'

Patton spoke of how the media distributes the education of AIDS to three categories--white working middle class teens, gay teens, and youths of color.

Using three categories of teenagers, the media creates a problem. AIDS is a disease transmitted through the contact of infected bodily fluids. A person can contract the HIV virus whether young or old, gay or straight, black or white.

Patton believes, "the media doesn't have a direct effect on the public," although the representation of teens and AIDS is highly accepted by the readers.

According to Patton, society believes young people are knowledgeable about the roots of transmission. People in their 20's who are diagnosed with AIDS, more than likely contracted the disease as teenagers.

Patton continued on the subject of the media's representation of teenagers by saying, "the 'at risk' teenagers are people of color or gay (teenage) males." The working, white, middle-class heterosexual teens are safer from contracting AIDS.

Brian Kitchen, a fourth semester English major, said, "The three groups of teenagers is



Jennifer Bernier/Collegian Photographer  
Dr. Cindy Patton spoke this week on the topic 'Media Representations of Young People's Risk for AIDS.'

something I've never noticed. I'll be watching for that now when I see AIDS reports."

According to Patton, the government doesn't get too involved with sex education for teenagers. The policies are not usually aimed at white, straight teenagers, who are believed not to be at risk.

"It is appalling that there is no program supported by the U.S. government for AIDS education for teenagers," stated Todd Firth an English major at Behrend.

Patton also stated that gay teens have not really been educated because the media feels it would be pornographic. Programs geared toward Black

teens haven't been successful because they are considered 'a hard to reach population' and that they won't practice safer sex anyway.

Patton said that the media believes gay teens and blacks are at a greater risk being infected, while white, heterosexual teens are less at risk if they don't engage in premarital sex.

Dr. John Champagne, assistant professor of English, said, "Dr. Patton's analysis of the media's representation of teenage sexuality provided an interesting and compelling explanation of the firing of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, because she suggested that teenagers were sexually active and that they should be educated."

## International Folk Theater

by Danielle M. Murphy  
Collegian Staff

Penn State-Behrend welcomes the Pittsburgh International Folk Theatre to the Reed Lecture Hall tonight at 8 p.m.

The dance troupe will perform several authentic dances from around the world in brilliant costumes native to specific cultures and eras. Traditional musical instruments, uncommon now,

will accompany the dancers providing a glimpse of celebrations not seen in America. Traditionally, the dances are performed for celebratory purposes within a culture. The symbolism behind the dances will be explained throughout the performance.

The program, which will last about two hours, will have dances and music from countries such as France,

Ireland, Russia, and Scotland. "Students will be introduced to the celebratory dances of many countries," says Teryl Anderson, assistant director of Student Activities. "Americans don't really have any celebratory dances and a wide range of dances will be shown in this fun program."

The troupe, founded in 1987, performs throughout the year at colleges, concert artists series, and art festivals. The Folk Theatre uses old and new traditions with colorful native costumes and authentic music to expose its audience to a variety of cultures and nationalities. Dances vary from stately and ceremonial to wild and passionate, creating a cross section of folk art.

The Folk Theatre comes to Behrend as part of a cultural affairs block-booking program among Penn State campuses. "All of us working together helps bring such programs to Penn State," said Anderson. "This block-booking program has been around for a number of years."

The performance, beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, is free and open to all Behrend students and the Erie community.

## Police & Safety Report

**February 2:** A complaint of criminal mischief was made after a student reported her vehicle was vandalized sometime between 5:30 p.m., Feb. 1 and 8:00 a.m., Feb. 2 while parked in F lot. The complaint is still under investigation.

**February 2:** A complaint of theft is under investigation after a report was made by a staff member of a computer mouse being taken from H138 sometime between Jan. 30 and Feb. 1.

**February 4:** A complaint of theft is under investigation after it was reported by a staff member that an electronic scale was taken from the Biology Lab in the Nick Building sometime on either Feb. 2 or Feb. 3.